

Planning Board Outlines \$3 Million City Road Proposal

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A \$3 million plan for ring and arterial roads to provide easy access to the city's peninsula core was outlined to city councilors Tuesday night by the Portland Planning Board.

THE PROPOSAL is aimed at relieving high traffic volumes generated by the Portland loop of Interstate 295 from ending up in a snarl once they reach the city. It is designed to solve the access problem feared by planners mapping the downtown renewal program.

Unless convenient access to downtown is provided, all the anticipated benefits of I-295 would fly out the window, say officials.

Besides the \$3 million pack-

age (actual cost to the city), the Planning Board described an eventual high speed arterial highway along the shore of the peninsula from Turkey's Bridge to the Westbrook arterial highway.

But that highway was outlined purely as a long-range proposal. No cost estimates for that portion of the proposal were included.

SPECIFICALLY, here's what the planners envision:

1. Three cross-peninsula arterials, State, High and Franklin Streets, to provide fast access from I-295 to Commercial Street and downtown destinations in between.
2. Two ring roads, Cumberland Avenue and Spring Street, tying in with the cross town arterials to provide free flow-

ing traffic movement around the core area.

3. Creation of an in-town arterial on Preble Street, from Marginal Way to Congress Street. This would tie in with the proposed extension of Preble Street from Marginal Way, across Baxter Boulevard, to Forest Avenue.
4. An outbound arterial on Elm Street, from Congress to Kennebec Street, onto Preble Street and out to Forest Avenue and Baxter Boulevard.
5. An outbound arterial from Free Street to Commercial Street on Center Street.
6. A similar arterial, in the opposite direction, on Cross Street, between Commercial and Free Streets.

PLANNING DIRECTOR W. Bruce Dalton told councilors

the plan, when implemented, will give Portland the best in-town transportation network of any city of similar size in the nation.

City Manager Graham W. Watt, said the arterial and ring road network, coupled with proposed renewal efforts downtown, could make Portland the most attractive city of its size anywhere.

HERE'S HOW the costs break down:

1. Everything outside of Cumberland Avenue and Spring Street, \$2 million.
2. Cumberland Avenue reconstruction and Spring Street extension and reconstruction, \$1 million.

These two streets would be part of the downtown renewal program and the cost to the

city would be about \$1 million. The federal government would probably spend about \$2 million for these streets alone.

Most of the cost to the city for the cross-town arterials, \$1.3 million of the \$2 million total, would be in the reconstruction of Franklin Street. About \$1 million would be needed for right-of-way acquisition.

PLANNERS SAID they recommend the State and High Street projects first. Franklin Street should be phased so that its completion coincides with completion of I-295 in 1971.

The Cumberland Avenue and Spring Street work would be done as the downtown renewal program progresses. The Preble, Elm, Cross and Center Streets projects involve a relatively small cost and could easily be included into upcoming capital improvement programs, planners said.

Dalton said the plan as outlined is flexible and is designed to fit any ideas developed by Victor Orsen Associates, the professional planners developing the city's downtown renewal plan.

He emphasized the proposal should be considered as a guideline for more detailed planning and said it is designed to handle even greater than anticipated traffic volumes in the next 20 years.

THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS for the different streets are as follows:

A. State Street would be a one-way, five-lane arterial, with two service lanes, one on each side, and three through-lanes in the middle. The service lanes, or frontal streets, would be separated from the through lanes where necessary to prevent intersecting streets from crossing State Street.

It would be one-way from I-295 to Commercial Street. There would be signalized intersections at Park Avenue, Cumberland Avenue, Congress Street, Spring Street, Dandridge Street and York Street, as there are now, but no other side street access.

Autos wishing to enter or cross State Street from side streets such as Grant or Sherman, would get on the frontal or service roads and enter State Street at designated merging points.



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Crashes On Takeoff

Capt. Clarence Brown, 31, of Hickory, N.C., was injured Tuesday when his F106 "Delta Dart" jet interceptor crashed on takeoff and burst into

flames at Loring Air Force Base, Limestone. He was reported in satisfactory condition. A helicopter assisted firemen in extinguishing the blaze.

Nassau Battered And Torn

Hurricane Aims Fury At Miami

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Betsy roared toward Miami on Tuesday night, leaving the famed resort city of Nassau battered and torn behind it in the Bahamas.

The Bahamian capital, a city of 50,000 on small New Providence Island, was reported heavily damaged. Its streets flooded by towering waves and buildings ripped apart by 150-mile-an-hour winds.

Southern Florida braced for a similar onslaught. The furious tempest was described by weathermen as much larger and more powerful than Hurricane Cleo, which caused damages in the millions when it slammed into this tourist mecca a year ago.

shaped storm was expected to reach Key Largo, about 50 miles south of Miami, by daybreak. But the eye measured 40 to 50 miles across, and hurricane-force winds of more than 75 m.p.h. were anticipated all along the coast from Fort Lauderdale by midnight.

A few tornadoes also were forecast for the tip of the peninsula Wednesday.

"It's hard to give an exact estimate," he said, "because of the erratic movement of the eye."

And for the first time, Gordon Dunn, chief U.S. hurricane forecaster, recommended evacuation of Key Biscayne, a plush residential island just off this city of one million.

"Possible tides of six to 10 feet above normal would cover every inch of the island," Dunn said. He also recommended evacuation of parts of Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

By 8 p.m. EDT, with the hurricane's center still more than 100 miles away, parts of Miami, Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale were without power and in premature darkness.

Dunn said the huge, dead-calm eye of the doughnut-

As Betsy pounded the shore with advance gales and angry seas, residents of beaches and other low-lying areas all along the tip of Florida began trekking inland to safety.

Airlines canceled service to Miami and Fort Lauderdale, just to the north, and residents of the Florida Keys were urged to get out fast if they planned to leave.

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Bishop Feeney To Fly To Ecumenical Session

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The Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, D. D., bishop of Portland, will leave Sunday evening to attend the fourth session of the Vatican Ecumenical Council.

This will be Bishop Feeney's fourth session and the second for the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward C. O'Leary, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, Old Orchard Beach, who will accompany him.

The bishop, leader of Maine's 275,000 Roman Catholics, and his aide will leave from Boston by jet Sunday

evening and arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Airport Monday morning.

Tuesday morning they will attend the Mass in St. Peter's opening the council, celebrated by Pope Paul VI and cardinals and bishops representative of many nations and rites.

Tuesday afternoon Bishop Feeney will be among the 2,500 council fathers marching in a penitential procession through the streets of Rome. Pope Paul VI will lead the procession carrying relics of the crucifixion of Christ.

THIS FOURTH council session is expected to be the final and longest. Unlike the previous three sessions, the Pope has not announced a closing date.

Speculation by council experts is it will run until Christmas, or perhaps longer. The two earlier sessions ended in the first week of December and the one in 1964 ended Nov. 21.

Bishop Feeney, who will be 71 Saturday, attended the first

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Ground Thrust Appears Stalled

Fierce Air Battles Rage Over Pakistan And India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Wild jet battles raged all day and bombers carried death and destruction to Pakistani and Indian cities Tuesday in a fiercely escalating air war. On the ground, India's major thrust into West Pakistan appeared stalled.

Air raid sirens howled for 15 minutes in blacked-out New Delhi early Wednesday before the all-clear sounded in the Indian capital. There was no immediate explanation. But Indian officials

were expecting to be hit in retaliation for an Indian bombing raid on the airport near Pakistan's capital of Rawalpindi.

As the threat of unrestricted war spread across the sub-continent, Communist China sided with Pakistan, the Soviet Union called for an end to the fighting and the United States placed a freeze on military aid deliveries to both countries.

At the United Nations in New York Secretary-General U. Thant will arrive in Rawalpindi, the Pakistan capital, Thursday, then proceed to New Delhi.

A U.N. spokesman said Thant had been assured by both Muslim Pakistan and mainly Hindu India that he would be welcome.

He is a Buddhist from Burma.

Thant planned a brief stopover in London on Wednesday after his arrival from New York. He will go to Rawalpindi via Karachi by commercial airliner. Arrangements for his flight to New Delhi will be announced later.

Goldberg told reporters after his meeting with Thant that he had wished him well on his peace mission. He would not elaborate.

Thant arranged the mission after the U.N. Security Council approved unanimously Monday night a resolution asking both India and Pakistan to cease hostilities and requesting Thant to

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Thant Pakistan-Bound On U.N. Peace Mission

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Secretary-General U. Thant took off Tuesday night on a peace mission to Pakistan and India after last-minute conferences with U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, the Security Council president for September.

Thant told airport reporters he will do his very best to end the conflict over Kashmir which he said is threatening the peace of the world.

"I have no illusions about this mission," he said. "The issues are infinitely complicated and difficult and the situation is extremely grave."

"Kashmir has posed a baffling problem for the United Nations for 17 years. I need say only that I will do my very best and hope my mission will prove helpful." He expected to be gone from New York about a week and will report to the Security Council on his return.

Cong Eludes Massive Assault By Marines

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Thousands of U.S. Marines and Vietnamese troops swarmed over Batangan Peninsula on the South China Sea on Tuesday but the reported Communist guerrillas there eluded the massive assault.

The estimated 3,000 Marines and an undisclosed number of government soldiers encountered little resistance and few of the enemy as they attempted to reconquer the "Leatherneck's" big victory over the Viet Cong in a nearby sector last month.

"We have not located any of the Viet Cong units," said a Marine spokesman. "Indications are right but they may have gone."

The allied offensive on Batangan Peninsula began at dawn as the troops stormed into the area by land, air and sea. The assault was called "Operation Pi-ranha," after the deadly South American fish.

In the Mekong delta, a Viet Cong force, estimated at 600 to 1,000 men, besieged one small outpost with mortar and small arms fire before heavy support air strikes caused the Communists to break off the attack.

A Vietnamese lieutenant said between 70 and 100 Viet Cong were killed in the air strikes in the swampy terrain 90 to 100 miles southwest of Saigon. He also reported about 50 civilians were wounded.

At the little post of Kien Thien, U.S. Army helicopters landed under heavy Viet Cong fire and evacuated 50 civilians reported wounded in the air strikes. The civilians swarmed the landing helicopters, pushing them back.

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An optimist showed up at the courthouse the other day to find out when his marriage license would expire.

Today's The Day

Five-year-old Karen McKenzie talks to South Portland Police Chief Ernest R. Darling about the safety poster announcing the opening of schools and urging motorists to drive

Prayer For Today

Almighty God, Who hast taught us that not a sparrow falls to the ground without Thy concern, help us with the particular problems that confront us now. Help us to make the decisions that must be made. Help us to endure the troubles that come as inevitable. Help us to have the rest that will renew our strength for tomorrow and its needs. Keep us from giving ourselves sleep by our slacking, our complaining, our sense of failure. By Thy grace enable us to be people who are satisfied without being complacent and helpful to others without being presumptuous, as was Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—Raymond E. Salvani, Portland, Ore., minister, First Methodist Church.

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