

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SPECIAL REPORT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE
TO PROGRESS OF WORK DONE IN CON-
NECTION WITH THE ACCELERATED
HIGHWAY PROGRAM

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
100 NASHUA STREET, BOSTON 14, December 31, 1950.

To His Excellency, Paul A. Dever, Governor, and the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is the report for December 31, 1950, as required by section 12 of the above act.

This report supplements the report of June 30, 1950, as follows:

Boston Metropolitan Area \$37,000,000

A total of slightly more than \$10,000,000 (including about \$6,500,000 for the Boston Central Artery) has been expended or contracted for. About \$2,000,000 will be required for the elimination of two railroad grade crossings in Belmont, and about \$1,000,000 as the Department's share of the Meridian Street bridge in East Boston. The remaining \$24,000,000 will be devoted to the Boston Central Artery projects.

Contracts have been awarded for the substructure and superstructure of the Charles River bridge and the Charlestown Interchange, and connection to the Mystic River bridge is expected to be advertised within the next few weeks.

Some delay has been engendered by the technical and legal complications encountered; nevertheless, it is expected that the entire \$37,000,000 will be under contract well within the time allowed by the act.

Outside Metropolitan Area \$53,000,000

All projects outside the Metropolitan Boston Area have now been placed under contract (except one involving about \$1,000,000, bids for which have been opened).

These projects total about \$51,500,000, and the balance of \$1,500,000 will be necessary for deficit allotments for these projects, due to necessary extra work or increased quantities.

The entire \$53,000,000 will be under contract well within the time limit in the act.

Traffic Safety Devices \$2,000,000

The present total of allotments is approximately \$1,800,000, and plans for the expenditure of the balance are complete.

Respectfully submitted,

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