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DPW plan bypasses MIT

By John Corwin

The Massachusetts Department of Public Works has approved its decision to construct a de- signed eight-lane highway along the Brookline-Elm Street Belt route in Cambridge.

Commissioner Francis F. Sargent disclosed the detailed plans for the $32,800,000 highway, which is expected to displace 121 families and 3110 jobs.

Census load damage

"After long and careful consideration of the human factors and social conditions related to the selection of a site for the Inner Belt in Cambridge, the Brookline-Elm (West) Route would cause the least permanent damage to the community and at the same time provide unique advantages because of special considerations given to engineering and design of the highway," Sargent reported.

Sargent added that in addition to developing a beneficial highway plan, the Department of Public Works was also charged with evaluating the social questions of human versus jobs.

"Every factor was carefully studied," Sargent said, "especially the dem- andment of a family to the impact of displacing a job. It was a difficult decision to make, but the Commonwealth could not shirk its responsibility and compromise to construct a fully inte- grated intersected and defense highway system."

Awards approval

The plans for this final link of the metropolitan interstate highway have been submitted to the Depart- ment of the United States Bureau of Public Roads for final approval.

Other plans considered

Several alternate plans had been considered in terms of fa- milies and jobs displaced and total estimated cost. An elevated route along the same path would cost about $43 million, and would create a much smaller dislocation. However, this route, although less costly was rejected for other reasons. Commissioner Sargent told the Tech that he "would have nothing to do with any plan."

The Cambridge Committee on the Inner Belt, a private group of city planners, also criticized the selection of the Brookline-Elm route which the committee felt specifically opposed any plan.

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The Beach Boys hit Spring Weekend

Ed. Note: The following was written by the present Spring Weekend Committee.

Spring Weekend '66, MIT's "New Adventure in Weekends," on April 29-30 will begin Friday night in the Snellman Student Center. Visitors to the extensively decorated Center will be able to spend a night on the town under one roof.

During the evening, weekend- ers will dance in the statue of Ted Herbert's Orchestra, relax near a waterfall at a garden party while listening to The Ox- ford Street Steppers Dixieland band, and view the antics of W. C. Fields in an old-time movie house.

Friday Night highlights

Walking further along the Gas- lit streets, weekenders will try their luck at the gambling casino and perhaps dine at one of the off-campus clubs. The O'Pus, an Italian restaurant, a dimly lit coffee house, will serve rustic coffee and feature live folk-staging entertainment.

The evening will start at 9 p.m. with The Beach Boys and finish at 1 a.m. Dress will be semiformal. A variety of food and drinks will be available in the many night spots.

Bob Newhart Departs

At noon on Saturday three trains chartered exclusively for Spring Weekend from the Boston & Maine Railroad will leave the North Station and arrive at the Saturday afternoon evening events will be held in a gigantic blue and gold tent. Saturday afternoon entertainment will feature the "Baton-Down" of the Mr. and Mrs. Harper's Club. Newhart's NBC-TV program placed him among the top com-"