

## Will Ask Ford To Aid Overpass

Committee Elects  
Rockwood Brown

Members of the city committee named to promote a north-south side crossing elimination Wednesday decided to ask Governor Sam C. Ford to call a special meeting of the state highway commission at Billings Tuesday to show commissioners traffic congestion caused by inadequate communication facilities between the city's two centers.

Rockwood Brown, a former member of the highway commission, was elected committee chairman at the organization meeting in the city hall. Mayor Charles F. Frost appointed the committee as one of those to aid completion of "unfinished city business."

A representative of the bureau of public roads, the highway commissioners and their chief engineer will meet with Commercial club representatives, county commissioners, the mayor and underpass commissioners if Ford approves the request. A public meeting also may be called to air the problem.

Brown emphasized location of the proposed crossing elimination would not enter into the tentative meeting, but allocation of funds and commitments from highway commissioners would be sought.

The chairman said the committee's scope should be broadened to consider underpasses at the east and west entrances of Billings and branching of highway 10 to include a truck bypass at the south side.

Brown reasoned that splitting of highway 10 would provide a better alignment for a north-south connection between the two arteries.

"It is easier to get an overpass crossing eliminated; there is very little left system money available," he said.

He also noted a north side bypass would aid solution of the Billings-Humbley highway overpass.

Brown revealed Billings would have little trouble in securing construction of the western underpass because the project would be tied in with the national defense program.

School district 2 trustees have offered cooperation in attempts to secure adequate communication facilities between the north and south sides.

Frost said the crossing elimination project might be financed through the state planning board. Fred H. Burk, board secretary, asked the mayor to submit a program of public works for Billings in connection with the national resources planning board's program to promote national public works projects to take up unemployment slack after peak of the summer program is reached.

The mayor suggested crossing eliminations, construction of public works at the airport and sewage disposal to Burk as most important to Billings under the proposed program.

Working with Brown on the committee are Emil Fothergill, Willard W. Foster, Frank E. Hally and Alderman H. E. Biddinger and Charles J. Carroll, council traffic commissioners.

# Brown Elected Head of City Group To Convince Commission Of Overpass Need

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