
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 1, 1947.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 91) of L. N. Mason and others, selectmen of Blandford, for legislation to make a portion of Route 23, so called, in said town a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 289) of Joseph S. Virostek that provision be made for the construction of a new state highway in the town of Sutton, extending from the Douglas town line to the Millbury town line, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Burton F. Faulkner that the Department of Public Works be authorized and directed to widen the bridge over the Boston and Maine Railroad adjacent to the Squires' plant in Somerville, so much of the recommendations of the State Planning Board (House, No. 96) as relates to providing for the establishment of the Boston regional bridge and tunnel authority, for the acquisition and operation by said authority of the Sumner Traffic Tunnel, for the construction and operation by the authority of an additional traffic tunnel to East Boston, for the construction and operation of a high-level toll bridge over the Mystic River between Boston and Chelsea, for the construction by the Department of Public Works of the Boston central artery as an express access route and for the financing of the aforesaid projects (accompanied by bill, House, No. 98), the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 134) of Fred A. Blake that the Department of Public Works be authorized to lay out and construct a state highway from a point in the town of

Concord through the towns of Acton, Boxborough, Harvard, Bolton and Lancaster to the city of Leominster, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 135) of John H. Valentine and George T. Walsh that the Department of Public Works be authorized to lay out a state highway extending from the town of Arlington to the city of Lowell and the town of Tyngsborough, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 336) of George E. Marchand and George T. Walsh relative to making a portion of Pawtucket Boulevard, so called, in the city of Lowell a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 337) of George E. Marchand and George T. Walsh that the Department of Public Works be authorized to extend the Pawtucket Boulevard, so called, in the city of Lowell, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 422) of Edmond J. Donlan that one half the cost of snow removal from highways in cities and towns be paid from the Highway Fund and one half be paid by the cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 810) of John J. Hurley that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a scenic boulevard on the south side of the Merrimack River in Lawrence to connect River Road in Andover and thence to Lowell, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 812) of Michael J. Conway and William D. Fleming that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a new state highway from the Douglas town line through Sutton to the Millbury town line, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 813) of Clayton H. Cook and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct route one hundred and twenty-two in the town of Grafton, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 814) of Clayton H. Cook and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct route one hundred and forty in the town of Grafton, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of Peter F. Fitzgerald that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a bridge to replace the "New City" bridge in the town of Black-

stone, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 821) of Daniel F. Sullivan, George J. Evans, George E. Marchand, Cornelius Desmond, Jr., other members of the House and another that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a bridge over the Merrimack River in the city of Lowell, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1320) of James D. Burns that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct an elevated high speed highway from Beverly to Peabody along the east shore of the North River and the approximate center of the North River Canal, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1321) of James D. Burns for the creation of a Boston regional authority and relative to providing for its powers and duties, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1322) of Michael J. Conway that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct the remaining portion of the Worcester-Providence Turnpike, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1324) of Michael Paul Feeney that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a limited access highway between the junction of Cummins Highway and the American Legion Highway in Boston to Route No. 138 in Milton, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1325) of Daniel F. Sullivan and Harold E. Tivey that the Department of Public Works be authorized to extend Pawtucket Boulevard, so called, in the city of Lowell, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1524) of Peter F. Warakowski and others (selectmen of Palmer) that the Department of Public Works be authorized to resurface Route No. 20 in said town, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1525) of John J. Hurley and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a scenic boulevard on the south side of the Merrimack River in Lawrence to connect with River Road in Andover and thence to Lowell, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1527) of Henry W. Pickford that the Department of Public Works be authorized to maintain as a state highway route No. 110

in the towns of Harvard, Lancaster and Bolton, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1528) of Arthur J. Sheehan that the Department of Public Works be authorized to control and maintain Crescent Street between the city of Brockton and the town of Whitman, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1715) of William J. McDonald for legislation to enlarge the powers and duties of the Port of Boston Authority and relative to the construction and repair of bridges over Boston Inner Harbor and the Charles River and of an elevated motor highway and parking facility, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1729) of Thomas E. Key that the Department of Public Works be authorized and directed to lay out and construct a new bridge over Belle Isle Inlet between the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop, report the accompanying order (House, No. 2077).

For the committee,

HALLAM T. RING.

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Ordered, That the committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles is hereby authorized to sit during the recess in each of the years nineteen hundred and forty-seven and nineteen hundred and forty-eight for the purpose of studying highway projects throughout the commonwealth, with a view to recommending a program of highway and traffic improvements. Said committee, in the course of its study, shall consider the subject matter of current senate documents numbered 91, 289 and 360, and of current house documents numbered 98, 134, 135, 336, 337, 422, 810, 812, 813, 814, 817, 821, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1324, 1325, 1524, 1525, 1527, 1528, 1715 and 1729. The committee shall consider, with respect to each highway project which it may deem necessary or advisable for inclusion in such a program, as to whether public convenience requires the construction or carrying out thereof, and if so, it shall determine as to said project —

(1) The probable cost, (2) how the cost of said improvement, and of land takings, if necessary, therefor, should be apportioned, (3) by whom said improvement should be made, and (4) by whom said improvement should be maintained upon its completion.

The committee shall transmit to the state department of public works and to the metropolitan district commission from time to time lists of highway projects designed to relieve or eliminate traffic congestion in the commonwealth. Said department and said metropolitan district commission shall, as promptly as possible, prepare plans, specifications, detail of location and amount of necessary land takings or acquisitions, detailed estimates, and all other things necessary or proper as a prerequisite to the actual construction of each of the projects so transmitted to it. Said department may,

with the approval of the governor, omit or modify any of said projects. Said department and said metropolitan district commission shall each report in detail to the committee, on or before October first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and also at such other times as the commission may require, the material so prepared and its recommendations in regard thereto.

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this order, there may be expended by the committee for expenses and for expert, clerical and other assistance, including expenses of engineers in state or municipal employ incurred by instruction of the commission, such sums as may be appropriated therefor from the Highway Fund.

The committee shall report to the general court its findings, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and may from time to time submit to the general court special reports and recommendations on subjects included within the provisions of this order by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives.

