

## \$178,000 Allocated to Build Alternate Highway for Truck Traffic Through Here

With the allocation Thursday of \$178,000 in federal funds by the bureau of public roads, construction of an alternate highway to route 10 through the city of Billings appeared assured. Mayor Charlie T. Trott said the alternate highway, designed for trucks, "should solve a traffic problem that has been vexing city authorities for nearly a decade."

John M. Wheeler of Billings, a member of the state highway commission, announced Thursday that federal funds had been secured to construct the through truck traffic route on the south side of the city. It will extend along First avenue south, and connect with the Laurel road.

Wheeler also announced Thursday the approval by the state commission of the Billings-Huntley road project, the first unit of which will be constructed under the 1942 highway program. The new road will be on the north side of the Yellowstone river.

"Elimination of a traffic bottleneck in the congested part of the city will be achieved by the alternate to highway 10. And with the establishment of two federal aid roads through the city, funds will also be available to later construct an underpass in the central part of the city to connect the two highways, thereby eliminating the present necessity of crossing the railroad tracks," Mayor Trott pointed out.

Another traffic hazard will be eliminated with the widening of the present underpass in the west end of the city at the entrance to the Laurel road, and plans for this are included in the project, Wheeler stated.

The completion of this program is the result of the planning and

cooperation of the city traffic committee, a special underpass committee appointed by the mayor, the highway committee of the Commercial club, Rockwood Brown, chairman of the special committee and the club committee, Mayor Trott and Mr. Wheeler.

The alternate route for highway 10 will leave the present highway in the vicinity of Sixteenth street, pass under the railroad tracks to Minnesota avenue, extend west to South Twentieth street, and then connect with First avenue south, and then extend west to the intersection of the Laurel road. The

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### Chairman Regards Outlook as Bright

"Republican chances to regain control of the house of representatives next year are excellent," the party leader in that body, Representative Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts, said here Thursday afternoon.

"A hundred of the Democratic representatives elected in 1940 won their seats by less than 10 per cent margins despite the presidential landslide," commented the house minority leader, who as chairman of the Republican national committee is visiting "every state in which we have a chance" to encourage the building up of party organizations.

## Alternate Highway Route Approved

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