

way to Telegraph, and on the widening of Grand Avenue westerly from Harrison Boulevard to Telegraph. This likewise will result in creation of new values and will materially aid traffic.

Clay Street Extension

I am convinced that Clay Street should be extended northward. My belief is based upon many premises, outstanding of which are as follows:

The opening would:

1. Create another north and south arterial for the relief of downtown traffic.
2. Open to business activity a section of the near downtown district long lying idle and unremunerative to many taxpaying owners.
3. Create additional property values that will add to the city's assessable wealth.
4. Give a speedier and safer northward route for fire and police apparatus in event of fire or criminal emergency.

This opening eventually must be made—and consummating the project at the present time, while land values in the district are comparatively low, would make such action less costly to the city. I advocate, therefore, an early solution of this problem.

STREET LIGHTING

Completed Projects

I am happy to report that since my last message the city has completed four major street lighting projects. These included the installation of 664 ornamental street lighting standards at a total cost of \$235,000. The largest single project was carried out in what is known as Central Lighting District No. 2 of the downtown business section, as follows:

Clay Street—Eleventh Street to San Pablo Avenue.
 Washington Street—Seventh Street to Tenth.
 San Pablo Avenue—Fourteenth Street to Twenty-second.
 Broadway—First Street to Seventh.
 Franklin Street—Tenth Street to Broadway.
 Webster Street—Twelfth Street to Nineteenth.
 Eleventh Street—Franklin Street to Harrison Boulevard.
 Fourteenth Street—Franklin Street to Oak.
 Nineteenth Street—Telegraph Avenue to Harrison Boulevard.

The total number of light standards erected in the above district is 323, at a cost of \$123,295. And the standards themselves, I am glad to state, were cast in Oakland foundries, employing Oakland men and women.

The next largest district included the following:

Grand Avenue—Webster Street to Mandana Boulevard.
 Lake Park Avenue—Grand Avenue to Lakeshore Avenue.
 Perry Street—Grand Avenue to Lake Park Avenue.
 Lakeshore Avenue—Lake Park Avenue to Mandana Boulevard.

The total number of light standards is 159, costing \$55,382. Here also the standards were made in Oakland foundries, as were those in the following projects.

The installation of 125 standards on Telegraph Avenue from Twentieth Street to Fortieth, at a cost of \$43,083, was the third large project; and the lighting of Piedmont Avenue, Moss Avenue to John Street, with 57 standards costing \$13,255, was the fourth.

In addition to the above district lighting the Electrical Department installed 300 utilitarian overhead street lamps in various parts of the city.

Anticipated Lighting Projects

Petitions are under way for the lighting of San Pablo Avenue in its entire length. With the City of Emeryville and the City of Berkeley likewise contemplating lighting such sections of San Pablo as lie within their borders within the very near future, this project extended through Oakland will be a most valuable one. The lighting of San Pablo should benefit a section which during recent years has not participated as fully as it might in the city's general prosperity.

I wish again to urge the lighting of Fourteenth Street from Broadway to the west-