

Seek Federal Aid To Construct Span Over Skagit River

The first direct effort to gain federal aid in the construction of a steel span across the Skagit river near Concrete was started today with appeals being made to congressional representatives from this state by Chambers of Commerce of various cities in this county.

Telegrams are being sent to congressmen pointing out the urgency of immediate construction of the bridge and asking that money for its erection be taken out of existing federal funds.

The appeals by telegram have been timed to reach the attention of government officials during the session of the bureau of public roads.

H. O. Walberg, Skagit county engineer, local representative who was chosen to represent counties in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana at the bureau of roads meeting in Washington, D. C., will also bring the matter of a bridge at Concrete before that body. He has already left to be in attendance at the meeting.

A telegram to Congressman Henry M. Jackson and Senators Warren G. Magnuson and Harry Cain sent by the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce and signed by Mayor A. M. Novotny, Lon Varnadore, Chamber president and Bob Baker, secretary-manager, follows:

"We ask and urge your support for federal funds to construct a bridge crossing on the Skagit river in the vicinity of Concrete.

1. "Construction of the bridge will give access to largest available stand of federal timber remaining in this state.

2. "Establishment of a bridge will eliminate three obsolete ferry crossings used mainly for transporting school children.

3. "County funds are not available in time to meet the urgent need.

4. "Timber valuations will increase 25 per cent by the erection of a bridge.

"This group are representatives of the city of Mount Vernon who are in support of the project."