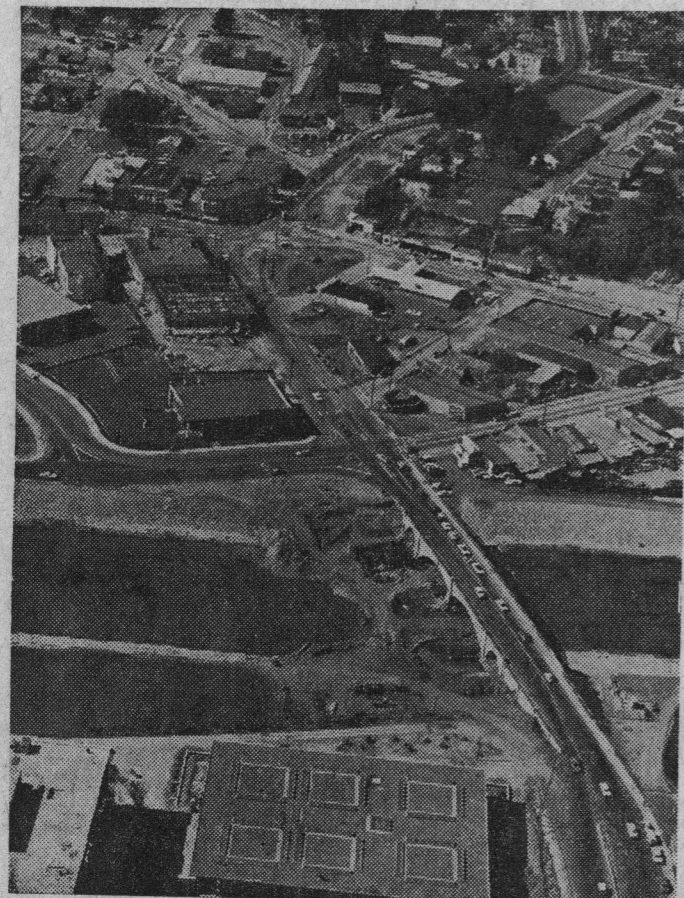


SC Capital Improvements -- One Year Later



The most ambitious phase of the capital improvement project is shown in this picture. The triangular shaped area behind Center street, which is a block beyond Pacific avenue. The triangular shaped area

By John Elliott
Sentinel Staff Writer
"Happy birthday to you,
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"Happy birthday dear Santa Cruz \$2.6-million capital improvement bond issue voters (whew!), happy birthday to you."

That was the general sentiment among Santa Cruz city officials today, the first anniversary of a whopping bond issue victory that allowed bridge, street and city hall expansion construction.

On October 26, 1965, a day remembered with glee by those who advocate an affirmative vote, over 5000 Santa Cruzans approved two capital improvement ballot questions.

On Measure A, street and bridge work, the total vote was 5834, with 4438 in favor and 1396 against, for a majority of 76 per cent. On Measure B, city hall expansion, the vote was 5809, with 4180 in favor and 1629 opposed, for a 71 per cent plus majority.

Santa Cruz Mayor Eugene Fleming said today: "I feel the voters made a wise choice in deciding to proceed with this work when they did and I can assure you that the city council and city staff is doing everything in their power to complete these jobs as quickly, economically and efficiently as is



The area behind the Santa Cruz city hall building within the white line drawn on this picture (see arrows) indicates where the two-story of the civic center, across Center street, is the land where the new main library

Property acquisition for a large share of the bond issue package, including civic center expansion, has been completed without a single condemnation action "at prices within appraised values," Mayor Fleming said.

While actual construction work is under way on the two bridges and the Water street widening project, the city engineering department is designing and beginning acquisition for the Laurel-Broadway link and the Broadway extension to Frederick, which ultimately will become the Broadway extension to Brommer street.

"This work," said Mayor Fleming, "will be started next spring with all work due to be completed by the end of next summer."

Speaking of the one possible problem area, Mayor Fleming said the contractor for the bridge projects is worried about "getting bridge footings done before heavy rains increase flow in the San Lorenzo river. This could delay the bridge work."

While \$300,000 was the anticipated cost for the city hall expansion, Mayor Fleming noted, the new estimate is about \$425,000 plus property acquisition expenditures.

Property acquisition for a bond issue estimates," he said, "no financing problems are anticipated since the city has general fund money available to complete this project. It is now anticipated that the city hall addition will be completed by the end of 1967."

The 15,000-square foot two story, Monterey-style structure is to be located directly behind the present city hall, which will be remodeled later.

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The most ambitious phase of the capital improvement project is shown in this picture of the Water street bridge and Water-Mission street connection work. The bridge is being expanded to the left, while Water street is being widened to the right to a point

beyond Center street, which is a block beyond Pacific avenue. The triangular shaped piece of land at the head of Pacific avenue is where SCOPE (Santa Cruz Organization for Progress and Euthenics) will construct a plaza and fountain.

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Measure A, with a price tag of \$2.3-million, allowed for construction of a new bridge on Laurel street; expansion of the Water street bridge; widening

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and improvement of Water street to serve as a link with Mission street; connection of Laurel street and Broadway at the east end of the Laurel street bridge; and the extension of Broadway from Darwin street

indicates where the two-story civic center addition will be placed. Acquisition of the four privately owned parcels has been accomplished. In front

of the civic center, across Center street, is the land where the new main library will be constructed.



ing said work is proceeding on schedule, and with minor exceptions remains within original estimates, and should be completed for the most part this spring and summer.

to Frederick street. Measure B, estimated at the time at \$300,000, authorized enlargement of existing city hall facilities.

In today's first anniversary progress report, Mayor Flem-

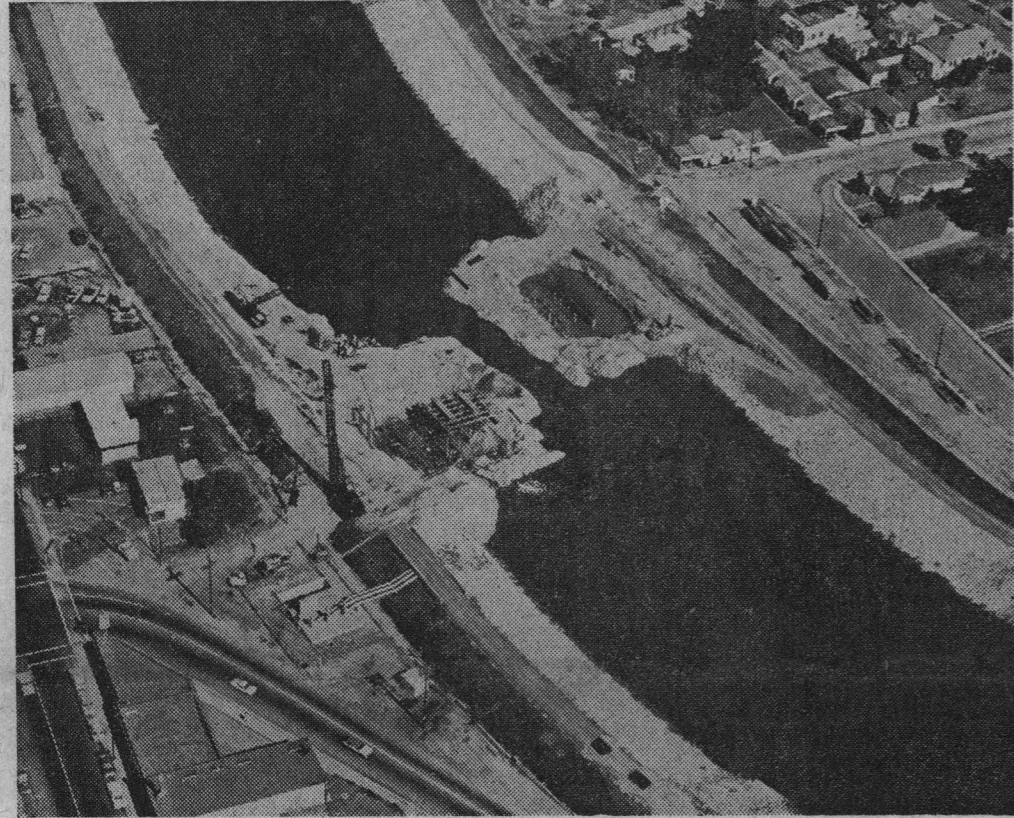
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The bridging of the San Lorenzo river at Laurel street is proceeding nicely, as illustrated in this picture, with



city officials voicing optimism the work will be completed next summer. As part of the capital improvement project, voters authorized a diagonal

link between the bridge, the end on the right side of this picture, and Broadway, the intersection at top center.



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