

# Divided Road Plan Approved in Exposition Blvd. Widening

## One of Three Proposals Adopted by City Council; Each Side of Improved Street to Be 35 Feet Across

Of three plans for the opening and widening of Exposition Blvd. westward of Vermont, the City Council yesterday adopted one which provides for a divided roadway, each side 35 feet wide, with elimination of one track of the Santa Monica Air Line, the plan subject to approval by the State Department of Public Works.

The application of the Southern Pacific Co. for a 21-year franchise on Exposition Blvd., under an arrangement by which the company would sell portions of its air line private right of way for street uses at city appraisals, was referred to the public works committee.

### WILL COST \$175,000

The plan provides for carrying out the improvement from Vermont to Western with \$175,000 provided by the State Department of Public Works from gasoline taxes. Of this amount \$42,799 would be for a portion of the railway right of way, \$61,160 for shifting tracks and poles and for reconstruction, and \$10,000 for other needed rights of way or a total of \$114,000.

It was pointed out by Councilman Stephen W. Cunningham that this would leave \$61,000 to sponsor P.W.A. funds of approximately \$50,000, or a total of \$111,000 for an improvement costing \$137,400.

### MOTION DEFEATED

A motion by Cunningham to adopt the first plan, whereby the two tracks would remain, and leave a double roadway, with a width of 27½ feet each, so that more money would be left for improvement, failed to pass.

By putting up but \$54,000 for railway rights of way and other needed land, \$121,000 of the \$175,000 could be saved for improvement of the boulevard, which, with a 45 per cent P.W.A. grant would give \$220,000 for im-

provements, enough to extend the project west to Seventh Ave. double the distance contemplated, Cunningham said.

### THIRD PROPOSAL

The third plan, favored by a delegation of property owners provides for a 90-foot street all paved, with the tracks lowered and paved between. It was estimated it would cost \$158,000 for rights of way and preparation for paving between Vermont and Normandie, leaving but \$17,000 of State funds available for improvements.

It was admitted that there was little chance of the State Department approving this plan because it would sponsor a negligible amount of P.W.A. funds so it was turned down.

It was declared by Cunningham that the State Department favored a project which would provide an adequate highway and at the same time sponsor the largest grant of Federal funds.

## Chamber Official to Address Ephebians

Stanley T. Olafson, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce foreign trade assistant manager, will address members of the Ephebian Society, honor group of Los Angeles high school students, at 8:15 p.m. today at Polytechnic High School.

"Selling Los Angeles County Abroad" will be the subject. Olafson returned in June from a three months' trade survey in London of British Empire commercial opportunities.

Olafson, graduate of Columbia University, is past president of the Southern California Foreign Trade Association and Commander of the Merchant Marine Post of the American Legion.