

### PROMISES AID IN HIGHWAY PROBLEM

#### State Director Says Plans are to Be Started on Projects in Chicago Area

Harry H. Cleaveland, director of the department of public works and buildings of the state of Illinois, last week announced that surveys and plans would be made as rapidly as possible for the construction projects included in the program for state highway development in the metropolitan area, so that when funds are available and the necessary rights of way have been secured by the local people, contracts may be let without delay.

He pointed out that the exact amount of money which will be available for state highway construction next year cannot be determined until the gasoline tax suits now pending have been disposed of by the courts. He stated, however, that surveys and plans would be made for a sufficient number of projects to anticipate all of the revenue which will be available from the gasoline tax and other sources should the gasoline tax law be held constitutional. He also explained that if no legal obstacles prohibited, the department might even go so far as to take bids for roads and award contracts which would be conditional upon the gasoline tax act being sustained.

#### Issues Statement

In discussing the details of the program to be carried out in the metropolitan area, Mr. Cleaveland made the following statement:

"We have made a most thorough study of the program of construction proposed by the Citizens' committee which was formed at the request of Governor Emmerson some time ago. We have also given careful consideration to the report which was submitted by the Chicago Motor club. We find that in the main these programs are identical differing only in the amount of highways which are to be widened, in the amount of new two-lane roads which are to be constructed,

and in certain details regarding priority of construction.

"There are sufficient projects on which there is unanimous agreement to more than absorb the funds which will be available in 1930. Mr. Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer, and his staff are busily engaged in making detailed surveys and plans for all of the road projects recommended in these reports and the necessary right of way dedication papers which must be signed before contracts can be let, will be released to the local right of way committees at the earliest possible date. In fact, the department expects to go further and complete surveys and plans and release right of way dedications for all State bond issue roads in the metropolitan area just as quickly as possible.

"Our department realizes the extended study which has been made by the Citizen's committee, and we feel that the program proposed represents in the main a very reasonable plan for using the road funds which will become available.

#### Recognizes Importance

"The department also recognizes the great importance and outstanding significance of widening as rapidly as possible radial highways leading from the city of Chicago, and we are convinced that soon practically every State bond issue route radiating from Chicago and lying within the boundaries of State bond issue route 22 will have to be widened to carry at least four lines of traffic.

We appreciate especially the importance of separating grades not only with railroads, but also at intersecting main highways, in order that safety and continuous flow of traffic may be obtained.

"The problem of securing the right of way necessary for these projects is one of the most serious to be overcome in speeding up highway improvement in the metropolitan area, and, as has always been true, this phase of the work is to be performed by the people of the metropolitan area. Also, considerable time may be consumed in negotiating with railway companies regarding the division of cost of railroad grade separations.

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