

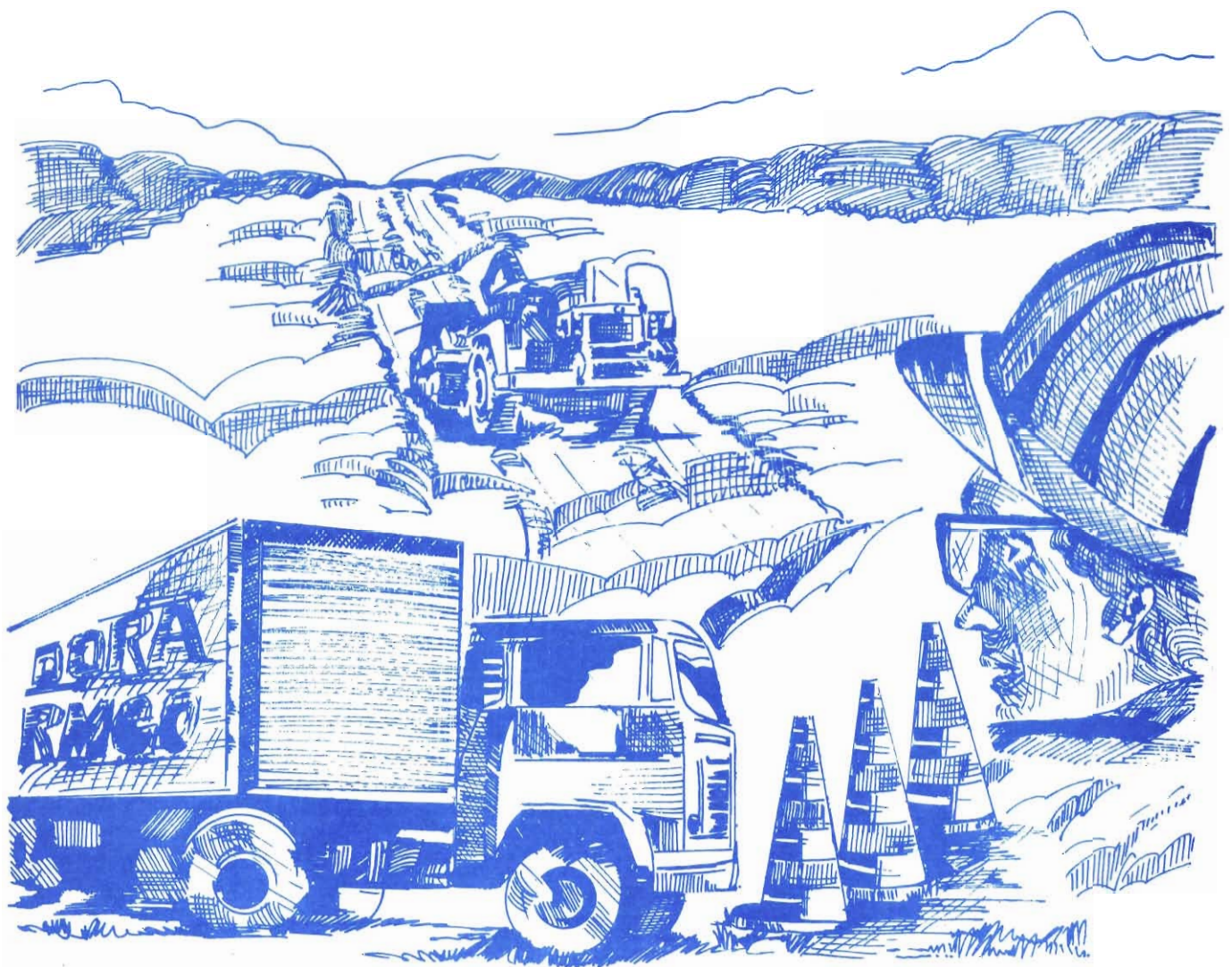
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PREFACE

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This report is comprised of twelve volumes (each edited in both English and Portuguese) which summarize the concepts, methods and results obtained by December, 1981 by the project entitled "Research on the Interrelationships Between Costs of Highway Construction, Maintenance and Utilization (PICR)". It includes a documentary index volume which will aid researchers in locating topics discussed in this report and in numerous other documents of the PICR. This report contains much detailed analysis which is being presented for the first time, and also incorporates relevant parts of earlier reports and documents produced under the 1975 Agreement, updating them through the inclusion of new results and findings.

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- VOLUME 3 - INSTRUMENTATION
- VOLUME 4 - STATISTICAL GUIDE
- VOLUME 5 - STUDY OF ROAD USER COSTS
- VOLUME 6 - STUDY OF VEHICLE BEHAVIOR AND PERFORMANCE
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- VOLUME 10- MODEL FOR SIMULATING TRAFFIC (MST)
- VOLUME 11- FUNDAMENTAL EQUATIONS
- VOLUME 12- INDEX TO PICR DOCUMENTS

* Volume 1 contains a brief description of the contents of each volume, while Volume 12 provides a subject index to this report and all other PICR documents, including technical memoranda and working documents.

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SUMMARY

This volume describes the major characteristics of the Highway Costs Model (MICR), one of the products of the Research on the Interrelationships Between Costs of Highway Construction, Maintenance and Utilization, carried out in Brazil.

Chapter 1 presents the background of the MICR, in order to inform the reader about its development. There is also a brief discussion of the beginning, objectives and development of the PICR studies.

Chapter 2 describes the objectives and major characteristics of the Model. Finally, Chapter 3 contains a number of considerations regarding the Model, describing its limitations, analysing its fundamental variables, suggesting improvements and commenting on the validity of its potential application by Brazilian highway authorities.

The MICR User's Manual is bound separately and is available in a limited number of copies. Information regarding the computational program is available in Portuguese.