

State Traffic Engineer To Survey Plaza

Progress toward adoption of a plan for a downtown traffic circulation loop, making Pacific avenue and Front street one-way, is expected next week.

A state division of highways traffic engineer will be in Santa Cruz during the week, City Manager Robert Klein disclosed today, to go over the Plaza intersection with city officials, to work out tentative plans for a three-phase traffic signal at the Plaza should the city approve the one-way street plan.

By the plan advocated by Harold B. Wise, traffic consultant to the city, beach-bound vehicles would travel Pacific avenue and Front street traffic would be limited to cars headed away from the beach.

Wise last week recommended creation of the inner loop to take care of traffic circulation in the downtown area, in preparation for the next summer tourist season, before a joint meeting of the citizens' advisory committee on off-street parking and the Santa Cruz chamber of commerce parking committee.

Sidney Carter, chairman of the city council-named off-street parking committee, today said his group and the chamber committee expect to meet together again next week, to talk about the program and possibly formulate definite recommendations for submission at the next city council meeting.

Also expected next week is a detailed map from the state division of highways, showing how property owners in the big interchange area will be affected by state plans for a Santa Cruz business district bypass. Klein said the map will be placed on file in the city building department.

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