## Dumbarton link to Oregon pushed

by Don Kazak

A new move surfaced last week to establish an Oregon Expressway access to the new Dumbarton Bridge, an idea Palo Alto turned down in the seventies.

Ed Becks, an East Palo Alto resident, has approached several state legislators with the idea for the access and for legislation that would negate the veto power which Palo Alto now has over any feeder route dumping traffic from the bridge onto its streets.

Becks, who is part of an ad hoc citizens group, won support for the proposal from some members of the East Palo Alto Municipal Council, who met in emergency session last Thursday

But despite the support of Council members Henry Anthony and Gertrude Wilks for the Oregon link, the council stopped short of endorsing it after Council member Berkley Driessel and Council Chairman Bradford Stamper opposed it.

Jay Thorwaldson, who is attempting to develop a marina adjacent to the southern access, also told the council that Palo Alto would fight the Oregon link "tooth and nail" and make it harder for East Palo Alto to get state funds for the project.

The council did unanimously support a resolution endorsing a southern bridge access which would divert traffic from University Avenue, without specifying where the southern

A southern access has been pushed by the Stanford-Midpeninsula Urban Coalition, but

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that group favors a route which would cross the Embarcadero-Oregon cloverleaf and instead connect with the Bayshore further south.

Becks, who is also a member of the Urban Coalition, said "It is hard to imagine a southern access without an Oregon link. It's not rational otherwise, and will force more traffic down University."

Becks indicated that both his proposal and the Urban Coalition proposal have the same intentions of diverting traffic from University Avenue and establishing a route to East Palo Alto's undeveloped industrial park. The park could provide an economic base for the incorporation of East Palo Alto.

Mayor Alan Henderson of Palo Alto said it was "very disturbing to have Henry Anthony come in and try to push through something that has been absolutely rejected by Palo Alto.'

East Palo Alto Municipal Council Chairman Brad Stamper met with Assemblyman Victor Calvo, D-Mountain View, last Friday in what Calvo aide Barbara Klein called an "updating" of the situation. Klein said Calvo is "waiting to see what the communities say and what the technical committee comes up with.'

The technical committee is a group of planners from San Mateo County and Palo Alto who have been "looking at the array of alternatives" for bridge accesses, said City Transportation Director Ted Noguchi, a member of the committee.

Both Anthony and Becks have indicated that they expect Palo Alto to oppose the Oregon connection. "We have to push for what we think is best for our community," said Becks.





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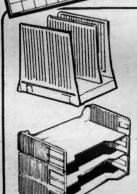
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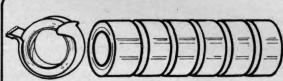


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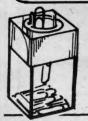
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