

File No. 11184 Continued.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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I note in your letter you state that you will make the necessary fill and prepare the sub-grade, and I am aware of your desire to have this pavement put in proper condition at an early date. I understand from Mr. Guyton that he has spoken to you in reference to my views as to the present unfortunate conditions of the pavement etc. at the points above mentioned, and as to my views as to the cause of its present bad condition, for which I think I am in no manner responsible, and which condition I think is due entirely to the causes mentioned verbally to you by Mr. Guyton. However, I am desirous of doing everything within reason to have this pavement put in proper condition, but feel that the cost would be more than I should be called upon to pay. The bitulithic pavement, curb and gutter work etc., would cost, I understand, about TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, which is a heavy outlay for me to bear, and you will doubtless recall I have been without the use of about seven thousand dollars of money on this work for about two years, and have been compelled to have a man, at the cost of about four dollars per week, for a period of about eighteen months, to keep the necessary lights etc. to prevent accident at the above mentioned points. These items will foot up, approximately, THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000).

I write to ask that your Honorable Board contribute a portion, say two thousand dollars (\$2,000), of this loss.

It may be proper for me to repeat that, in writing this, I do not mean to admit that I am in any manner responsible for the condition of the pavement above mentioned; but I do wish, however, to approach the matter in a spirit of fairness and compromise, and feel sure that you will appreciate my feelings, in view of the cost that these repairs necessarily involve.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Wm. M. Elder.