

# Ramp Monitoring Saves Motorists Time, Money

John Doe, unaware of the California Division of Highways ramp control project on the Harbor Freeway, was first informed of its workings when handed a questionnaire on his way home one night.

He wrote "It always took an hour getting home every evening but I've been getting home 30 minutes early each night for weeks now. I've been wondering what was wrong."

This and other enthusiastic endorsements were received in a recent survey of motorists affected by the Harbor Freeway ramp metering program. Other more scientific results have also been documented in a follow-up study. It shows that motorists are overwhelmingly in favor of the traffic metering system and would like to see it expanded in other areas.

RAMP metering began on the Harbor Freeway last Sept. 11. For the test project, all southbound on-ramps between 37th Street-Exposition Boulevard and Century received traffic signals that are in operation each weekday between 3:45 and 5:30 p.m. One exception is the ramp at Santa Barbara Avenue which is closed during the metering hours.

Time savings are accruing specifically to local residents in the project area where congestion once hampered their travel during peak hours. Mass transportation has also benefited as buses are allowed to bypass cars waiting at the entrance ramps and to enter the freeway at locations where cars cannot.

The effect of the system has been to provide traffic relief to the many at the slight expense of the few. For instance, 1,000 cars may experience a two-minute wait for signals to turn but 5,000 cars are treated to a smoother-operating freeway.

ON A DAILY basis, motorists are saving about 1,000 hours in travel time compared with what they used to spend. Savings to individual drivers vary from 5 to 9 minutes, depending upon trip length and natural traffic fluctuations. Even those who experienced a slight delay by entering the freeway at one of the metered ramps felt that the project was worthwhile. They noted that the freeway seemed safer and more orderly.

Travel-time savings computed in dollars amount to \$1,500 per day for motorists: In a year, a savings of \$400,000 in time benefits will be realized. Cost of installing the signals was

\$25,000. This traffic solution and a similar one which has been operating on the Hollywood Freeway for more than a year are the work of the California Division of Highways in cooperation with the Los Angeles Traffic Department.

# Junk Yard Ordinance Approved

County supervisors have amended laws which govern the operation of automobile junk and salvage yards, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

The regulations, which were recommended by the Regional Planning Commission were approved Thursday after a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors.

The amendments to the zoning code will establish tighter restrictions on operators of auto dismantling, junk and salvage yards, Chace said. Included in the restrictions are certain site development standards, as well as operational changes.

would include a minimum 8-foot fence or wall surrounding the yards, as well as paving of the interior lots. Landscaping standards are set down for the exterior.

Operators would be required to conduct all their business inside the fences or walls, removing unsightly dismantled cars from public view.

# Administrators at Fleming Host Educators' Meeting

Allen Sebastian, Superintendent of Area A for Los Angeles City Schools, was introduced to the Harbor area principals at a luncheon meeting at Fleming Junior High School.

Attending the luncheon were the following principals: Thomas Gower, Presi-

dent Avenue; Irene Hoban, Hallidale Avenue; Thomas McNeil, Eshelman Avenue; Joseph Marino, Meyler Avenue; Larry Marquardt, Harbor City; Kenneth Miller, Normont Torrance; Richard Nida, Narbonne High School; John Ryland, Lomita; and Kirk Van Sooy, 186th Street.



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# Knights, Ladies Chosen

Donna Catt has been named president of the Ladies and Steven Wada assumed duties as president of the Knights following recent elections within the two service groups at Fleming Junior High.

Other officers of the Ladies are Nancy Luevano, vice president; Donna Beck, secretary; JoAnn Iwai, treasurer, and Joanne Trygstad, historian.

Knights officers include Jon Paine, vice president; Joel Parker, secretary, and Chuck Huggins, treasurer.

Also elected were new leaders of the Archers and Nobles service clubs. Archer officers are Janet Belk, president; Deanna Catt, vice president; Marcia Ashworth, secretary; Peggy Wulburn, treasurer, and Susan Griest, historian.

Nobles officers are Gordon Kuwanoe, president; Hal Townsend, vice president, and Brent Ellington, secretary.

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