

# Supervisors Firm — 'No Freeways'

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No freeways.

That's what the county board of supervisors said again Tuesday after a wild and woolly hearing on a Santa Cruz freeway route.

Not only did supervisors say once again they want a moratorium on all new freeway construction inside the city, they added Beach Loop Route 100 to the list of roads to be taken out of the freeway system until a county-wide transportation study is completed.

They also asked the state Division of Highways to drop a Hecker Pass freeway route in a formal resolution. Supervisors want the route shifted to Chittenden Pass Highway 129.

Action followed more than three hours of arguments by Route 4 proponents, opponents, and new supporters of a Mission Street parkway.

The Mission Street parkway idea won some support from Supervisors Henry Mello and Ralph Sanson. Sanson noted, however, that whatever city officials want to do with Mission is their business, not the county's.

City officials were conspicuous by their absence. No official appeared to speak for or against county action, with the exception of Anne Garni, a Santa Cruz city councilwoman who has been a staunch Route 4 supporter.

Supervisors were asked to reconsider their stand on a freeway moratorium presented to the Highway Commission during hearings on the Santa Cruz freeway last fall. The request came from State Senator Donald Grunsky, who with Assemblyman Frank Murphy Jr. will have to push for construction of one route or another.

UCSC Chancellor Dean McHenry also sent a letter to the board against Route 4, and the County Youth Commission favored a moratorium.

Mrs. Garni charged that "public meetings are a farce (in the city)," and said that officials "take their orders from hidden powers behind the scenes," without listening to the wishes of the public majority.

She urged the county board not to listen to the university chancellor or to the city council majority. She claimed the university has created the traffic problems on High Street, Bay Street and Mission.

After Mrs. Garni sat down, supervisors were roasted by Anne Newlands and Mrs. H. R. Lans for not paying strict attention to Mrs. Garni during her presentation. "If you're

bored, don't show it," Mrs. Newlands snapped.

Mario Cavadias presented the viewpoint of the Mission parkway group. He was backed by about 20 persons wearing "Mission Parkway" buttons on their lapels. Cavadias said the state could save \$35 million by spending just \$5 million to improve Mission Street to four lanes.

This would make the \$40 million Route 4 or Route 5 projects unnecessary for many years, he indicated.

Edward Tunheim, another Route 4 leader, told supervisors they could save up to \$6 million by using Route 4 as

the promised "fishhook" access road from Highway 17 to UCSC. The county agreed to build the road as part of the university's decision to locate in Santa Cruz.

Lasalle Bachelder declared that a route similar to route 4 was actually proposed by state highway officials more than 20 years ago "as the old way out." She warned Santa Cruz could make the same mistake Watsonville did decades ago by keeping the state highway inside the city.

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