

# Landslide Bond Election Unites S.C.— It's Ready To Roll on City Projects

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SANTA CLARA—Jubilant city officials here are starting plans for a series of city improvements authorized by voters Tuesday when they passed twenty million dollars in city bonds by a 7-1 margin.

Councilmen and others were highly pleased with the obvious public vote of confidence from both new and old sections of the city alike.

Most major city offices yesterday were acknowledging congratulatory telephone calls from numerous public officials throughout the County.

The first two projects likely to go before the City Council for approval of specifications will be

two new 60,000 volt electric substations, according to Public Works Director Donald Von Raesfeld. One station will be placed at Kifer road and Lafayette street and the other at Bellomy street and Campbell avenue.

Priorities on other jobs will be recommended to the City Council shortly by the department heads involved.

Von Raesfeld predicted that the \$5,700,000 bond issue for streets, highways, bridges and traffic signals will be high on the list.

The same bond issue probably sounded the death knell on further use of Santa Clara's citywide special assessment district for bridges and overpasses. The new bond issue by being voter-approved and general

obligation bonds of the city carry a lower interest than the Council approved bridge bonds.

An issue of \$400,000 of the special bonds were sold by the Council last week to provide money needed by the city in a hurry to meet its commitments to the State of California on the De La Cruz Overpass.

During the election campaign City Mgr. Loyd Brady and other city officials promised that the high interest special assessment bonds would not be used again if the voters approved the low interest bonds.

Most noticeable feature of the Tuesday night vote was the united attitude of the voters.

Since the days shortly

after World War II when subdividers began bulldozing the first orchards for tracts there has been a noticeable division between "Old Town" and "New Town."

Santa Clara's older neighborhoods always cast the heavier vote. The newcomers or the "West-siders" usually voted only about one-third to one-fourth as heavy. The political sages used to wisecrack that the tract people "are still busy planting their lawns but wait 'til they wake up."

Tuesday night when the vote was in the newcomers had voted just as heavy and just as solidly for the bonds as the older residents.

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