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PORTLAND PUBLIC MARKET

PUBLIC MARKET COMPANY OF PORTLAND

800 SOUTHWEST FRONT AVENUE

PORTLAND, OREGON

12/19/35

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean,
Department of Public Works,
City Hall,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Commissioner Bean:

Now that the City Council, acting upon motion by yourself, has definitely discarded the project initiated by your engineering department in conjunction with the State Highway Commission and the Bureau of Federal Roads, providing for the widening of Front Avenue with a lateral known as Foothills Boulevard together with auxiliary improvements, it would appear high time that we took stock of ourselves to see just what we are getting or are going to get for the money which is being poured into the coffers of the State Highway Commission and ^{the money} which we will be called upon as a community to provide in settlement of our proportion of the federal deficit, amounting to between ten and twelve billions of dollars.

To this end the writer is today requesting certain information from Chief Engineer Baldock of the State Highway Commission, as per copy of letter attached. I think this is entirely pertinent in view of the fact that, according to the Oregon State Motor Association, there are approximately 95,000 motor vehicles registered in the City of Portland which use an average of 550 gallons each of gasoline per year and pay an average annual gasoline tax per vehicle of \$27.50, to which must be added the minimum \$5.00 annual license fee, or approximately more than three million dollars per year contribution from the City of Portland as a minimum.

You have been in office $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. Therefore, \$7,500⁰⁰⁰ of this contribution has been made during your incumbency. It would be proper to inquire as to just what benefits have been received from State Highway funds for projects located within this city during this period.

Referring again to this city's portion of the deficit incurred during the present administration of between thirty and thirty-five millions of dollars, would you kindly advise just what federal projects have been approved and construction undertaken or which are now definitely designated for future construction.

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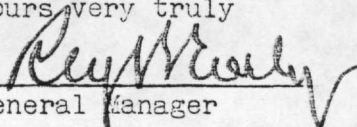
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In the past two days a great many persons have expressed themselves as interested in knowing whether, as the Oregonian so aptly put it, this referring ~~to~~ the project again to the City Engineer was "moonlight on the lake" with no possibility of the job going ahead, or whether it is just another instance of passing the buck. Thanking you for this information at your earliest convenience, I am

Yours very truly


General Manager

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