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HIGHWAY LEADERS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS ROAD PROBLEMS

AUSTIN, Dec. 11. — Highway leaders will convene here Saturday to discuss Texas' critical road problem.

The public hearing was called by Texas Legislative Council.

The state's highway situation calls for emergency action, in the

opinion of J. H. Kuitgen of Waco, president of Texas Good Roads Association.

The problem is that Texas roads are not capable of carrying today's traffic efficiently and safely, Kuitgen said in a statement.

Aspects of the problem are fully treated in the Legislative Council's staff research report on Texas roads and highways, Kuitgen commented.

According to the report, it is the primary or trunk system which presents highway engineers with their most difficult tasks of planning and finance.

The primary system is suffer-

ing the greatest losses from obsolescence, according to the report, which continues:

"It will be recalled that the federal aid system was largely completed by 1937. This means that many of the 15,000 miles in existence in 1951 were bordering on obsolescence, with 209 to 300 miles more than 20 years old.

"In 1952, the Highway Department estimated that almost 2,000 miles of highways should, according to recognized standards, be converted to four-lane expressways.

"Everywhere there is danger that use will outrun ability to improve and maintain the system."

"The importance of a good highway system is emphasized by the report, which points out that Texas' 223,000 miles of highways, county roads, and city streets play an increasingly greater role in development of the society and economy of the state.

In length, the roads far overshadow the 15,000 miles of rails and 10,000 miles of air routes.

But Texas has not kept pace with the need for adequate roads. The report recites a number of reasons for this failure, including:

1. Rapid growth of the number of vehicles registered in the state. The number was 1,443,112 in 1930; 1,759,075 ten years later; and 3,122,080 in 1950.

2. Inflation. The dollar that comes into the Highway Department today will buy less than half as much as a 1940 dollar.

3. Wartime neglect. There was a backlog of needed road expenditure at the end of World War II that has not yet been met. War neglect not only suspended regular construction, but caused the investments of both state and local units to deteriorate at a greater rate than normal.

4. High maintenance cost. For every two dollars spent on construction, one dollar is needed for maintenance. Highway department officials say this is true because of "the depleted condition of the main highways and tremendously enlarged State Highway system mileage."

The answer to the highway problem — which must be made by the Legislature — seems to be more money for roads.

The Legislative Council, while it does not make recommendations, does comment in the report that "the cold facts of revenue needs (cannot) be denied."

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