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Chamber of Commerce Building
Houston

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Mr. W. P. Kemper
State Highway Engineer
Austin

Dear Sir:

There are approximately eight miles between Sugar Land and Richmond, Highway #3, Fort Bend County, that have been impassable and will continue to be impassable for weeks to come. ~~until~~ after all signs of rain have ceased. This particular road has been under consideration as a paving project and all sub grade and drainage structures are complete.

The public in general has been very much put out by this stretch of road and whether or not a bituminous top or concrete pavement is eventually built, a gravel or shell surface 8" deep and 20' wide will be required and as a measure of maintenance on this road I hereby recommend that the contract for maintenance on this particular stretch be canceled and the money used to put on 8" gravel or shell as the case may be, and provide for keeping this road open regardless of the kind of pavement that will eventually be built.

The estimated cost of this work is \$40,000. This money should be invested in this road and, if necessary, credited to the State Highway Department as part of its pro rata when paving is authorized.

Unless this work is done soon the sub grade that has been built will have to be worked over when construction begins, while if provided with gravel or shell the surface will be protected and at the same time, will protect the traveling public over this very important highway.

Yours very truly,



L. F. S. Mantel
Division Engineer

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