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A Solution to Both Highway & Dike Problem

In as much as it looks like a four lane highway through Burlington will not be visualized, people who have the interest of Burlington at heart as well as those residing in the nearby communities are busy trying to find a suitable place for a four lane highway north and south of Burlington.

Some time ago plans were made for a new grade school. The ground was purchased and plans made for a grade school away from the highway so as not to endanger the lives of the small children in our community. With the present plans materializing it will put the highway right in front of our new Westview grade school which I am sure everyone will agree should not happen.

A solution to this bad solution could be made by routing the highway east of Burlington. If the highway started at the Conway hill and followed the hill to Mount Vernon city limits then directly north to Hoag hill following the dike road north, it would intercept highway 99 just two miles from the fish hatchery.

This could make the highway run just one fourth mile east of Skagit Street on the dike. It would reduce the cost of maintaining the dikes approximately three-fourths if the state did use the dikes as the highway.

If the state would approve this highway, it would eliminate the cost of purchasing expensive ground for the use of a new highway. We are sure everyone will agree that we need all the land we have for the growing of crops and

pasture land.