

Southland Leaders Join in Fight for Road Bills

Passage of Assembly Measures and More Revenue to Finance Highway Plan Demanded

Southern California industrial leaders yesterday rallied to support Mayor Bowron and Raymond V. Darby, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, in an appeal for Assembly passage of an adequate highway program.

Several Southland Chamber of Commerce presidents announced they were calling the attention of both the Assemblymen in their districts and of their chamber members to the "desperate need" for expressways.

Neil Petree, chairman of the Metropolitan Traffic and Transit Committee, called a meeting of heads of Commerce Chambers in the metropolitan area at the University Club tomorrow night to ask their support and advice on how best to carry the message of need to Sacramento.

Calls for Revenues

Among the business leaders who yesterday supported the Bowron-Darby appeal for "an adequate highway bill," to solve the "transportation crisis in metropolitan Los Angeles," was Robert Rosberg, president of the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce.

Deploring the high accident rate and wholesale destruction of property in metropolitan Los Angeles, Rosberg asserted that "new revenues should be raised to meet these deplorable conditions."

"There is no alternative and there can be no delay," Rosberg said.

Walter G. Lynch, president of the Redondo Beach chamber, asserted that "highways must be improved—there can be no excuses."

"Bottlenecks increase every day and the hazard of driving increases in the same ratio," he continued. "New revenues must be raised. The Assembly should be made aware of this."

Parking Problem Cited

R. W. Denaple, president of the North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that "it is difficult to drive and there is often no place to park."

"Therefore the highway program is most important and it is imperative that the Assembly pass an adequate highway bill," he said.

Declaring that the Assembly has had adequate time to study the highway program, E. C. Hummel, chairman of the Southern California district of the State Chamber, urged that "in order to provide the highways, the gasoline revenues must be raised and all types of highway users should pay the bill."

"The Assembly should approve Senate Bill No. 5 or a similar measure with adequate revenues," he said.