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Legislation Provides $76,000,000 Annually For New Construction on California State Highway System

With the signing by Governor Earl Warren of the Collier-Burns highway financing bill, enacted by the Legislature in the closing hours of its 1947 Session, the Division of Highways is assured of approximately $76,000,000 yearly for new state highway construction.

In addition, the cities will receive $10,000,000 more annually for use on major city streets and the counties will get the same amount for the improvement of county roads.

The Collier-Burns Act increased the gasoline tax and diesel tax by 1½ cents per gallon and provides additional revenues from an increase in registration fees and weight fees and a driver license fee.

As a result of the new legislation, the Division of Highways will be enabled to build more urgently needed multiple lane divided highways which will reduce California's excessively high traffic accident toll.

Announcing that the Division of Highways has plans and specifications for two and one-half years of highway development prepared in advance and is in a position to launch its program without delay, Governor Warren said:

"The Collier-Burns Act can be considered an important milestone in the life of our State.

"I am sure it is legislation which the people of California will welcome for it will keep our State among the most progressive and forward looking states in the Union.

"This legislation will go far toward relieving highway congestion and taking California out of the category of having the worst traffic accident record in the country.

"Our highway program is an engineering program and it must be developed along sound engineering lines. It can not be made a political program. We are not going to have any too much money to do the important highway job which confronts us."

Commenting on the Collier-Burns Act, State Highway Engineer George T. McCoy said:

"During July, the first month of the current fiscal year, there was advertised
for contract bid a little more than $7,000,000 of state highway construction work. This gets off to an early start an accelerated program of highway construction in California. While the full effect of the increased income for state highways will not be apparent until the next (1948-1949) fiscal year, the increased gasoline and diesel fuel and the driver license fee all took effect the first of July, 1947, which will provide funds for increased construction work during the last half of the present fiscal year.

"The work which is being awarded to contract early in the fiscal year is widely distributed throughout the State. When completed it will add to California’s system of multiple lane highways and will replace several currently inadequate and unsafe bridges.

ADVANCE PLANNING SPEEDED

"It has been estimated that under the provisions of the Collier-Burns Highway Act there will be available for state highway construction an average of $76,000,000 a year during the next 10 years.

"The entire act will not become operative, however, until January 1, 1948, and will not become fully effective until the next fiscal year.

"The Division of Highways has already speeded up advance highway planning that had been started shortly after the end of the war. A carefully worked out and orderly program of highway construction is being rapidly developed with the view of improving the critically congested sections of the State Highway System as rapidly as funds become available. At the same time a program of replacement of weak and inadequate bridges, as well as improvement of lateral and recreational highways, will be under way.

"California has already started upon the greatest highway construction program in its history. The improved motor transport service that will result from the construction of more and more miles of multiple lane highways, safe and adequate bridges, the improvement of highways into the State’s recreational areas and providing access to untouched natural resources, and will provide spark and impetus to an ever expanding state economy."

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SAN DIEGO is extremely fortunate in having, located in its geographic center, Balboa Park, 1,400 acres in area, a large portion of which is still in a semiprimitive stage.

Cabrillo Canyon and Powderhouse Canyon extend the full length of the park in a northerly and southerly direction with numerous short arroyos branching out at right angles to the mesas between. This natural terrain is peculiarly adapted to the economical construction of a freeway. The arroyos, combined with short structures for cross traffic, form a natural distribution system to all parts of the city.

The Division of Highways has had the long range planning of the completed freeway in mind for a number of years and all improvements made in the past, over the route from "A" Street to the north city limits, have been arranged to fit into the final completed improvement, which is now nearing completion.

CABRILLO ARCH BRIDGE

The only existing structure which could be utilized in the ultimate plan was the historic Cabrillo Arch Bridge on Laurel Street, built for the 1916 exposition. This bridge now forms the main cross-town artery.

The freeway project involved the construction of 15 additional bridges at the following locations: Date Street, Quince Street, Redwood Street, Upas Street, Robinson Street, University Avenue, Washington Street at Sixth, Washington Street at Tenth, Pascoe Street, Sixth Street, two structures on the Mission Valley interchange, two bridges across the San Diego River, and a bridge across Friar's Road.

The first bridge forming a part of the long range plan, was constructed across Washington Street at Sixth Street in 1940, and the final structures at the Mission Valley interchange will be completed this year.

PROGRESS HAS BEEN RAPID

Many of the salient features of these improvements, together with interesting photos showing construction oper-
lations at the start of the grading operations, were printed in the November-December, 1946, issue of California Highways and Public Works, when a discussion of the improvement of Route 77 was made by R. A. Hayler. Progress on the freeway portion since then has exceeded expectations in most phases of the work, with a few delays on special items due to shortage of labor and material. The accompanying photographs illustrate the magnitude of the work and also many of the special features.

One of these which we believe to be unique is the provision for equestrian traffic. Balboa Park Canyons and timbered hillsides form a natural setting for the bridle paths, which are used yearly by thousands of horseback riding enthusiasts. The Date Street Bridge provides a separate "fenced-in" lane for horses only. From here, the trail meanders over the hills of the West Park and again crosses the freeway over the Upas Street equestrian overpass built exclusively for equestrians and pedestrians and giving access to many miles of trails in the East Park.

The major portion of the earth moving, involving in excess of one and one-half million cubic yards was handled by tractors and scrapers. Basich Bros. employed scrapers of up to 32 yards in capacity on the northerly unit and in some cases moved earth a distance of 4,000 feet economically by this method.

Five thousand-gallon water trucks were used to supply water for compaction on the north unit, while a pipe line was used from University Avenue south. Both methods were successful and peculiarly adapted to the conditions where used. In both cases, water was introduced into the earth immediately following scarifying and prior to loading into the scrapers. This method resulted in better distribution and more uniform water content and also facilitated loading.

The installation of the sprinkling system, to water the planting from Washington Street south, is well advanced. The extent of this planting is indicated by the four-inch main supply lines which are needed to supply sufficient water to the numerous sprinklers and risers. It is anticipated that the planting will be completed and well propagated before the end of the year.

MOST STRUCTURES COMPLETED

As previously stated, the separation structures are completed with the exception of the two forming a part of the Mission Valley interchange. Scarcity of some critical materials are responsible for retarded progress, but
Upper—Looking south across Mission Valley. Friars Road Bridge in foreground

Lower—Concrete paving operations through Linda Vista
it is expected that this situation will be remedied in the near future. The location of the structures are shown in the accompanying aerial photograph. Another photograph shows the Mission Valley interchange bridges under construction and also the progress on other phases of the work at this location.

A central mixing plant for introducing cement into selected material, to form the four-inch cement stabilized base, has been constructed on the north end of the job. The plant, consisting of crushing and screening units and a Barber Greene mixing plant, has a capacity of 100 cubic yards per hour and has already completed the mixing of the stabilized material for over 50 percent of the section north of Mission Valley.

The selected material is obtained from a highway cut at the north end of the project and is giving excellent results, showing a strength of up to 500 pounds per square inch at seven days, using 4 percent cement and 12 percent moisture. The base course is being placed using a Barber Greene spreader with the strike-off screed controlled by a wheel attachment riding the side forms. No subsequent cutting or shaping is necessary and the emulsified asphalt seal is placed directly after the rolling and compacting has been completed.

This stabilized base course is being laid on eight inches of selected material or imported borrow, forming the support for an eight-inch slab of concrete.

**Pouring Concrete Slab**

Pouring of the concrete slab is now under way and about 75 percent complete from Mission Valley to north city limits. Aggregate is being produced from Mission Valley pits and batched to the mixer through bunkers and automatic scales. Bulk cement is being used, which is placed in the aggregate at the batching plant after being weighed by electronically controlled scales.

The mixing is done on the grade by a 1½-yard Multi-Poote mixer. After depositing the concrete on the grade, it is spread by a Jaeger screw spreader, tamped by a Lakewood tamper and finished by a Johnson power float. An innovation in edge consolidation has been worked out by operating two conventional vibrators through a power take-off from the engine on the Jaeger spreader. Excellent results in densifying the concrete along the headers is being obtained. Curing is by means of an earth and water blanket.

The number of side forms required to place both stabilized base and concrete pavement in a continuous operation, in the volume planned by the contractor, was so large that it was uneconomical and impractical to obtain them. The center dividing curbs and gutters are therefore being placed prior to stabilization and paving.

The subgrade shaper, cement stabilized base spreader and concrete equipment are operated with the gutter supporting and gauging the one edge. This reduces the side forms required for each lane to one line and permits the contractor to extend his operations over sufficient distance to allow the various operations to continue smoothly without overlapping or delay. This method also eliminates the objectional lateral movement or rocking of the side forms due to lateral stresses, set up by the spreader screw and also the walking beams of the finisher. This trouble is often encountered when operating on two lines of side forms.

**Work Expedited**

In order to expedite the work and to operate more economically on paving operations, Basich Bros. Construction Company and Mittry Bros. entered into a joint agreement for handling the stabilizing and paving operations on the two adjoining contracts and this work will be accomplished without change in equipment or crews. This arrangement will also permit a wider selection of operating areas so that pavement can be placed, without intervening shut-downs, at locations as rapidly as they become available. Rapid progress is anticipated with an average production of 650 cubic yards of concrete per shift.

The intimate and overlapping nature of the construction operations on this series of projects and the fact that as many as six separate contracts have been carried on simultaneously have made necessary careful correlation of the work and very close cooperation between contractors. In view of this condition, as well as difficulties in securing materials and labor, the progress to date has been very gratifying and no appreciable overruns in the various completion dates are anticipated.

**$76,000,000 Annually For New Construction On State Highways**

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The Collier-Burns Highway Act incorporated many of the major features of the original Senate Bill No. 5 introduced by Senator Collier as a result of the report made by the Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Highways, Streets and Bridges, following a two-year study as a legislative interim body.

The new law, like Senate Bill No. 5, establishes a primary system of county roads in each county, limited to not more than 50 percent of the total mileage of county roads, and designates the balance of county roads as "the secondary road system" in each county. It also requires each county to consolidate its road administration under a single road administrator, who must be a registered civil engineer or a person approved as qualified and competent by the board of supervisors. No allocation or payment of highway funds may be made to a county until such consolidation has been accomplished.

The new law also clarifies a system of major city streets in each city to consist of those streets of greatest general city importance, and places those city streets not included in the major city street system in the secondary city street system.

Proper accounting, reports and audits are required from both county and city authorities in the expenditure of highway funds allocated to them by the act.

Also retained from Senate Bill No. 5 is the feature creating the Highway Users Tax Fund, to which all highway revenues, after deducting administrative costs, will be assigned. Allocations from the Highway Users Tax Fund to cities, counties and the State will be made in accordance with a definite formula, embodied in the measure.

From the gasoline tax revenues, cities and counties, under this formula, will receive sums equivalent to the return from 2 cents of the state tax of
MEMBERS of the California Highway Commission joined with officials of Santa Clara County and of the City of San Jose in dedicatory ceremonies marking the opening to traffic on June 19th of the newly-completed eight-mile extension of the Bayshore Highway through East San Jose.

Constructed at a cost of $2,865,000, the new highway extends from East Santa Clara Street to Monterey Highway at Ford Road. It will relieve traffic congestion in the downtown section of San Jose.

Representing C. H. Purcell, Director of Public Works and Chairman of the Highway Commission, Harrison R. Baker, Commissioner from Pasadena, hailed the project as an important milestone in the State’s postwar highway program.

"This highway," he said, "is part of an overall plan that will link San Jose to Oakland and San Francisco by two great Freeways—the Bayshore and Eastshore Highways."

The new road is a four-lane highway with a 36-foot dividing strip. Provisions have been made to eventually widen the highway to six or eight lanes.

Russell E. Pettit, manager of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies at the highway opening. Taking part in the program were: E. O. Wool, chairman of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; Frank M. Shay, chairman of the Central Coast Council, California State Chamber of Commerce; Edward V. McIntosh, president of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Albert J. Ruffo participated.
Upper—Northbound motorists approaching San Jose must enter the Ford Road Interchange at the southern terminus of the new Bayshore Freeway Extension, where it joins El Camino Real. Here they have the alternative of turning left, under the overhead structure, toward the business district of San Jose, or proceeding straight ahead along the freeway extension, which passes through the outskirts of San Jose on the way to San Francisco or Oakland. Center—Approximately midway in the new Bayshore Freeway Extension, passing through the outskirts of San Jose to connect Bayshore Highway with El Camino Real south of the city, is this gentle, 3,000-foot radius curve. Lower—Near its northern terminus the new Bayshore Freeway Extension, skirting San Jose in connecting Bayshore Highway with El Camino Real to the south of the city, passes through the Santa Clara Avenue interchange structure. In this view, looking north, the freeway leads straight ahead to San Francisco and Oakland, while the road to the right joins Santa Clara Avenue leading west to San Jose's business district or east to Alum Rock Park.

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THE GRADING and paving of a five-mile portion of the Bayshore Freeway between South San Francisco and Broadway Avenue in Burlingame, one of the largest single contracts ever let by the Division of Highways, amounting to $3,250,000, is progressing at a rapid rate with completion early next year being assured.

This project was originally planned as an expansion of the existing four-lane undivided Bayshore Highway. However, the City of San Francisco had under execution a $20,000,000 expansion program for its airport, Mills Field. After considerable negotiation between the city and the State, the present route for the freeway to the west of the present road was adopted. This allows an additional 2,600 feet westward for the expansion of the airport.

This freeway is being constructed as a six-lane divided highway. The division strip, 36 feet in width, is sufficiently wide to provide for two additional traffic lanes when traffic conditions justify. The pavement to be placed under this contract consists of two separate roadways 36 feet in width surfaced with four inches of asphalt concrete on eight inches of crusher run base.

MUD DEPTHS OVERCOME

In general, the project traverses reclaimed marsh and tidelands which have for a number of years been used for cattle grazing and the growing of hay crops. Underlying these reclaimed lands are mud depths varying from 0 to 60 feet so that throughout most of the project very unstable foundation conditions are encountered. Embankments for the new highway have an average height of seven feet. In order to accelerate the anticipated settlement of these embankments throughout the unstable areas, an overload of two feet above profile grade is being placed. This overload is removed after a minimum waiting period of 30 days in order that the subgrade can be prepared for the pavement.

In some of the deeper mud areas and at the approaches to proposed traffic interchange structures, the foundations for which are now being constructed under a separate contract, the sand drain method for consolidation of the underlying mud is being.

Here a five-yard truck is spreading sand blanket over sand drains
used. In other structure locations or approaches where the mud depths are less than 20 feet the mud is being stripped before the placement of embankment material. Where no foundation treatment is being used the embankments are placed on the original ground at a slow rate so that it will consolidate without being displaced.

**SAND DRAINS NECESSARY**

The sand drains referred to in the above paragraph consist of a vertical hole 18 inches in diameter extending to relatively firm bottom and back-filled with a carefully graded sand. Firm bottom is generally defined as material having a moisture content of 25 percent or less. The drains, placed on 10-foot centers in order that there is a drain for each 100 square feet of fill area, are expected to provide a means of relief for the subsurface water as the fill loads are increased, thus permitting consolidation of the mud during construction; a consolidation which normally would continue after completion.

The total estimated quantity of vertical drains to be constructed is 235,000 lineal feet, with the depths ranging from a minimum of 15 feet to a maximum of 60 feet in the deepest marsh areas.

The method of installation on this project consists of driving an 18-inch diameter mandrel equipped with a bottom plate to the required depth and introducing the sand backfill by means of a hopper at the top. Air under pressure of 100 p.s.i. is then admitted at the top and as the mandrel is withdrawn, the backfill material is forced past the free hanging bottom plate and into the hole.

**DRIVING OF MANDREL**

Driving of the mandrel is accomplished by means of a crawler-mounted 2½ yard Lima crane, with six feet extra length added to the crawler tracks to take care of counterbalance, equipped with 80-foot leads and an air-driven hammer. Prior to placing sand drains, it was necessary to place a "working table" of selected material to a thickness of from 2 to 3 feet over the marshes in order to provide support for this equipment. Nevertheless, it was still necessary to use heavy timber mats under the rig in the deeper mud area at the northern end of the project.

After the completion of sand drains in each area treated, the next order of work is the placing of a 12-inch layer
of sand fill material over the entire width of fill at the tops of the vertical drains. The purpose of this blanket is to provide a means of release for the subsurface water brought up through the vertical drains. Embankments were constructed by placing subsequent lifts of selected material on the sand blanket.

The maximum rate of embankment construction was limited by specifications to one foot per day and three feet during any one week. The actual rate of loading in the area treated with sand drains was determined through observations of results obtained by means of settlement platforms and pore pressure installations.

**MARSH LAND PROBLEMS**

The settlement platforms, 3 feet x 4 feet x 3 inch dimensions, were placed on the original marsh prior to the start of construction. A section of iron pipe was attached to each platform with the top of the pipe kept above the top of the fill by the addition of lengths as the fill heights were increased. The rate of settlement and total consolidation are readily obtained by means of elevations taken on the tops of the pipes. Permanent installations are planned which will permit future observations after completion of the project.

Hydrostatic pressures developed at various depths in the marsh areas underlying the embankments are observed by means of equipment designed and provided by the Materials and Research Department.

Briefly, these pressure measuring installations consist of well points driven to the desired depths and connected to compound gauges outside the toe of the fill by means of iron pipe and copper tubing.

Pressures as high as 10 p.s.i. are developed during loading of the embankments, gradually decreasing to normal as the subsurface water is released through the sand drains and drainage blanket.

**MATERIAL IMPORTED**

By correlating the rate of consolidation, as determined from the settlement platforms, with the pressures developed at the well points, the rate of application of additional lifts is determined, with the result that excessive pressures (and consequent later displacement or failure) should be avoided.

Since the area traversed by this freeway construction is marshy with no material within the limits of the right of way available for the embankment construction, it is necessary to import material for this purpose. At the time the preliminary report and special provisions for the contract were being written, Macco Corporation & Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., were hauling material to expand Mills Field Airport from a borrow pit approximately three miles west of the center of the proposed project over a private haul road which crosses El Camino Real, Southern Pacific Railroad and Bayshore Highway on overhead structures. This material deposited on Mills Field was being paid for by the cubic yard from cross-section measurements of the borrow pit.

**50,000 TONS OF BORROW PER DAY**

It appeared likely that this same construction company would submit a favorable bid for this freeway construction since it was sitting astride the project with materials and equipment at hand to do the job. It was, therefore, decided to pay by the ton for the approximate 2,000,000 cubic yards of borrow required in order to accurately segregate the material going to two jobs from the same source. The maximum amount of borrow hauled in any one 18-hour day was 50,000 tons.

This amount of material was hauled in large dirt moving units composed of Euclid's netting 22 tons, Dixon wagons netting 25 tons and Peterbilts netting 47 tons. These dirt moving units are loaded at the borrow pit with 2½ cubic yard Northwest diesel and 6 cubic yard Bucyrus Erie electric shovels. Rooters are used at the pit to loosen the material, then it is pushed to the shovels with D8 Caterpillar tractors equipped with bull dozers. The maximum number of equipment units used at any one time was 35 Euclids, 18 Dixon wagons and 25 Peterbilts which were being loaded with three 6 cubic yard electric and two 2½ cubic yard diesel shovels.

**MOUNTAIN IS REMOVED**

It is interesting to note that although the borrow pit from which this material is being obtained was once a mountain, it is now a vast hole in the ground after the removal of some 12,500,000 cubic yards of borrow, some 10,000,000 cubic yards having been delivered to the San Francisco Airport at Mills Field. However, all excavations are made to an approved contour plan and about 243 acres of very valuable land will be made in a location formerly used only for grazing.

There are a number of large drainage structures on the project, the largest of which are being constructed as part of the proposed drainage system planned by the City of San Francisco to keep drainage waters away from the airport. A canal to collect these drainage waters is proposed all along the western side of the freeway between San Bruno Avenue and Millbrae Avenue, a distance of 2½ miles. At the northerly end this canal system crosses under the freeway through a triple 10 foot x 8 foot x 181 inch reinforced concrete culvert and through a triple 10 foot x 8 foot x 500 inch reinforced concrete culvert under the San Bruno Avenue cloverleaf ramps. At the southerly end the canal crosses under the freeway through a triple 10 foot x 6 foot x 155 inch reinforced concrete culvert.

There are also two large reinforced concrete boxes, 7 feet x 6 feet x 166½ inches, being constructed to carry utilities under the freeway to the airport.

The project is being constructed under the supervision of Jno. H. Skeggs, District Engineer; R. P. Duffy, District Construction Engineer; and H. A. Sinard, Resident Engineer, representing the State Division of Highways.

Macco Corporation & Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., are the Contractors on this $3,350,000 contract and are represented on the job by O. H. Tucker, Project Manager, and George Haensel, General Superintendent.

A separate Bridge Department contract is now under way for the foundations on the interchange structures at Broadway Burlingame, Millbrae Road, the San Francisco Airport connection and San Bruno Avenue. Carrio & Gauthier are the contractors on this project.

The superstructures for these separations will be let to contract as soon as the critical steel shortage has eased.
Improvement on Trinity Lateral Is Under Way Through Rugged Mountain Terrain

By GEORGE F. HELLESOE, District Engineer

U. S. ROUTE 299, commonly referred to as the Trinity Lateral, connects with U. S. Route 101 near Arcata, and after crossing and traversing the low, though rugged coastal mountains easterly for a distance of 37 miles, enters the Trinity River Valley at Willow Creek. After leaving the comparatively small valley, it follows the precipitous canyon of the Trinity River to Junction City and then over the mountain into Weaverville and on to a connection with the Pacific Highway at Redding.

In general, this state highway follows the route of the early pack trails used in the gold rush days. These trails were established through information obtained by early explorers in search for the easiest route between the placer mines on the upper Trinity River and the coast. That this important transmountain route occupies the approximate location laid out by early trail blazers, is recognition of their adaptiveness in selecting the most feasible route through a then unexplored wilderness.

A portion of the present route, following the more rugged Trinity Canyon, was constructed by the Public Roads Administration in 1919. Connecting links were then constructed by the State and Humboldt County in 1924 to complete a through road, many portions of which are used to this day.

Upon completion of reconstruction of that portion between Weaverville and Prairie Creek in 1942 by the State, forces assigned to that work were transferred to District 1 and from a camp established near Burnt Ranch, work started on constructing a standard road in the very rugged part of the canyon between Cedar Flat and Salyer.

In moving equipment to the new site of Camp 36, it was first necessary to move 100,000 cubic yards of excavation in widening various narrow portions of highway in order to transport the power shovel to the new work. While this work consisted merely of widening into the cut banks, it has provided a wider and safer roadway for traffic use until such a time as the schedule permits its reconstruction to adequate standards. During the period of this widening, clearing and culvert construction preparatory to grading operations were started and carried on from Burnt Ranch, westerly.

During July, 1943, because of the uncertainty of continuing operations due to interference with the war effort, additional tractor and carry-all equipment was assigned to grading operations. This additional equipment permitted completion in September, 1943, of a section of narrow and tortuous road 1.12 miles in length between two minor sections of road previously improved under contract.

Because of the strategic military value of U. S. 299, authority was obtained during the latter part of 1943 to accelerate construction operations which had been dormant since September. Grading the narrow bluff sections easterly from Burnt Ranch to Cedar Flat was then undertaken. Grading of this 2.7 mile section of highway was completed during April of 1945.

In constructing this section, the new highway crossed the locally known China slide area. This slide, occurring in the late eighties, was the largest recent landslide in this section of California, and its scars are still readily seen from the new highway. The slide is attributed to exceptionally heavy rainfall, combined with erosion of the banks of the Trinity. The immediate result of the slide was to dam the rising waters of the river, impounding an extensive lake some hundred feet in depth. Subsequently, upon failure of the dam, caused by the slide material, very high waves occurred in the lower Klamath to which river the Trinity is tributary.

It is told that Chinese miners, who flocked to this region after the white miners had removed the cream of Placer gold, saw a golden opportunity when the river was obstructed by the slide to mine the bed of the stream below. This they proceeded to do but failed to heed the danger of the rising waters above. When the obstruction was created by the rising waters, causing disintegration of the slide dam, the unfortunate Chinese could not escape the immense rush of water. How many lives were lost is unknown, but ever since this catastrophe occurred this landmark of early day mining in California has been known as China Slide.

COMPLETION DATE NEXT YEAR

Since the summer of 1945 grading operations, except for one winter's work east of Cedar Flat, have been concentrated on providing a graded and oiled road from Burnt Ranch to Salyer, a distance of about 12 miles. This objective is now nearing realization and by the fall of 1948 it will have been completed.

The reconstruction of this portion of highway has been complicated by the necessity of excavating a bench section 26 feet in width across four rugged bluff sections now traversed by the existing one-way road. These bluff sections are steep and wet and though cursory inspection of their slopes indicates rock, this, upon proper investigation has been found to be shale and other unstable material.

Larger slides have consequently occurred which have made imperative the opening of a detour for traffic to by-pass the slide areas. The detour, known locally as the Hennessey Road, was constructed jointly by the county and state forces in 1945 and by-passes the highway from Salyer to Burnt Ranch. During the current grading season, it has been in use for only one day to provide uninterrupted travel on U. S. 299 for the convenience of the public.

Throughout the project rubble masonry retaining walls have been utilized, wherever economically justified, to secure the designed width of roadway without undue disturbance of the unstable hillside or bluffs. These retaining walls of native stone blend well with the surrounding landscape and provide occasional vista points from which the rugged Trinity River canyon and the winding stream hundreds of feet directly below can be safely viewed.

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Upper left—Rough grading is nearing completion on this rocky section of the Trinity River highway east of Cedar Flat, where much drilling and blasting is necessary. Lower left—Improvement of U. S. 299 across Gray's Bluff is about complete, except for oiling.

Upper right—This winding, narrow section of U. S. 299 along Trinity River, near Salyer, is scheduled for early realignment and widening.

Lower right—Steep, rocky bluffs are encountered in grading operations along much of the Trinity River Route.
Appreciation
Tahoe Vista, California
Department of Public Works,
Division of Highways,
Marysville, California

Gentlemen: The large cedar tree, about 102 feet in height, located on the highway right of way in the Agate Bay Subdivision at Tahoe Vista, California, was removed a few weeks ago by your crew.

I want to commend very highly the work of Mr. A. J. Bellue who superintended the removal of the tree, as the work was done in an extraordinarily expert manner. The tree was enormous and was one which, if it had not been properly felled, would have caused considerable damage by falling over the highway or into the property here. Under the guidance of Mr. Bellue and with his excellent knowledge of his work, he and his crew felled the tree so that it fell just where they had intended it to fall.

A like tree fell across the highway at Kings Beach, killing a man and perhaps injuring his wife and baby.

We appreciate very much the way this job was handled. Very truly yours,

JAMES LAKESHORE RESORT
T. L. James

TRINITY LATERAL IS UNDER WAY
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Arch culverts and other appurtenant drainage structures have been constructed of rubble masonry and since operations started in 1942 there have been constructed over 9,000 cubic yards of masonry. Roadway excavation quantities involved in constructing approximately 10 miles of graded road now exceed 1,000,000 cubic yards. Considering the terrain traversed, the average grading quantities per mile of 100,000 cubic yards is considered very reasonable.

R. C. McFarland is superintendent of construction and H. O. Ragan is Resident Engineer with the work being supervised by Charles P. Sweet, District Construction Engineer. The work is located in the Eureka District of the Division of Highways.

Visitors to State Fair Will Travel to Capital Over New Four-Lane Highways

VISITORS to the California State Fair to be held in Sacramento August 28th through September 7th will get a preview of the kind of highways that will one day be commonplace in California now that the Collier-Burns Highway Act is a reality.

Nearest to the capital and one of the foremost projects in the Division of Highways' postwar construction program is the North Sacramento Freeway, which is scheduled to be completed by September 1st.

This $1,800,000 project will provide a new route for U. S. Highway 40-99E around the City of North Sacramento in place of the old road that passed through block after block of the business district. The freeway, a four-lane divided highway, contains eight grade separation structures to insure complete freedom from all conflicting traffic.

NEW FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS

A phenomenon peculiar to these divided highways is the way that heavy traffic on adjacent two-lane sections literally vanishes a few moments after reaching the divided sections. Visitors to the fair from the Bay area traveling via U. S. Highway 40 will enjoy this experience upon reaching Vacaville, for two contracts recently completed at a combined cost of $1,600,000 have extended the four-lane divided highway leading into Sacramento 12 miles westerly.

For six of the 12 miles the old pavement has been retained for the two west-bound lanes, but the other six miles are on new direct alignment that abandons the old dog-leg into Dixon.

All roads will lead to Sacramento during the fair, and motorists from the south will get several glimpses of highway improvements under way on whichever route they choose. Most of the southern visitors will converge on Stockton for the last lap to the capital, to ride upon another recently completed divided highway, the eight-mile, $800,000 four-lane section of U. S. 50-99 from the Calaveras River to Lodi. Probably none, however, will appreciate this particular improvement so much as local residents who for many years had to contend with the woefully inadequate two-lane road.

U. S. 50 IMPROVED

Consistent with the policy of the Division of Highways, the old road has been retained as half of the divided highway. And lest the bottleneck through Stockton be too fresh in mind to enjoy this new section, plans are being prepared for a cut-off from the Calaveras River to Mariposa Road south of Stockton which will avoid the city entirely.

Fair bound travelers coming into Sacramento from Placerville will ride on a new 3.4 mile section of U. S. Highway 50 between El Dorado and Shingle Springs recently completed at a cost of $272,000. The new road through the rolling foothill country, built entirely on revised alignment, is 0.4 mile shorter than the old.

By way of contrasting highway standards of yesterday and today, the old road, built in 1915 to standards adequate for that time, had 35 curves with central angles totaling 1,020 degrees and some radii as sharp as 100 feet. The new road, on the other hand, has only six curves with central angles totaling 142 degrees and a minimum radius of 1,500 feet.

U. S. 40 PROGRAM

It is not certain at this time whether the new limited access highway for U. S. 40 through Auburn will be opened to traffic by fair time. If it is, motorists will hardly recognize the town, for the new road avoids entirely the tortuous, steep and narrow route that leads through the business district.

The new highway consists of 2.6 miles of four-lane divided highway with a six-foot dividing strip. The entire project, including two street and one railroad grade separation structures built under separate contracts, will cost approximately $825,000.

Reconstruction of 3.6 miles of the Auburn-Grass Valley Road now under way in and adjacent to Auburn will complete the modernization of state highways in that city. This portion of Route 17, also to be a limited access highway, will be completed about November 1st.

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Welcome to the California State Fair.
Two-Way Mobile Radio System Installed
On San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge

By H. C. SNEAD, Associate Electrical Engineer

ONE HUNDRED eighty-six thousand miles a second! Such is the speed with which messages are now dispatched to emergency service equipment on the world's busiest toll structure—the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Stretching out over land and water a distance of six miles from Fifth Street in San Francisco to the Toll Plaza in Oakland, it is, because of its very nature, without parking facilities. Hence, stalled vehicles must of necessity occupy a lane of the traveled way, offering an obstruction to the free flow of traffic.

With present traffic densities on the upper deck of 7,000 vehicles per hour during peak periods (4,200 on one way in three lanes), vehicles accumulate behind a road obstruction with great rapidity. A stoppage of only a few minutes may, in adverse circumstances, result in congestion which will require a half hour or more to clear. The need of removing stalled cars without any delay is, therefore, of primary importance to the smooth and rapid mass movement of traffic.

Faced with the necessity of maintaining the orderly flow of traffic, which averages 70,000 cars per day and which, on June 20th last, reached a peak of 92,614, the Division of Highways turned to high frequency radio as a means of reducing to a minimum the delays in removing obstructions to traffic. With the equipment installed, tow cars or service vehicles enroute to or from a stalled car may now be redirected while moving, as the need arises. The necessity of returning to their station, or calling in from widely-spaced bridge telephones for assignment no longer exists.

The former practice of telephonic communication from the bridge deck in itself created an obstruction to the free flow of traffic and, at best, did not provide the close control of emergency vehicles necessitated by the changing situations arising during the peak hours of travel. The dispatcher may now sit at his microphone with a chart before him showing the position of all of his equipment at any instant and direct the various units, by radio, with the greatest efficiency.

An average day will find 35 cars stalled on the bridge requiring emergency service for various causes, but this figure has, on occasions, reached 80. In addition, emergency service vehicles render "standby" service to many other disabled vehicles. This service may consist of a push to get started, disentangling hooked bumpers, providing protection while a motorist changes his own tire, or the like.
While standby services may not appear in the records as an emergency roadside service, they require the dispatching and use of a piece of emergency equipment.

To cope with this condition, four state-owned tow cars are kept in constant readiness. During peak hours these are supplemented by four pickup trucks equipped to render most emergency roadside services, such as changing tires, supplying gasoline, and extinguishing fires; that is, all except actual towing operations. These, together with the electricians' truck, the fire engine, the fire chief's pickup, and the traffic engineer's sedan constitute the "radio" fleet.

RADIO EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

Designed to operate in the 156 megacycle band, the radio equipment is frequency modulated. The equipment installed was manufactured by Motorola and was purchased under competitive bids on specifications prepared by the State. Installation of both fixed and mobile equipment was performed by the radio technicians of the California Highway Patrol and the electrician force of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

Two-way radiotelephone under rugged conditions. Lower deck of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge showing electric interurban train and radio-equipped tow truck emerging at east end of bridge. High frequency 160,000 kilocycle FM two-way radiotelephone equipment permits 100 per cent radio coverage regardless of electrical interference or steel-enclosing structure.

Assigned KKJW as call letters by the Federal Communications Commission, transmitters are licensed for 60 watts maximum input. Two separate frequencies are used for the fixed, or main, station and the mobile units. The main station transmits on 156.45 MC., and the mobile units transmit on 156.69 MC. With such an arrangement, communication between mobile units is not possible except through the main station operated by the dispatcher who thus maintains control of the movement of all equipment at all times.

RANGE OF 20 MILES

Being in the very high frequency (VHF) classification, the radio system is in the "sight line" group and has a range of about 20 miles. Its effectiveness in penetrating normally inaccessible locations within this range, however, was demonstrated by tests prior to the purchase of the equipment. Radio waves of the frequency employed travel in a straight line but are redirected or reflected from solid objects such as building walls and cliffs. In fact, they may bounce several times before their useful strength is dissipated. As a consequence, the equipment installed successfully penetrates the entire length of the lower deck of the Yerba Buena Island vehicular tunnel, a feat not duplicated with lower frequencies.

Special cabinets were designed and installed for housing the radio apparatus on the tow trucks and the pickup trucks used in the emergency service.

SPECIAL CABINETS

In vehicles of these types, sufficient enclosed space for this purpose, such as is found in the baggage compartments of passenger vehicles, is not available. The cabinets were designed for quick and easy access. Covers are held in place by springs and catches.

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Red Rock Bridge Becomes Interstate Link on U.S. 66
By R. ROBINSON ROWE, Senior Bridge Engineer

When the historic Red Rock Bridge was opened to highway traffic in June, a striking improvement was made in the interstate connection on U. S. 66 over the Colorado River near Topock, Arizona. Not only was the last posted bridge eliminated from California’s part of this transcontinental route, but relocation of the approach permitted abandonment of its narrowest and crookedest stretch.

The degree of improvement will be evident from the following statistical summary for the entire relocation:

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Cost of this improvement was $147,000, of which $71,500 was spent for replacing the rail deck of Red Rock Bridge with a concrete highway deck; $70,500 was the cost of widening and surfacing two miles of railroad grade for the California approach and $5,000 was used to grade and pave the connection in Topock. Each state built its own approach and the two states divided equally the cost of bridge reconstruction.

The opportunity for this low-cost improvement was presented April 20, 1942, when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company obtained federal approval of its project to build a new bridge across the Colorado River 500 feet upstream from Red Rock Bridge, in order to straighten and double-track its line for streamliners and heavy freight traffic. A suggestion that the Red Rock Bridge be acquired by the states was answered by the obligation of Santa Fe to dismantle it within 90 days after its new bridge was completed, raze channel piers to river bed and turn the old steel in for scrap, which was then in desperate demand. Although Santa Fe expressed a willingness to donate the bridge to avoid the cost of demolition, this obligation to contribute to the Nation’s scrap pile stopped the preliminary negotiations.

A survey showed that scarcity of scrap would probably end before the old bridge could be contributed. Negotiations were reopened and the railroad renewed its offer, with the addition of approach right of way over 1.5 miles of old railroad grade. The states accepted in a three-party agreement covering division of costs of reconstruction and maintenance, which was finally executed March 10, 1944. The year or so remaining before Santa Fe could release the old structure was spent in clearing up several legal points, which arose from the interesting history of bridges over the Colorado in this vicinity.

HISTORY STARTED IN 1866

Immediately after the Civil War railroad promoters started a race for a transcontinental line along the Thirty-fifth Parallel. The race ended August 13, 1883, on the Arizona bank of the Colorado River eight miles north-west of Topock when the Southern Pacific, pushing east, bridged the Colorado to connect with the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company. This bridge was destroyed May 4, 1884, and replaced by A. & P., which had leased Southern Pacific’s line to Barstow.

This second bridge was soon threatened by the meandering Colorado River and A. & P. spent large sums to maintain it, including tribute of $500 per month to a steamboat company.
when the main channel was diverted away from the draw span. For some
time A. & P. had been operated jointly
by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
Railroad Company and the St. Louis
and San Francisco Railroad Company
after a foreclosure sale.

ACT OF CONGRESS

Under the Act of Congress of July
27, 1866 (14 Stat. 292, Chap. 278), au-
thorizing the original location, these
new owners built the Red Rock Can-
tilever Bridge at Tepeck. This site had
also been selected in 1867 by the Kan-
sas Pacific Railroad locators and foun-
dations had been explored by borings
in 1880, but this other company had
abandoned its line.

This third railroad bridge was com-
pleted June 25, 1890. However, the
second bridge had washed out on May
9th, the day after the suspended span
of the new bridge was pinned and
swung. In a few hours the traveler
engine was removed, track was laid
through the legs of the traveler and
trains were routed over the bridge
without ceremony.

LEGAL QUESTIONS

The rights of the succeeding railroad
companies to the bridge site derived
from the authorization of the Act of
1866 "to lay out, locate, and construct,
finish, maintain and enjoy, a contin-
uous railroad and telegraph line with
appurtenances" from a point in Mis-
souri to the Pacific, including a cross-
ing of the Colorado River "at such
point as may be selected by said com-
pny for crossing." Having no rights,
for highway facilities, none could be
conveyed to the states.

This was cured in part by the
amended Federal Highway Act (42
Stat. 212), authorizing railroads "to
convey to the highway department of
any state any part of its right of way
or other property in that state acquired
by grant from the United States," and
the Act of May 3, 1920 (41 Stat. 621),
which eliminated the restriction to fed-
eral aid highways. Thus the railroad
was within its rights in conveying
physical property to the states, but it
was not clear that the states had ac-

Old construction photo of Red Rock Cantilever Bridge nearing completion in 1890

California Highways and Public Works (July-August 1947)
acquired thereby the right to maintain a highway bridge over a navigable interstate stream.

FEDERAL CONSENT OBTAINED

To avoid any question, federal consent was requested, and granted in December, 1944, by the following Act of Congress (Public Law 537, Chapter 688, Seventy-eighth Congress, Second Session):

"An act authorizing the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, or its successors, to convey to the states of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, for public highway purposes, an existing railroad bridge across the Colorado River, formerly known as the Red Rock Bridge, near Topock, Arizona.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that, in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, or its successors, is hereby authorized to convey to the states of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, the existing railroad bridge and approaches thereto, across the Colorado River, formerly known as the Red Rock Bridge, located near Topock, Arizona, which bridge has been or will be superseded by realignment of a portion of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and construction upstream from said existing bridge of a new railroad bridge.

"Sec. 2. The states of Arizona and California, jointly or separately, are hereby authorized to accept title to, and thereafter to construct, reconstruct, maintain and operate said bridge, as a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto in accordance with the provisions of the act entitled, 'An act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters'.'"

HIGHWAY HISTORY

The highway crossing has an even longer and more varied history. Jedediah Smith forded the Colorado River 10 miles north of Topock in 1826 to trade with the native Indians and Capt. Sittgreaves for the same purpose in 1850. Whipple, making the Thirty-fifth Parallel Railroad Reconnaissance in 1854, and Beale, breaking the Thirty-fifth Parallel Wagon Trail in 1857, forded 25 miles upstream from Topock, at the north end of the same (Mojave) valley. Later in 1863 Captain Hardy established the first ferry at Hardyville, a little farther upstream.

In 1890 the Needles Ferry was inaugurated, but service was often interrupted by shoaling of the main channel or flooding of the bottom lands east of the river. It was abandoned in 1921.

The National Old Trails Highway, now U. S. 66, was being promoted in 1914 when a flood took out the Needles Ferry and reduced the Arizona approach to a four-mile quagmire. The States of Arizona and California, the County of San Bernardino and the United States Indian Service joined to build the highway arch bridge which is now being abandoned. Meanwhile Red Rock Bridge was planked for an emergency highway connection and maintained as such until the arch bridge was completed on February 20, 1916.

Located 800 feet downstream from the massive Red Rock Bridge, the Old Trails Arch Bridge was a delicate companion structure. Designed by J. A. Sourwine, it was for 12 years the longest three-hinged arch in the United States. Although it had been posted for a load limit of 11 tons with the warning "One Way for Trucks and Busses," neither was a serious restriction for light and infrequent traffic across the desert until wartime transport and desert maneuvers of heavy military equipment were blocked. Even that was recognized as a temporary demand, but the closure of Parker Dam March 4, 1938, backed Lake Havasu 45 miles up the river to submerge the abutments and lower hinges of the arch bridge. The stage is kept high, making inspection of these supports impractical, and future effectiveness of protection applied to steel surfaces was very uncertain.

Since Parker Dam was undertaken, studies of alternative highway routes have anticipated abandonment of the arch bridge. The Red Rock site remained the best bridge site. Three other sites south of Needles having some advantages were threatened by the delta forming upstream from Lake Havasu. Two others just north of Needles have been surveyed and more recently it has been proposed that U. S. 66 be relocated to cross on Davis Dam 30 miles above Needles. However acquisition of Red Rock Bridge will post-
DEVELOPMENT OF RED ROCK BRIDGE

The Red Rock Cantilever Bridge, as it was first called, was ordered from the Phoenix Bridge Company after submission of competitive designs. It was designed by Dr. J. A. L. Waddell, with Prof. Stillman W. Robinson as Consulting Engineer on superstructure.

The project was daring for the times, it being one of the first steel bridges and at that time the longest cantilever bridge in the Americas. Samuel M. Rowe, was Chief Engineer at the site and responsible for substructure, which included the sinking of a caisson to a record depth of 91.5 feet below high water. Albert A. Robinson, Chief Engineer of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, directed the project as a whole.

Proportions and significant data were:
- Cost, dollars: $462,434
- Gross length, feet: 1,110
- Suspended span, feet: 330
- Main span, feet: 660
- Width, c. to c. trusses, feet: 25
- Elevation of deck: 504 ft.
- Elevation of cutting edge: 366 ft.

BRIDGE STRENGTHENED

Although designed for two 94-ton engines trailing 3,000 pounds per linear foot, a load so heavy that equipment was not available for a test, the margin of safety dwindled as locomotives grew. The floor and lateral system were strengthened in 1901, but by 1911 no ordinary measures could keep the bridge in step with heavier rolling stock.

After considering alternatives of relocation and of new superstructure, a channel pier was added under the midpoint of the suspended span. The bridge was no longer a cantilever, and that part of the name was dropped. Reversals of stress required extensive reinforcement, particularly of tension members which were now compressed.

Since then locomotives have grown swifter rather than heavier and the bridge was obsolescent because of delay caused by the gauntlet track on the bridge and the nine-degree curve at its west approach. These, and not age or weakness, led to the development of the new railroad line and bridge.

The original 660-foot span of the bridge had required the spacing of trusses 25 feet apart for lateral stiffness, and this spacing made the bridge adaptable for highway purposes. Very little change of framework was necessary in the transformation because the trusses were more than adequate for legal-limit highway loads.

The deck was transformed by spacing the stringers to support 14-inch wide-flange 30-pound subfloor beams, on which the seven-inch reinforced concrete roadway slab was poured. A skid rail to protect truss members was built into the guard railing.

Contract for these alterations was let October 6, 1945, to H. L. Reynold of Phoenix, but not completed until May 21, 1947, because of scarcity of steel and scheduling to avoid hot weather. As the work exposed the old steel, it was found to be in excellent condition.

Tops of a few stringers had corroded to depths of three-eighths inch, or half way through the flange, because of accumulation of brine drip from reeovers. However the remaining strength was sufficient for highway loads and these flanges were simply cleaned and protected.

Plans for alterations were under the direction of R. A. Hoffman, Engineer of Bridges and Dams for the Arizona Highway Department. California was represented in discussion of general plans by F. W. Panhorst, Bridge Engineer.

Attorney Frank B. Durkee of the California State Department of Public Works, made the legal review and drafted the bill for congressional action.

Controlled Access Express Highways Mean More Safety

COMMENTS upon the President's Highway Safety Conference held recently in Washington, D. C., to evaluate results of a year's nation-wide effort to reduce death and injury on the highways and to plan a further attack on highway accidents, Charles M. Upham, Engineer-Director of the American Road Builders' Association, said:

"The problem of highway safety affects each of us. Thirty years ago, the average American traveled 450 miles a year by all forms of transportation. Today, he travels 4,000 miles a year by motor vehicle alone.

"Thirty-four million vehicles—some new and some ready for the junk heap. Forty-four million drivers—some good and some bad. Millions of pedestrians. And each week, some 100,000 new vehicles join the millions on our 3,250,000 miles of roads and streets. Daily the battle against death on the highway becomes more complex.

"Vehicle mileage since 1947 will set a new record and most of it will be driven on inadequate and obsolete highways.

"Our roads have always lagged behind the vehicle. Not until 1920 did road building really get under way. We had 9,000,000 cars on the highways then. The volume of traffic multiplied six times between 1920 and 1940, and motor vehicles increased almost four times in number.

"Some 27,000 miles of federal aid highways and 60,000 to 80,000 miles of roads maintained by the states need rebuilding to safer standards. We have 14,000 miles of two-lane primary highways that are carrying four-lane traffic. Inadequate and congested roads and streets with hazards in every mile take their toll in human life.

"Our heavily traveled main highways with cross traffic and uncontrolled exits and entrances take a huge annual death toll. Safety demands that they give way to controlled access express highways with sufficient traffic capacity and freedom from congestion.

"Accident records on such highways in California, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey prove that improved highway design contributes large gains in highway safety."
The Prunedale Freeway Cut-off from Santa Rita to 0.8 mile north of Crazy Horse Summit in Monterey County has been recently completed and opened for the use of public traffic.

This improvement was accomplished by constructing two additional lanes adjacent to the existing two-lane section, thereby providing a modern four-lane divided, controlled access freeway. Traffic has been relieved of one of the most congested sections on the El Camino Real. This congestion was caused by the slowing up of trucks on the steep grades, thereby holding up faster moving automobiles and creating definite driving hazards where safe driving rules were not followed. The numerous curves also added to the restricted number of "no passing" zones.

The existing 20-foot portland cement concrete highway, which now forms two lanes of the divided highway, was opened to traffic on July 20, 1932, and supplanted the narrow, twisting San Juan grade, which increased speed and volume of traffic had made obsolete after 17 years of service. The continued increase in traffic on the main arterial of the coast route between the metropolitan areas of San Francisco and Los Angeles, resulted in traffic rising from 3,000 to 4,000 vehicles daily in 1932 when the Prunedale Cut-off was completed, to traffic of 6,000 to 9,000 vehicles in 1941, of which over 10 percent were trucks and trailers.

The completed project is 8.4 miles in length and comprises the first unit of the freeway. The second unit, 6.7 miles in length, which has its northerly terminus at Chittenden Road near San Juan Bautista, is well advanced, completion being scheduled for early in October, 1947. The total length of the freeway will be 15.1 miles. The cost of the first unit was about $845,000 and the estimated cost of the second unit is approximately $770,000, making a total cost of $1,615,000. Limited access right of way was acquired at a cost of $155,000.

The construction consisted of grading a 39-foot roadbed for the two additional lanes and surfacing it with a three-inch thickness of plant-mixed surfacing on a one-foot thickness of crusher run base over a selected or imported borrow subbase having a minimum thickness of six inches and a maximum of 12 inches depending upon the quality of the underlying materials. The shoulders, gutters and inside face of the embankment dike are surfaced with three inches of plant-mixed surfacing. A seal coat of asphaltic emulsion and medium fine screenings was applied to the plant-mixed surfacing on the 23-foot traffic lanes.

The construction crossed several unstable marshy areas composed of saturated, unstable, clayey sand, soft plastic clay and peat to depths of 3 to 14 feet. These areas were stabilized by removing the saturated unstable material to the underlying solid material, installing eight-inch perforated metal pipe underdrains and blind stone drains as required to carry off the seepage and back filling the excavated areas with material selected from roadway excavation or imported borrow. Materials excavated from these areas, which were suitable for use in constructing embankments, when not saturated were dried out and placed in adjacent embankments. Some of the fill treatment material was utilized to construct supporting fills against the previously con-

View of transitions on four-lane divided highway where existing concrete pavement changes from right to left set of lanes. Central dividing strip defined by traffic stripe and raised bars.
structured road embankments and the more humus material was used for topsoiling embankment slopes and division strips. The extent of this work is indicated by the fact that it involved 166,000 cubic yards of fill treatment excavation, 2,500 cubic yards of sand filling material, 4,000 cubic yards of filter material (underdrains), and 5,000 lineal feet of eight-inch perforated metal pipe underdrains.

The erosive nature of the materials on this project required that the embankment and cut slopes be treated to preclude excessive future maintenance costs. The excavation slopes were covered with topsoil removed from within the roadway prism. Six-ten-six fertilizer was mixed with the topsoil at the approximate rate of 20 pounds for each 110 square yards of slope area. Straw was spread over the excavation slopes and shoveled into the loose surface. Humus topsoil was selected from the fill treatment excavation and placed over embankment slopes and the central dividing strip. The slope areas were seeded to provide an early protective growth of vegetation. Mesembryanthemum edule (ice plant) cuttings were planted on the excavation slopes, along the tops of the embankment slopes and in the central dividing strip.

The alignment and grade of the two new lanes, in general, followed along adjacent to the existing pavement. The only major deviation from this position is at the "Pinecote Rocks," a bandit lair in the early days, where the existing highway passed through a narrow gorge. The new lanes were located 600 feet northerly of the present road to avoid the destruction of the scenic and historical "Rocks." At the junction of Route 22 to San Juan Bautista, the new lanes were positioned away from the existing roadbed in order to require minimum alteration of the roadside beautification at this intersection. This beautification consists of a cross, campanile with mission bells and adobe walls and curbs around landscaped areas, which provide a historical land-

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against sponge rubber gaskets, making them weatherproof and yet easily dismantled. Transmitters and receivers on the tow trucks are mounted one above the other in their cabinets with adequate spacing to permit testing without the necessity of removing either unit from the cabinet. On the pickup trucks, two units are mounted side by side. By mounting pickup truck cabinets on angle iron spreaders resting on the tops of the body sideboards, the full length of the pickup body is available for normal load.

Antenna assemblies, approximately 17 feet long, are mounted on the tops of the truck cabs. Co-axial lead-ins are concealed in cab walls and ceilings or are installed in one-fourth inch copper tubing wherever this is not possible. Wires and cables from the dashboard-mounted control units and battery to the transmitter-receiver assembly are installed in 1/8-inch flexible steel conduit.

The main station is located at the Toll Plaza Administration Building. A triple-skirt, high-gain antenna is installed on the roof of the penthouse atop the building, approximately 60 feet above ground. The transmitter is mounted in the penthouse, requiring a very short lead-in. Two remote control units are used to operate the transmitter, one in the dispatcher's office on the ground floor, and the other at the tow car garage and firehouse on Yerba Buena Island, midway point on the bay crossing. Intercommunication between the remote control units is possible by the operation of a talk-listen key. Dispatching during daylight hours is done from the dispatcher's office at the Toll Plaza, and after dark from the firehouse on Yerba Buena Island.

The radio installation has been in service since April 25, 1947, and has proved to be all that was expected of it. Former communication problems involving matters of minutes may now be said to be matters of seconds. To this extent the orderly movement has been materially assisted.

$76,000,000 Annually For New Construction On State Highways

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4 1/2 cents per gallon, allocated in the proportion of five-eighths of a cent to the cities and 1 1/2 cents to the counties. To the State will be allocated the revenue from the remaining 2 1/2 cents for administration, rights of way, engineering, maintenance and improvements on the State Highway System and for construction of new state highways, including metropolitan freeways.

As to expenditure of funds allocated to cities, it is provided that three-fifths shall be expended for construction of major city streets and two-fifths for maintenance of major and secondary city streets.

Recognition is also given in the Collier-Burns Act to the need for developing metropolitan freeways. To this end the new law adds approximately 67 miles of city streets to the state highway system. It is presumed that much of this metropolitan state highway mileage will be improved to freeway standards as traffic conditions require, and as funds are available.

The act sets up a formula for expenditure of funds upon the critical deficiencies of the State Highway System in each county, so as to assure continuity in a state highway construction program on a state-wide basis. This formula applies to 50 percent of the state highway funds available for construction purposes during the first five-year period, 55 percent during the next five years, and 65 percent during the third five years.

The act further provides that the northern group of counties are to receive 45 percent of the revenue available for state highway construction, and the southern counties 55 percent.

The State Department of Public Works is required to make detailed reports to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to highway revenues and expenditures, and the Director of Finance is given budgetary control over the transfer of funds from one project to another.
In Memoriam

William Alva Rice

The death of William Alva Rice on April 6, 1947, came as a shock to many of his friends and associates in the Division of Highways, in spite of his having been hospitalized for several months with heart trouble.

"Bill," as he was affectionately called, was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 28, 1892. He received his early education in eastern grammar and public schools. He served his country during World War I in the United States Navy as a Pharmacist Mate. In 1919 he entered the service of the Division of Highways and had been with District IV since 1922.

Mr. Rice became Resident Engineer in 1928 and faithfully carried out the duties of that position until he became ill. Among his many achievements during his career as the supervision of most of the construction and all of the paving of the entire Bayshore Highway between San Francisco and San Jose.

Mr. Rice was highly esteemed by his friends and fellow workers and by others who knew him. He was kind, yet firm to his subordinates and always a friend to the needy. His business associates admired him because of his honesty and frankness. He was a member of Theodore Roosevelt Post No. 21 American Legion, of Santa Rosa, California.

Mr. Rice is survived by his wife, Mrs. Therese Pauline Rice, and one daughter, Lois Marion, who reside in San Rafael, California.

Clodine A. Graham

EMPLOYEES of District VII were shocked and deeply grieved at the sudden death of Clyde A. Graham, District VII Chief Clerk at his home in Los Angeles on June 14, 1947. Although his length of service in District VI was comparatively short, he became one of the most popular members of the district organization where his loss will be keenly felt, both as a friend and as an efficient and loyal worker.

Clyde was born in Kerville, Texas, February 16, 1909. His parents moved to Los Angeles in 1939 and he attended the University of California, and later the University of Nevada.

Clyde entered the state service in District I in 1922 as clerk, and was transferred to Headquarters Shop in 1924. He was later appointed Chief Clerk in District VI, and in 1944 was transferred to District VII in the same capacity. He always felt a keen interest in railways and train equipment and at one time worked as a locomotive engineer for the Southern Pacific Company. He was the author of a number of articles on the construction of model railways, locomotives and cars, and was an active member of the Metropolitan Railroad Club. Clyde was also an excellent golfer, and for some time was chairman of the Greens Committee of the Fort Washington Golf Club at Fresno.

He left many friends in nearly every part of the State, and the numerous expressions of sympathy from his family and to the district office give some indication of the high esteem in which he was held, both as an employee and as a man.

Mr. Graham is survived by his widow, Mabel Gammon Graham, a daughter Suzanne Graham, 14, and a son Thomas H. Graham, 11.

Zacharias Crespo

DISTRICT II is mourning the death of Zacharias Crespo, member of the Quarter Century Club of the Division of Highways. Mr. Crespo started work with the State in 1912 on a survey party. He later joined the Maintenance Department and was foreman with headquarters in Redding. He retired on account of illness during the year 1938 and died at the age of 60 of a heart attack on May 2, 1947.

Mr. Crespo was a World War I veteran, having served overseas. He is survived by his widow, Elva Crespo, and his son Maurice Crespo, who is soon to graduate from University of California as a civil engineer. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Floy Silva, of Oakland.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends in District II and in Sacramento.

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ALAMEDA COUNTY—Between Tall Plaza and Distribution Structure, about 0.9 mile, additional traffic lanes to be constructed of crushed rock or asphalt concrete and a timber trestle to be constructed. District IV, Route 5, L. J. Immel, San Pablo, $130,064. Contract awarded to Chaas. L. Harney, Inc., San Francisco, $120,672.30.

ALAMEDA COUNTY—For East Shore Freeway, between one mile north of South city limits of Oakland and as far south as High Street in Oakland, about 2.5 miles to be graded. District IV, Route 5, San Francisco Bridge Co., San Francisco, $1,069,020; Hydraulie Dredging Co., Oakland, $1,124,465. Contract awarded to Johnson Western-American, Alamed, $867,185.


ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES—Between Hayward and Dublin and between Dublin and 3.1 miles south, about 5.3 miles, portions to be repaired by placing plant-mixed surfacing over the existing pavement and a portion to be repaired by placing crusher run base and plant-mixed surfacing over the existing pavement. District IV, Routes 5, 107, Sections B, A. J. Immel, San Pablo, $171,010; A. S. Jones, Napa, $178,800; B. M. Hall Sons, Berkeley, $185,000; No. San Francisco, $166,166; Independent Construction Co., Ltd., Oakland, $194,880. Contract awarded to J. F. Kelly, Conners, $125,482.53.


AMAID AND CALAVERAS COUNTIES—Repairing a bridge across Mokelumne River, about 4 miles south of Jackson, District X, Route 65, Sections C. A. Beazley Construction Co., Oakland, $3,503; J. D. O'Brien, Stockton, $3,288; Moore Dry Dock, Oakland, $7,509,565; Contra Costa, $7,509,565; Fred D. Kyle, Pasadena, $8,771. Contract awarded to Chas. Stockton, Oakland, $3,966.53.


EL DORADO COUNTY—Between Georgetown and U. S. Ranger Station, about 3.6 miles to be graded and surfaced with imported base material, and penetration treatment. District III, Route 1099, Dix-Syl Construction Co., Inc., Bakersfield, $78,326.80; H. & D. Construction Co., San Anselmo, $92,238; Arthur R. Sire, Santa Rosa, $83,313; Louis Bissoni & Son, Stockton, $66,803; Chittenden & Chittenden, Lodi, $109,512. Contract awarded to Miles & Bailey, Madera, $72,519.50.

FRESNO COUNTY—Between 400 feet south of Fresno city limits and San Benito Avenue at Broadway in Fresno, about 0.2 miles to be graded, paved with Portland cement concrete pavement and plant-mixed surfacing on cement treated base and grade separation structures to be constructed. District VI, Route 4, Sections B.P.F., Morrison Kauden Co., Inc., San Francisco, $2,942,844; Bressi & Bevanda Constructors, Inc., Los Angeles, $1,355,543; A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, $1,582,724; J. E. Haddock, Ltd., Pasadena, $1,680,454. Contract awarded to Guy F. Athkinson, South San Francisco, $1,041,822.

FRESNO COUNTY—On Highland Avenue between Kings County Line and Elkhorn Avenue, about 3.2 miles to be graded and surfaced with plant-mixed surfacing on crusher run base and grade separation structures to be constructed. District VI, Route 4, Sections B.P.F., Morrison Kauden Co., Inc., San Francisco, $1,459,825; R. M. Price Co. & Rex B. Sawyer, Huntington Park, $137,735. Contract awarded to Miller Valley Pavement and Construction Co., Inc., Fresno, $137,441.50.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY—Between Jordan Creek and South Scotia Bridge, about 1.2 miles, cement treated base to be constructed on a portion of the project and plant-mixed surfacing and seal coat to be placed on the cement treated base and existing surfacing. District I, Route 1, Sections D.E. Contract awarded to Clements & Co., Hayward, $90,644.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY—Across Redwood Creek, about 50 miles east of Eureka, a structural steel trestle span bridge to be constructed. District I, Route 20, Section C. C. Gildersleeve, Douglas City, $17,485; Jack E. Hull, Oakland, $17,090; W. C. Railing, Redwood City, $24,735. Contract awarded to Tom Hull, Eureka, $19,915.

IMPERIAL COUNTY—Between Junction of Highway 4 and Highway 8 at Borrego and 3.6 miles south of Calipatria and between 3.6 miles north of Bond's Corner and Alamorito, about 12 miles in net length, to be repaired by placing road-mixed surfacing over the existing surfacing and portions to be repaired with imported base material and mixed surfacing. District XI, Routes 201, 187, Sections ABC, ABC, Warren Sunset Southwest, Loc. 1, La Paz, $416,619; Loc. 2, Poole Ave., $416,619; Loc. 3, Poole Ave., $416,619; Loc. 4, Poole Ave., $416,619. Contract awarded to La Paz, $416,619.

KERN COUNTY—Between Bakersfield and Sand Road, about 3.6 miles to be graded, paved with Portland cement concrete and with asphalt concrete and plant-mixed surfacing on Portland cement concrete base and on crusher run base, and four reinforced concrete bridges and two steel girders bridges to be constructed. District VI, Route 4, Sections B.P.F., Morrison Kauden Co., Inc., San Francisco, $1,334,419. Contract awarded to Griffith Company, Los Angeles, $210,040.

KERN COUNTY—Between 0.4 mile west of Cottonwood creek and Cottonwood Creek, about 0.4 mile to be scarified and reshaped and "sub-rolling" treatment applied. District VI, Route 4, Sections B.P.F., Morrison Kauden Co., Inc., San Francisco, $1,334,419. Contract awarded to James E. Anderson, Visalia, $4,105.

KERN COUNTY—Remove existing bridge across Kern River on Oak Street at Bakersfield. District VI, Route 58, Section L, George von Knecht, Bakersfield; Phoenix Construction Co., Bakersfield, $12,440; Trevithick-Shields & Fisher, Fresno, $15,973. Contract awarded to Krezeth & Rezzuto, Bakersfield, $12,220.

KERN COUNTY—Between Wasco and Elmo Highway, about 0.1 mile to be graded and bituminous surface treatment applied. District VI, Route 58, Section 1, George von Knecht, Bakersfield; Phoenix Construction Co., Bakersfield, $12,440; Trevithick-Shields & Fisher, Fresno, $15,973. Contract awarded to Krezeth & Rezzuto, Bakersfield, $12,220.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—On Whittier Blvd. between Goodrich Blvd. and Condore Avenue, furnishing and installing traffic signal systems at eight intersections. District VII, Route 2, Section D, Mtbl. C. D. Draucker Co., Los Angeles, $35,575. Contract awarded to Eoodle Corp., Los Angeles, $30,666.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—At the intersection of Hollywood Parkway and Arroyo Seco-Harbor Parkway, a four level reinforced concrete separation structure to be constructed, approaches to be paved, and storm drains and sanitary sewers to be installed. District VII Routes 2, 165, Guy F. Athkinson Co., Long Beach, $1,47,040; Bressi & Bevanda Constructors, Inc., Los Angeles, $1,619,739; J. E. Haddock Ltd., Pasadena, $1,619,739. Contract awarded to Leoma City, $1,619,739.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—Across San Gabriel River near Azusa, a portion of a bridge to be constructed. District VII, Route 9, Section G, Mocco Corp., Clearwater, $1,290,050.

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bria, a reinforced concrete slab bridge to be constructed. District V, Route 39, Section D, H. R. Breden, Compton, $39,755; R. O. Osb & Sons, Pacoima, $39,575; Domenge & McCoy, Santa Barbara, $22,550; Grant L. Miner, Palos Verdes, $24,876; Brown-Dow, Pismo Beach, $31,300; O. R. Osb & Son, Sunland, $37,000; W. R. Davis Construction Co., Oakland, $41,500; A. Madronn, Santa Maria, $30,500. Contract awarded to E. G. Gurnham, Los Angeles, $14,882.50.

SAN LUIS ORIPOSO COUNTY—Across Valley Creek, about one-half mile south of Pismo Beach, a reinforced concrete slab bridge to be constructed. District V, Route 56, Section D, E. Dinsmore & Co., Santa Barbara, $20,300; Grant L. Miner, Palos Verdes, $29,875; Brown-Dow, Pismo Beach, $31,300; O. R. Osb & Son, Sunland, $37,000; W. R. Davis Construction Co., Oakland, $41,500; A. Madronn, Santa Maria, $30,500. Contract awarded to E. G. Gurnham, Los Angeles, $26,651.50.

SAN MATEO COUNTY—The superstructures for two overcrossing bridges on the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company (Main Line and Belt Line) in the city of South San Francisco to be constructed. District V, Route 68, Earl W. Heple, San Jose, $674,740; A. Som & Son, Oakland, $675,660; Guy & Son, South San Francisco, $206,130; George Pollock Co., Sacramento, $204,140; Carroo & Gaultier, San Francisco, $206,130; F. A. Morris & Co., San Francisco, $206,130. Contract awarded to Charles L. Harney, Inc., San Francisco, $206,130.


SiKISTON—Between the towns of and 2.2 miles east of Moffett Creek, about 7.5 miles to be repaired with plant-mixed surfacing and shoulder gravel in the project. District V, Route 82, Section D, Clements & Co., Hayward. Contract awarded to Sheldon Oil Company, $48,424.

SOLANO COUNTY—Furnishing and installing traffic signals in the city of Fairfield on Texas Street, at the intersection with Madison Street and at the intersection with K Street. District V, Route 7, L. H. Leonardi Electric Co., San Rafael, $16,350. Contract awarded to Ed. Pierce Electric Co., Vallejo, $8,075.


STAUDTASLAUS COUNTY—Furnishing and installing intersection illumination and traffic actuated signal system and constructing the city lines of cities of Ceres, Bakersfield, and San Leandro Construction Co., Oakland, $41,500; A. Madronn, Santa Maria, $40,570. Contract awarded to E. G. Gurnham, Los Angeles, $26,651.50.

STAUDTASLAUS COUNTY—At Wildcat Creek, about 10 miles east of Oakdale, about 0.4 mile to be graded and surfaced with gravel, bituminous surfacing treatment applied and a double 18-inch field assembled plate culvert to be furnished and installed. District V, Route 105, Section B, B. V. Sykes, Patterson, $44,356; E. F. Young, Berkeley, $45,569; James E. Anderson, Visalia, $45,420; O. M. St. Clair, Berea & Granby, San Francisco, $35,337; Beerer and Jones, Sonora, $56,287; Elmer J. Warner, Stockton, $61,450; M. D. J. Construction Co., Stockton. Contract awarded to Bisaitss Construction Company, Stockton, $43,291.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—On Green Valley Road, between Morgan Hill and Don Valley Road, about 0.5 mile to be graded and surfaced with plant-mixed surfacing on crusher run base, and a reinforced concrete bridge to be constructed. District V, Route 1146, A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, $37,000; Dan Caputo & Edward Keeble, San Jose, $30,000; W. R. Davis Construction Co., Watsonville, $30,393. Contract awarded to A. A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, $40,296. Contract awarded to McElvain Construction Co., Sacramento, $45,675.

YUBA COUNTY—Between Marysville and Cottage Grove. District V, Route 69, about 9.5 miles to be graded with plant-mixed surfacing. District III, Route 87, Section A. Contract awarded to Rice Bros., Marysville, $20,000.

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GLEN COUNTY—Between Willows and Atena, about 8.5 miles, a reinforced concrete slab span bridge to be constructed across Willows Creek, an existing asphalt concrete pavement on a portion of the project to be widened with gravel base, the remainder of the project to be paved with gravel base and surfaced with gravel base and bituminous surface


LOS ANGELES COUNTY—In the City of Los Angeles, on Santa Ana Parkway, between Aliso Street and Kearny Street, a total of about six acres to be prepared and trees, shrubs, ground cover and grass to be furnished and planted. District VII, Route 2, Crown City Nurseries, Pasadena, $11,474; Henry C. Soto & Co., San Pedro, $14,271. Contract awarded to Jannace Nurseries, Altadena, $9,990.51.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY—On Arroyo Seco Parkway, between Bernard Street and Avenue 22, about 1.3 miles to be resurfaced with plain-mixed surfacing and pave ment to be widened with portland cement concrete pavement and plain-mixed surfacing on portland cement cement counter. District XII, Route 2. Griffin Co., Los Angeles, $55,125; Basich Bros. Construction Co., and Basich Bros. Alhambra, $50,600; Daly Corp., San Diego, $5,517; Delco Construction Co., San Diego, $56,171. Contract awarded to R. E. Hazard Construction Co., San Diego, $48,600.35.


SISKIYOU COUNTY—Between Thompson Creek and four miles east of Seiad, about 11.9 miles to be surfaced with road-mixed surfacing. District II, Route 46. Contract awarded to W. C. Railing, Redwood City, $58,551.


NEVADA COUNTY—About one mile north of Plumas, the existing bridge across Truckee River to be repaired. District III, Route 38, Section A. Joe Chevrons, Auburn, $10,460; Evans Construction Co., Berkeley, $16,785; H. W. Ruby, Sacramento, $16,530; C. C. Gildersleeve, Douglas City, $20,690; H. H. Wright, Oakland, $21,171; Rios Construction Co., Oakland, $21,030; Grant L. Miner, Palo Alto, $21,983; Nevada Contractors, Inc., Reno, $28,839. Contract awarded to Litakoff Construction Co., San Rafael, $16,984.53.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY—On Jurupa Avenue near Mira Loma and Sunnymolle, about 5.8 miles to be graded and surfaced with plant-mixed surfacing. District III, Route 850. E. L. Young, Riverside, $110,570; Match Bros., Colton, $119,031; Griffith Co., Los Angeles, $12,000; F. M. Page, Moreno, $12,000; San Bernardino, $114,277; J. E. Haddock, Ltd., Pasadena, $114,277; Catalina Construction Co., Cavin Co., Covina, $114,277. Contract awarded to J. E. Haddock, Ltd., Pasadena, $114,277; Catalina Construction Co., Cavin Co., Covina, $114,277; J. E. Haddock, Ltd., Pasadena, $114,277; Catalina Construction Co., Cavin Co., Covina, $114,277.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT III—Seal coat to be applied to a net distance of about 41 miles. John C. Spaleta, Santa Rosa, $75,131; Kahle Construction Co., Sacramento, $97,280; Granite Construction Co., Watsonville, $41,970; J. Henry Harris, Benjamin Co., $114,277; Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, $37,677.75.


SACRAMENTO COUNTY—Between Sutter Street in Folsom and 3.7 miles east of Folsom, about 4.2 miles, plant-mixed surfacing for the improvement of the existing pavement and the installation of an imported borrow to be placed on shoulders. District III, Route 11, Section F01., A. McCall, $65,927; E. A. Forde, San Anselmo, $38,150. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Sacramento, $30,625.75.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY—Between the south city limits and the north city limits of Chula Vista, about 2.3 miles to be surfaced with plain-mixed surfacing. District XI, Route 2. Griffin Co., Los Angeles, $55,125; Basich Bros. Construction Co., and Basich Bros. Alhambra, $50,600; Daly Corp., San Diego, $5,517; Delco Construction Co., San Diego, $56,171. Contract awarded to R. E. Hazard Construction Co., San Diego, $48,600.35.

SISKIYOU COUNTY—Between Thompson Creek and four miles east of Seiad, about 11.9 miles to be surfaced with road-mixed surfacing. District II, Route 46. Contract awarded to W. C. Railing, Redwood City, $58,551.


TULARE COUNTY—Between two miles west of Visalia and about 1.5 miles to be widened and surfaced with plain-mixed surfacing on imported borrow base and hirnites surfacing to be applied to shoulders. District VI, Routes 110-1, 110-2. Brown-Doko, Pismo Beach, $180,488; Griffith Co., Los Angeles, $157,461; A. Teichert & Son, Sacramento, $159,653; N. M. Ball Sons, Berkeley, $237,512. Contract awarded to F. Gunner Granamy, Fresno, $176,512.


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mark to indicate to tourists that one of the famous old missions of California, Mission San Juan Bautista, is close at hand. This mission was founded by Fr. Presidente Ferman Francisco de Lasuen (as described in this magazine in the November-December issue of 1845).

Both units of the Prunedale Freeway Cut-off were constructed by Contractor A. Teichert and Son, Incorporated, of Sacramento. As Resident Engineer Mr. V. E. Pearson turned in a commendable job for the State.

HARBOR PARKWAY CONTRACT IN LOS ANGELES AWARDED

C. H. PURCELL, State Director of Public Works, on June 25 announced the award of a contract to James I. Barnes Construction Company, Santa Monica, for constructing the four-level grade separation structure at the intersection of Hollywood Parkway, Arroyo Seco Parkway, and Harbor Parkway, approximately three-quarters of a mile northwest of the Los Angeles City Hall. The contract price is $1,296,555.

Plans are practically complete for a grade separation structure at Temple and Harbor Parkway. This project’s tie-up with the proposed Memorial Auditorium in the vicinity of Fifth and Figueroa Streets and the fact that it is the fourth arm of a beltline of freeways encircling the business district makes it of unusual interest to the citizens of Los Angeles. Generally, it will lie west of Fremont Street, the first section extending from Sunset Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard, passing just west of the Jonathan Club at Sixth Street and Figueroa, crossing Kip Street, Bixal Street, and intersecting Olympic in the vicinity of Georgia Street.

Because much of the traffic using these two routes desires an interchange from one parkway to another at this point, and, because the site of the intersection made it impracticable to adopt the usual cloverleaf or other type of interchange requiring a large amount of space in a horizontal plane, it was decided by engineers of the State Division of Highways, cooperating with the Los Angeles City Engineering Department, to expand in a vertical plane.
Thousands of vacationists and out-of-state tourists travel state highways to visit California’s famed Mt. Shasta.
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