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Transfer For Bikeway

Broadway-Brommer Is Another Step Away From Action

The Broadway - Brommer connection, long a source of controversy in local traffic planning, moved a step further from ever happening Tuesday when the city council took \$82,000 in state funding for this project and spent it on the West Cliff bike path.

Councilman Larry Edler moved approval of a resolution to transfer the state funds, and this passed 7-0.

The resolution, asked by Public Works Director Bill Fieberling, requests the county transportation commission to switch the 82,000 allocation to the bikeway project.

"Our problem," Fieberling told the council, "is not having enough money to complete the (bike path) job out out to Natural Bridges Park."

Total cost will be about \$234,000, Fieberling said, while only \$113,365 is available in 1974 - 75 and 1975 - 76 allocations of state funds delegated by the county transportation commission.

"It is quite important for us also to install guardrails, handrails, benches and landscaping to complete the work and make it attractive."

Fieberling said there appears to be "no possibility" of constructing the Brommer - Broadway project in the near future: "The county has no money for

the project, the Coastal Commission will not approve it and there appears to be little chance of the city council funding the project."

Transfer of the \$82,000 will bring the bike path kitty to \$195,365, with the needed remainder to come from city or state funds in future years as needed.

The Coastal Commission delayed Monday the city's request for a coastal permit to allow the path along West Cliff between Pelton Street and Swanton Boulevard.

The commission said it wanted two weeks more to see if parking areas asked in the permit should be removed from the city's application.

Rod Lundquist, speaking under oral communications at Tuesday's council meeting, urged the bike path be finished but any more parking on the seaward side of West Cliff be dropped. lining West Cliff with parked autos, he said, would lead to a "terrible appearance" there.

Lundquist charged that city staff is operating "in considerable isolation" from public suggestions in developing plans for the path. He backed placement of gazebos, benches and other pedestrian - bicyclist amenities along the drive.