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To Council from City Planning

Portland (Or.). City Planning Commission
City Council,
Portland, Oregon

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Portland City Planning Commission held Friday, April 19, 1940, the following statement was adopted:

"The Portland City Planning Commission hereby expresses its wholehearted endorsement of the proposed Front Avenue project as an improvement which would be highly beneficial to the entire city from the standpoints of beautification, rejuvenation, and traffic control.

"The Steel Bridge ramp connections will prove one of the most valuable and economical improvements that the city has ever completed. Traffic flow maps show that of the total traffic over the Broadway, Steel and Burnside Bridges, less than one-seventh is carried by the Steel Bridge. When the proposed ramp connections to the Steel Bridge and the grade separations at the Broadway Bridge and at Interstate and Wheeler are completed, the Steel Bridge should carry at least one-third of the total. This is almost equivalent to adding a new trans-Willamette bridge.

"Furthermore, the sea-wall section of the proposed artery will afford a safe, fast-moving freeway for through traffic traversing the west side business area.

"While we realize the plan is still subject to engineering refinements, some of which we ourselves may suggest later on, we believe the present plan in the main is admirably conceived, and that the proposed investment will prove profitable to the entire city not only from the standpoint of city planning, but from a dollars-and-cents viewpoint as a desirable investment."

Respectfully submitted,

PORTLAND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By________________________
Secretary