

2-24-54 Traffic Pattern

Public May Air Opinions

Merchants along Pacific avenue and Front street will have opportunity to air their opinions on the proposed one-way traffic plan for those arteries at a public hearing set for 7:30 p.m. March 23, at the city council chambers.

The hearing was set by the city council last night after it authorized the city attorney to draft a proposed ordinance on the matter; requested the city manager to draft plans and asked the state division of highways to make its plans for signalization of the streets.

Council members also received the first public indication that some merchants, at least at this time, have opposition to the one-way plan.

Council members cut short any discussion from the floor about the proposal, asserting that arguments pro or con should be made at the hearing set up for that purpose March 23.

Mayor Clifford L. Dysle urged all merchants involved and any other businessmen or residents interested in the matter to attend the session. He also suggested that merchants now opposed to the proposal contact the chamber of commerce parking committee or the citizens advisory committee adding that it is possible that their present fears can be allayed and questions answered and reasons explained. The committees expect to hear final recommendations on traffic circulation March 3, from Harold B. Wise, city traffic consultant.

City Manager Robert Klein said by setting the meeting for the second session in March residents will have ample opportunity to discuss the plan pro and con and also give the city time to obtain turning counts on the streets necessary for signalization planning. Reports from the police and fire departments also have been requested on the plan.

Klein said the state traffic engineer has given tentative assurance that the state would be willing to put up three-fifths of the cost.

The over all one-way plan is for an "inner loop" to take care of traffic circulation in the downtown area with beach-bound vehicles traveling Pacific avenue, and Front street to be used by vehicles going away from the beach.