

Weather Report

Temperatures for the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 73; minimum, 53.

Monterey Bay Area — Night and morning fog but mostly fair afternoons through Wednesday; west wind 10 to 15 knots.

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Capital Improvements Report Urges Cedar-Vine For 1966-67 Budget

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Santa Cruz city councilmen will be asked to spend in excess of \$2.3 million in general obligation bond-financed capital improvements this fiscal year and will be urged to consider the Cedar-Vine project for the 1966-67 budget.

The requests are contained in the final report and recommendations of the citizens' advisory committee on capital improvements. The report was adopted yesterday afternoon, but only after a long and, at times somewhat bitter, debate on Cedar-Vine.

The bitterness came not from within the committee—but stemmed from statements made at last week's council meeting when Councilman Sam Leask III was quoted as saying there was a "built in block" to the Cedar-Vine project, and that the committee

had "kicked it downstairs."

Committeemen declared for the record: "The committee recommends consideration be given the Cedar-Vine project for the 1966-67 budget and that funds be made available in both 1966-67 and 1967-68 for the project . . ."

The report to the council further said: "It was also the feeling of the committee that the Cedar-Vine project should be financed by the general fund and/or gas taxes, in addition to assessment district monies . . ."

Committee Chairman Donald Younger opened the subject by asking if Leask's views (as reported in last Wednesday's Sentinel) were sufficient to kill the proposed general obligation bond issue.

Leask had asked the council to bring up the Cedar-Vine project immediately after the proposed November bond issue. Mayor Norman Walters answered

it would be a slap at the committee and sought to maintain the December hearing date.

Committeeman Earl Harris declared voters would reject the bond issue if the council brought the Cedar-Vine project to life immediately after the bond ballot. "I don't want to go to work for the bond and then have someone hit me with an assessment district on top of it," he declared.

Ernest W. Dillon pointed out that portions of the \$2.3 million were earmarked for a new Water street bridge and for a Laurel street bridge. When they are completed, he said, something then will have to be done about internal downtown traffic circulation. "We can't even start on the bridges until 1966," he declared. He proposed the committee "recommend Cedar-Vine be studied for the 1966-67 budget."

Committeeman Louis Fackler

offered the motion recommending the 1966-67 study and the two-year budgeting program. It was passed unanimously.

George Atwood said he hoped the council would "come up with an expression" on the committee's recommendations and report immediately. "I don't want to work for a bond issue that will be torn apart by the council later," he said.

The committee forwarded to the city council a list of 45 capital improvement projects for the 1965-66 fiscal year. They would be financed through monies from the general fund, federal aid, utility fees, assessment districts, state aid, gas tax funds and general obligation bonds. (See story on page 3).

The committee also recommended a call for \$2,318,000 in general obligation bonds to finance six of the recommended 45 projects.

The bond-financed projects

include the Broadway-Laurel street bridge, the Broadway-Laurel street bridge connection, extension of Broadway to Frederick street, construction of a Water street bridge, city hall expansion and improvements to the plaza, Mission and Water streets.

Construction of a new main branch of the library on the existing site and acquisition of a new site and construction of an east side library also were recommended at a total cost of \$1,400,000.

Considerable work on water services and supply was recommended in the report, including main extensions, purchase of construction equipment and new pipelines.

Widening Bay street from Highway 1 to High street and widening Soquel avenue to four lanes between Park Way and Capitola road were among the traffic projects.