

HOUSING CRISIS DELAYS HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY

Two announcements were made yesterday by the State Highway Department in an effort to reduce high blood pressures in connection with the controversial Hollywood Freeway.

For one, no construction is planned beyond Vermont Ave., and no rights of way activity beyond Western Ave., until the present housing shortage eases.

For the other, any citizen who is interested in the much-discussed route between Sunset and Highland Ave. may see a map of this section of the projected highway by applying at the State Highway office in the State Building.

Spencer V. Cortelyou, State District Engineer, said yesterday that the policy of his office now will be to limit construction to certain sparsely inhabited locations where grade separations are involved, to avoid evictions during the housing crisis. Protests recently were voiced by citizens who faced expulsion along the freeway route.

The department has spent \$7,500,000 for rights of way to Western Ave., but has rented the dwellings back to the tenants because of the lack of housing here.

Can Inspect Route

Discussion of the right of property owners and tenants to see maps of the projected route arose as the result of the activities of certain persons who assertedly were attempting to profit through property owners' disaffection. These persons assertedly have stated that the route was being kept secret and that no one could find where the freeway was to go.