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June 16, 1959

Mr. Milo McIver, Chairman
Oregon State Highway Commission
225 S. W. Broadway
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. McIver:

I respectfully urge and suggest that your Commission instruct your Chief Engineer to develop plans and construct pedestrian overpasses over Harbor Drive and S. W. Front Avenue to the seawall. Such overpasses should be designed to carry a comparatively large number of people. I would further respectfully suggest that two such pedestrian overpasses be located between the Burnside and the Morrison Bridges, and that one such overpass be located between the Morrison and the Hawthorne Bridges.

The reasons for this request are primarily for the safety of the pedestrians who frequently gather along the seawall adjacent to S. W. Harbor Drive, and secondly, to provide for the free flow of traffic on this important arterial. During the recent Rose Festival, many ships of the U. S. Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy were moored along this seawall. Some 160,000 people actually boarded these ships for conducted tours. It is estimated that an additional four to five ^{hundred} thousand people who were unable to board the ships, walked along the outboard side of S. W. Harbor Drive to view the ships from the land during both day time and night time.

It is entirely fitting and proper that the people of Portland should have an opportunity to enjoy the beauties of the Willamette River and to visit the ships that might visit our upper harbor. The full enjoyment of this area can only be accomplished in safety through the use of overpasses such as requested above.

I respectfully urge the Highway Commission's early consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Leroy D. Schrank
MAYOR

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