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ORLANDO, FLORIDA

PARKING COMMISSION

November 10, 1960

The Honorable Robert S. Carr  
Mayor  
City of Orlando  
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mayor Carr:

For and in behalf of the Orlando Parking Commission - and the future well being, growth, and progress of our good City, and the welfare of the good people of Orlando and Central Florida - I desire to commend you and the other forward looking members of the City Council in connection with the progressive Orange County Commission and other authorities, on their appeal and effort to the Federal Bureau of Roads and the Florida State Road Department to complete the Federal Freeway through Orlando as it was originally planned, proposed, approved, and accepted, including the Colonial Drive, Lake Ivanhoe, and Princeton interchanges.

You are well informed of the past developments of the Parking Commission and its future expansion plans. But for the record, prior to 1956 the Parking Commission had acquired five central downtown facilities for off-street parking, representing a property and improvement cost of approximately two million dollars. In 1959 the Parking Commission, after being assured of the certainty of the Freeway and all its exits, negotiated with the Road Department the possibility of the use of the right-of-way in the downtown area for additional parking facilities by the Parking Commission agreeing to pay the difference between a grade fill and a bridge fill. On the basis of being able to negotiate this successfully with the Road Department and the Bureau of Roads - and the additional demands placed on the downtown area by this expressway - we issued another two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollar bond issue, the greater portion of which was for (and a big part of the money has already been put up) the development of those additional downtown parking facilities, amounting to about one thousand spaces.


It is the feeling of the Orlando Parking Commission that, should the interchange at Colonial Drive be eliminated, it would have a serious affect on the parking program as presently being constructed. The free access and egress from the facilities occasioned by the traffic congestion would certainly impair the well being of these facilities

which, I have previously mentioned, we have already put the major part of our money into, and are presently being constructed. In my opinion any change in the original plans would have a damaging effect on the future development and growth of the downtown area, and be barriers to the people who have expanded their facilities as a result of the combination of their facilities and ours.

We of the Parking Commission sincerely desire you to continue your good efforts in hopes that the original plans might be followed and completed, as originally planned.

Yours very truly,

ORLANDO PARKING COMMISSION

  
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