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## \$1,270,000 Project In 1955-56 Budget

### Business District By-Pass Will Provide New Bridge Across River

Allocation of funds for the "Business District By-Pass" in Santa Cruz in the 1955-56 state highway budget, was announced today by the state highway commission.

The sum of \$1,270,000 was approved for the construction of the by-pass including grading, paving and structures for the 1.3 mile long project.

Acquisition of additional rights-of-way for future state highway projects in the county was set at \$325,000.

It is expected that bids for the project will be asked in late May or early June of 1955. Actual construction will prob-

ably take 14 to 16 months although a definite time schedule will not be set up until the time when bids are requested by the highway department.

The by-pass will start approximately opposite Sutphen street on the Los Gatos highway near the intersection of Plymouth street and continue behind the Colonial Inn, crossing above Ocean street north of Felker and provide a fourth crossing across the San Lorenzo river.

The by-pass, a four-lane expressway, will cross River street between Coral and Cottonwood streets and then swing in a wide curve coming up Potrero street, crossing High street and joining Mission street between the Woman's club and the First Presbyterian church.

The by-pass is the first and most important part of a three-project highway development in Santa Cruz, including the widening and relocation of the Los Gatos highway from the city limits to the intersection with Granite Creek road and the construction of the missing link from Morrissey boulevard to the junction with the Los Gatos highway.

The highway committee of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, with Sentinel-News Publisher Fred McPherson Jr. acting as spokesman, appeared before the highway commission September 23, to ask that the by-pass project be included in the 1955-56 budget.

The committee has been at work on the by-pass plan for the past three years.

Other highway projects allocations in Monterey, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco and Alameda counties of importance and interest to Santa Cruz are as follows:

Two projects were announced in Alameda county for the Eastshore freeway. One is 4½ million dollars to grade, pave and structures for the four-lane freeway from Beard road to Jackson street, while the second is from 10th street to the distribution structure. A sum of \$7,015,000 has been allocated to grade, pave and structures along the 1.4 miles of eight-lane freeway.

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A total of \$200,000 will be spent to widen Park-Presidio boulevard in San Francisco from Fulton to Lake street, a section of the Coast highway. Plans call for a six-lane expressway there.

The state is planning to spend \$7,150,000 for rights-of-way in San Francisco.

A 1.8 mile portion of U. S. Highway 101 in King City, Monterey county, will be made into a four-lane expressway with an additional bridge at a cost of \$1,366,000. The project starts at Canal street to north of the Salinas river.

Also scheduled for Monterey county is a four-lane expressway for sign route one from Camino el Estero to Del Monte junction at a cost of \$410,000 plus \$340,000 for rights-of-way in the county.

Two projects are slated for the El Camino Real in San Mateo county. One will grade, surface and widen a portion of the highway at a cost of \$240,000 from University avenue to .1 north of the Santa Clara county line.

The second project is from Rosedal avenue to Victoria avenue, .9 of a mile, and will widen, surface and grade the highway.

A similar project of Sign Route One in San Mateo county is also planned. The work, which will take place from Lake Lucerne to .3 of a mile north of Finney Creek, a distance of 11.1 miles, will cost \$150,000 for improvement of the Oceanshore highway.

Four projects at \$5,275,000 are planned on the Bayshore freeway. The Willow road interchange will cost \$930,000. Two million dollars will be spent to widen 3½ miles for a six-lane freeway from .8 mile north of Butler to San Francisco line. This will include a structure across Candlestick Cove.

The Millbrae drainage will cost another \$120,000 and rights-of-way are expected to amount to \$1,775,000.

U.S. 101 in Santa Clara county from Llagas Creek to Ford road, a distance of 12.3 miles, will be widened to four lanes at \$1,000,000, while the state is also planning to spend \$1,000,000 on the Bayshore freeway to widen the road to four lanes from Santa Clara to Rosa streets. A distance of 1.6 miles.

Mathilda avenue in Sunnyvale will be widened from the El Camino Real to Beemer avenue (just beyond the railroad crossing) at a cost of \$100,000. This road is part of the turnoff route Santa Cruzans use between the El Camino and the Bayshore.