

## REQUESTING CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FOR HIGHWAY DEVELOPEMENT.

WHEREAS the geographical location of the State of California is such as to be of prime importance in the defense of our country, and

WHEREAS the climatic conditions which prevail here are ideal for the year around training of defense forces of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and

WHEREAS the Government of the United States has found it expedient to construct National Defense projects of tremendous magnitude in the Mission Trails counties of California namely, Moffett Field in Santa Clara County, Camp MacQuaide in Santa Cruz County, Camp Ord, Camp Clayton, the Hearst Ranch Reservation and Camp Roberts in Monterey County, Camp San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo County, the United States Army General Hospital in Santa Barbara County as well as several large airports throughout these central coast counties, and

WHEREAS it is reliably reported that additional projects including a naval base at Morro Bay and a contonment near Nipomo in San Luis Obispo County and other like projects are to be constructed, and

WHEREAS there has already been an enormous increase in traffic on the main arterial connecting these various national defense projects, namely U. S. Highway 101, a two lane highway only sufficiaent to handle regular traffic, and

WHEREAS there has been created thereby a condition of traffic congestion which promises, according to State Highway Engineers, to become much more acute when these projects are in complete operation, and

WHEREAS the State Highway Department at the request of the Public Roads Administration has conducted exhaustive surveys which show that approximately \$150,000,000 will be needed to bring the strategic highway network of the state, (of which U.S. Highway 101 is a most important link) up to the required standards of the War Department, and

WHEREAS these funds are not now available either to the Public Works Department nor the counties of the state, nor can they be made available through regular sources for many years to come, and

WHEREAS even though California is a border state and is, therefore, the first line of defense for the nation on the west coast, the state should not bear the expense of national defense highway construction within its bouddaries, beyond that proportionatetamount that its tax-payers would pay through Federal taxes, and

WHEREAS National Defense means defense of the entire nation and all of the American people and strategic highways adequate for the rapid transport of troops as well as civilian traffic are a vital part of the National Defense program, and

WHEREAS to date no money other than the regular Federal Aid appor- tionment to carry on necessary improvements for the California highway system on already over-congested roads has been appropriated, and

WHEREAS the situation confronting California and particularly the Mission Trails counties of California in regard to strategic road construction is so desperate that unless additional allocations are made by the United States Government from National Defense or other funds, the construction of these arterial roads, considered vital to the National Defense program by highest military authorities, is in the far distant future, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of El Paso de Robles urgently requests the Congress to take the necessary steps to secure immediate additional and adequate appropriations to provide for the development of said strategic highways and roads in the State of California and particularly to that section most affected by National Defense projects and that said defense highway development be made a definite part of the National Defense program and financed in its entirety by national defense funds, and

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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, each of the California Senators and Congressmen and to the Charman of the Roads Committee of the House of Representatives.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted and passed by unanimous vote of the City Council at a regular meeting thereof on the 21st day of April, 1941.

ATTEST *S. Stuber*, 1941  
City Clerk

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Mayor.