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CITY OF PORTLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
(NOT FOR MAILING)

October 21, 1959

From Dept. of Traffic Engineering
To Dept. of Highway Engineering Coordinator
Addressed to Mr. Fred T. Fowler
Subject S.W. Harbor Drive

Dear Fred:

A copy of a communication from Mr. W. C. Williams, State Highway Engineer, addressed to Mayor Terry D. Schruck dated September 21, 1959 relates to the problem of pedestrian crossings on S.W. Harbor Drive between the Steel Bridge and the south end of Harbor Drive.

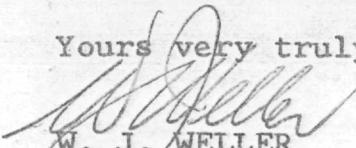
This bureau has, for years, recognized the necessity in providing for the safe crossing of pedestrians in this area. The day-to-day pedestrian movement across Harbor Drive is extremely light. However, there are numerous pedestrians deposited at the easterly curb line from private automobiles and who then proceed to cross this fast-moving traffic. This is extremely hazardous and can probably be prevented by "fencing" Harbor Drive.

During special events such as Rose Festival water activities, etc., the problem of pedestrian protection is greatly emphasized. It would seem that if the people of and visitors to the City of Portland are to have access to the harbor wall, that the pedestrian overpass, as proposed by the Oregon State Highway Department, at the foot of S.W. Morrison Street is a step in the right direction.

The proposed overcrossing is probably of minimum design. Possibly the east end of the overcrossing could be designed as a ramp rather than the stair and be slightly wider than shown. Studies as to the adequacy should be made.

It is our belief that this pedestrian crossing proposal could be very helpful but it will not handle the volume of pedestrians that would be desirable of crossing S.W. Harbor Drive during special events, and unless a fence is installed, the problem of indiscriminate pedestrian crossing will continue.

Yours very truly,


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