

City Plans to Improve Deplorable Cliff House Road

HERE IS SAN FRANCISCO'S DISGRACE—ONE OF THE HEAVIEST TRAVELED ROADS IN THE CITY, ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE AND THE WORST PAVED, IN FACT IT MIGHT BE SAID not to be paved at all. The Chronicle sent a Chalmers car out to the end of Point Lobos avenue, where the boulevard crosses the street car tracks to show how necessary it is to get this stretch of road paved at once. The city has \$289,290 coming from the state motor vehicle department, which should be used to great advantage to repair this part of the boulevard system around the cliffs. At the car tracks there is a jumping off place, where the differential of the average car hits the pavement, and many a motorist has come limping home with a broken spring from crossing this place—Let's get it fixed—and soon.



KEEP TO THE RIGHT, DRIVE WITH CARE, TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

Auto Club Attorney Gives Some Rules for Safe Handling of Motor Vehicles; Follow Them

Continuing its campaign of education for the safety of the streets and highways, the California State Automobile Association herewith presents as the second of its series of articles on "Safety First," a comprehensive study of the part of the California motor vehicle law which governs "Rules of the Road." It is supplemental to the first article on "State Speed Laws," printed last week.

Only under the most favorable conditions do the state speed laws hold good. General Attorney George E. Sandford for the auto club points out. There are many notable exceptions due to changing circumstances, and these the motorist must bear in mind and regulate the operation of his car accordingly. Otherwise he is liable for negligence.

Keep Spot Lights Adjusted, Warning

Auto Club Advises That Law Be Enforced

Motorists are warned by the California State Automobile Association that the spotlight law is being strictly enforced in San Mateo county and over one hundred car drivers have been arrested during the past week.

Bids for Repair Work on Highway Will Be Opened

Motorists Hope That City's Fund Will Not Be Diverted to Less Important Causes

By LEON J. PINKSON
SAN FRANCISCANS who are proud of their city and its boulevard system may have further cause to rejoice within the near future, for, according to information that drifts from the chambers of the Board of Supervisors, bids for the paving of the Cliff House road leading from its intersection at Point Lobos avenue and continuing down to the Great Highway, are to be opened on September 21. It is to be hoped that this information is correct, and that the city fathers play no politics and pass favorably on the resolution now in their hands urging the early rebuilding of this stretch of roadway.

This particular stretch of road, which is the one link in the boulevard system along the ocean front that has never been paved, is now in a deplorable condition. It is the connecting link in one of the most wonderful drives anywhere in the world. Yes, it is true. Nevertheless, the Supervisors have failed to take any action in keeping the road in ordinary repair, and today the pathway is full of holes and ruts, and to cap the climax, where the road crosses the street car tracks at the summit of the cliff there are some ditches that test the stamina of the best springs and tires made. More times than necessary cars go over these bumps and are forced to limp home with broken springs and damaged tires.

Just a year ago there was a resolution introduced in the Board of Supervisors urging the repair and paving of this cliff road, but somehow or other it was shelved and the money went to pave the road "over the hill to the poor house," where the travel is less by far than on the Cliff House road.

The City Engineers have estimated that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$120,000 to pave the piece of road. Now the city has an adequate amount of money to meet this cost and the citizens will in no way be taxed. For be it known here that, according to the report of the superintendent of the state motor vehicle department, San Francisco has within the last few days, or will within the very near future, receive from the state the sum of \$289,290 as its share of the receipts from license fees paid by the motorists of the city, and which

improvements within the limits of the city.

One has but to motor over the path to be convinced of the necessity of repair, and with the necessary coin in hand no delay should be tolerated.

The Cliff House road is the connecting link between the main highway out Geary street from the center of the city and the wonderfully scenic road overlooking the ocean, extending up the Sloat boulevard to Ingleside and the Twin Peaks section, with connecting roads down the peninsula. It also joins with the scenic boulevards leading through Lincoln Park and through the Presidio by way of Sea Cliff.

Residents of the city in taking

visitors for a motor trip to show the beauties of San Francisco like to drive through Golden Gate Park to the Great Highway and then come back the Cliff route to the center of town by way of Geary street or the Presidio. But with the present de-

plorable state of the Cliff road they refrain from driving over it and the visitors lose one of the city's most picturesque views.

It is to be hoped that nothing develops this year to cause the Supervisors to again divert the money to the building of some other highway.

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