

Study Routes Given for Torrance Freeway

Three major routes with variations which make up a total of 15 alternate routes has been proposed by the Division of Highway for the Route 1 or 107 freeway which will be constructed through west and south Torrance.

Highway officials outlined the many alternates to interested city and school officials in Los Angeles Thursday, and reported that public hearings

on the several routes would be initiated later this summer.

Among those attending from the City of Torrance were City Councilman Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, City Engineer Walter M. Nollac, and Art Horkay, head of the city's traffic and lighting department.

While no date has been established for the public

hearings, officials here indicated they probably would be held in one or more of the area's school or community buildings.

Fred B. Correa, assistant district engineer, and T. R. Lammers, deputy district engineer, made the presentations before the officials.

Length of the routes range from 9.3 to 11.7, and the cost from \$84.5 million to \$93.2 million.

Preliminary data on the number of homes, commercial and industrial sites, and other special use sites were presented to the officials at the meeting.

The number of living units affected ranged from a low of 1,593 on what is called the Blue route to a total of 2,157 on a combination of the Green and Blue routes.

Cities affected by the planning include Redondo Beach,

Torrance, Rolling Hills Estates, Lomita, and Harbor City. Torrance will feel the brunt of the project. The proposed freeway will leave the San Diego Freeway near TRW and will run southward in an area between Prospect Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard bend eastward and connect with the route adopted earlier which terminates now at Anaheim and Vermont.

Torrance stands to lose about \$285 million in assessed valuation to the freeway right of way, the state officials said. It could lose as many as 90 dwelling units, the figures show.

Studies presented to the officials began in 1964. The initial staff meeting on the project was called Dec. 8, 1964, state aides said. During that study period, representatives of local agencies have

met on many occasions with Division of Highways staff members.

The state has made no recommendations, but will evaluate the routes after city representatives have been heard and after the public hearings on the possible routes, Lammers said.

Construction of the freeway is still considered to be 10 years away.

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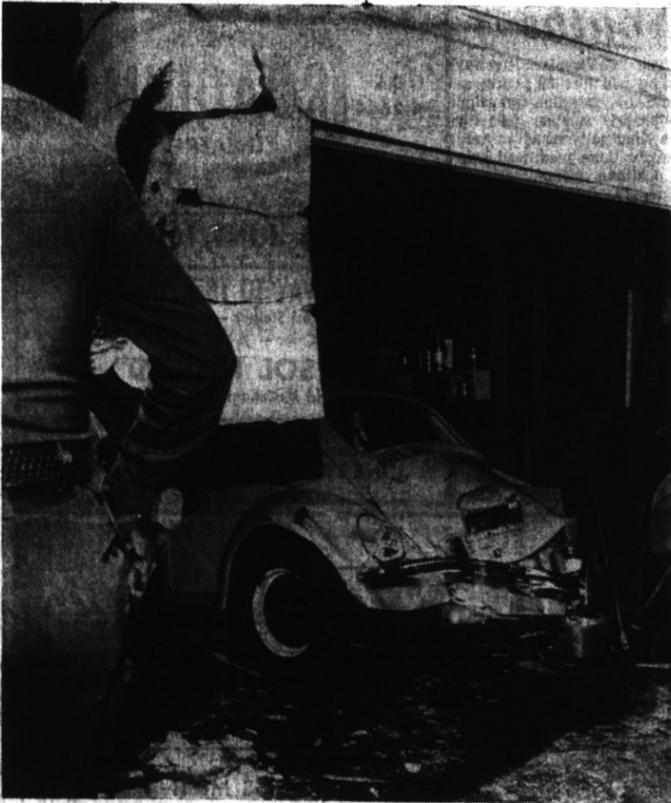
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REAR-ENDER . . . This car was parked inside its garage with the door closed when a careening pick-up truck slammed into the structure. Resident of the adjacent house, Edward L. Hughes, 24416 Hawthorne Blvd., told police it was the second time his car and garage had been damaged by a vehicle running off the highway. The truck's driver, Patrick J. Muns of Lennox, told investigating officers that his truck's steering and accelerator jammed after colliding with another vehicle. (Gordon Akers Photo)

Gas Pedal Sticks; Pickup Hits Garage

A pick-up truck fishtailed out of control at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, slamming into a closed garage door and damaging the small foreign car parked inside.

The truck, driven by Patrick J. Muns, 19, of Lennox, collided first with a car turning left from Hawthorne Boulevard onto 244th Street. Muns told police the collision caused

his truck's steering and accelerator to jam. After he rammed the garage, Muns said, he had to turn off the ignition to stop the wheels spinning around and burning rubber.

Muns suffered only minor injuries.

Driver of the car involved in the first impact was Dorothy Blum of 4133 Via Nivel, Palos Verdes Estates. Both vehicles sustained major damage.

Mrs. Blum was treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital for chest pains and a leg laceration.

When the Muns truck plowed into the closed garage, it forced the parked car into the utilities room of the home. Homeowner Edward L. Hughes, 24416 Hawthorne Blvd., said it was the second time his garage had been damaged in this way.



AFTER IMPACT . . . Patrick J. Muns, 19, of Lennox, receives first aid after his pick-up truck slammed into a garage at 24416 Hawthorne Blvd. Muns suffered only minor injuries, although his truck and the small foreign car parked inside the garage sustained major damage. The truck ran into the garage after colliding first with a car driven by Dorothy Blum of Palos Verdes Estates.

City to Get \$82,543 in Highway Tax

State Controller Houston I. Flournoy has announced the distribution of \$134,228,343 among the state, cities, and counties as the May apportionment of highway users taxes.

Los Angeles County's share was \$1,704,618.64, and Torrance's share was \$82,543.84. A total of \$11,442,865 went directly to the counties; \$8,558,421 to cities; and \$114,227,087 for expenditures on state highways.

New Retirement Plan Won't Hike City Tax

Ebert Named President Of Chamber

George M. Ebert, business consultant, has been elected president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce to succeed Attorney Larry Bowman, it was announced today by J. Walker Owens, executive vice president of the group. The new president and other officers will be installed at the annual Chamber banquet to be held Friday evening, June 28.

Elected vice presidents to serve for the year beginning July 1 were Alan D. Smith, community development; John O. Schmidt, membership affairs; James P. Becker, area coordinator; Donald E. Martin, governmental affairs; Dan E. Butcher, civic affairs; and Harry B. Gorman, economic development.

Bret Schwartz, manager of the Del Amo Bank of America, was elected treasurer.

DIRECTORS elected for three-year terms in the mem-

bership balloting were Bowman, Herman G. Link, Alan D. Smith, Edward P. Hardin, James P. Becker, A. L. Holiday, Martin M. Denn, Bret A. Schwartz, Lucius Babcock III, and Don M. McGrath.

Elected to two-year terms were Edward I. Raphael, Gerald L. Alter, Clinton B. Cooke, William J. Melville, and Robert T. Rojo.

One-year terms were won by Michael T. Quaranto, William R. Burchfield, Robert L. Reis, Kenneth R. Doyle, and Deil E. Campbell.

Donald E. Martin was named to fill a two-year unexpired term, and Dr. Joseph I. Schultz was named to serve out a one-year unexpired term.

A HIGHLIGHT of the installation dinner-dance will be the naming of the winner of the Distinguished Citizen Award for the year, Owens



SEEKS TITLE . . . Sharon Terrill, reigning Miss Torrance, will leave by air Monday for Santa Cruz to participate in the annual Miss California Pageant in her quest for the Miss America title. Miss Terrill and Margaret Hussey, president of the Torrance Jayettes, will spend the week in Santa Cruz for the pageant. Finals will be Saturday night.

Receives Degree

Willie Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sullivan, 1771 Calamar Ave., was among the 206 students who were awarded degrees from the College of Idaho in commencement exercises held there June 1. Sullivan received the degree of bachelor of arts in elementary education.

First Budget Hearing Set For Tuesday

Final approval of the city's new 50/20 retirement plan for police and firemen is expected at Tuesday's City Council meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

Under terms of the plan, police and firemen with at least 20 years of service with the local department may retire at the age of 50 at half pay.

Councilmen gave tentative approval of the plan April 29, stipulating that funds be allotted for the program. At Thursday's budget workshop, the council voted \$210,000 from the city's general fund to cover program costs for the first year.

IN MAKING this decision, the council bucked the recommendation of City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, who suggested a property tax increase to cover the plan. Ferraro recommended submitting the tax increase to the local electorate in November. The city's police and fire associations had also asked for a popular vote on the question when making their original request.

While cost of the program will be only \$210,000 for fiscal 1968-69, city finance officials estimate that costs will jump to \$320,000 by fiscal 1973-74.

AT FRIDAY'S budget workshop, councilmen voted 4-2 to begin publication of a six-

page quarterly newsletter to be mailed or delivered to 40,000 Torrance residences.

The newsletter, expected to cost \$6,000 during the next year, will contain news from various city departments. Employment opportunities, new bus routes and schedules, library hours, and trash collection variations are a few of the items to be covered in the publication.

Opposing the newsletter were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Orin Johnson. Councilman Jay Beasley was not present.

MAYOR ISEN termed city news "Chamber of Commerce work," adding that a newsletter put out through the city manager's office might "open the door for friction between the City Council and the administration." He said local newspapers would handle most of the news slated for the newsletter.

Councilman David E. Wilson spoke in favor of the newsletter, expressing his belief that city government should unify the community by distributing information to all parts of Torrance.

Attend Convention

Dr. Walter Buettgenbach, director of educational facilities for the Torrance Unified School District, will attend the 18th annual summer school planning institute at Stanford University July 7-12.

Rapid Transit Set For Service Monday

A new express bus service—the South Bay Commuter Flyer—to service residents of South Bay cities and communities employed in the Los Angeles area will be placed in service tomorrow by the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

The five-a-day-a-week service will be provided Monday through Friday, South Bay Commuter Flyers making five inbound trips to Los Angeles in the morning and five return trips in the late afternoon.

The selected-stop schedule is timed for arrivals and departures in Los Angeles that would cover working hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Service will originate in Rolling Hills Estates, also serving residents of Waverly, West Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and South Lawndale.

While RTD Lines 5 and 51 provide excellent schedule frequencies during peak hours, the new South Bay Commuter Flyer will shorten the traveling time to and from Los Angeles substantially.

For example, the Commuter Flyer will make the Redondo Beach-Los Angeles trip in 63 minutes, approximately 20 minutes faster than existing service. And from Artesia and Hawthorne Boulevards, the new traveling time will be 50 minutes, a reduction of 36 minutes traveling time between that point and Los Angeles.

Representative one-way adult fares from South Bay cities to Los Angeles are: Rolling Hills, 86 cents; Redondo Beach, 70 cents; Hermosa Beach, 70 cents; and Artesia and Hawthorne 62 cents.

Dale W. Barratte, RTD general manager, said that in addition to this new, fast, and economical commuter service, the RTD also is inaugurating another new freeway flyer route to serve the San Fernando Valley corridor cities of North Hollywood and Van Nuys and Burbank that will become operative Monday.

The RTD general manager added that two additional express services, the Santa Ana and the Marineland Freeway Flyers, will go into service today.

Barratt said Santa Ana Freeway Flyers will make 14 round-trips daily between Los Angeles and Santa Ana.

These Flyers will reduce present point-to-point bus traveling time by one-third with comparable reduction in travel times to major attractions in the Southland.

Direct service to Marineland via the Harbor Freeway will be substantially increased on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays and the present 90-minute traveling time will be reduced to 60 minutes, the RTD general manager said. At the same time the one-way adult fare will be cut from the present \$1.69 to \$1.10.

The Monday-through-Sunday regular Marineland service one trip direct via the freeway and the other via the South Bay cities, will be continued Barratt noted.

"All these new and expedited services are the result of the continuing policy of the Rapid Transit District to initiate new bus service where and when it will best serve patrons and meet required passenger loads," the RTD general manager said.

Highway Committee Elects

Murray Nixon of Inglewood was re-elected to serve a second term as president of the Intercity Highway Committee when it met Thursday evening. Given new terms with Nixon were Seymour Siegel of Culver City, vice president; and Marvin Schwartzwalter of Lawndale, secretary-treasurer. Installation is being planned for July 11.

Crash Drills Planned

A proposal to conduct fire and rescue training at the Torrance Municipal Airport to train Torrance firemen in the latest crash techniques has received the approval of the Torrance Airport Commission. The drills, patterned after those conducted regularly by the Los Angeles City Fire Department at Los Angeles International Airport, will be conducted jointly by the airport and fire departments.

New City Map Ready

A new supply of revised Torrance city maps are now available to the public and firms and organizations at the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, 1510 Cravens Ave. The large 23 by 31-inch maps show the city of Torrance in its entirety and environs limitedly. Single copies are free. A charge of 10 cents per map will be made to those persons and organizations requiring additional copies.