

Supervisors Vote to Get Property for Storm Drain

Acquisition of an easement for 7,870 square feet of Southern California Edison Co. land in Torrance was approved Tuesday to expedite work on a major storm drain project serving the Torrance area.

The easement is for a 12-foot-wide strip of land which generally follows a small ditch on the McDonald Tract near 79th Street and Glenburn Avenue.

Work on Flood Control Project 586 is in progress under a contract let in August 1961.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the M & J Construction Co. and Vinson Construction Co. are contractors in a joint-venture for the four-segment project which runs through portions of Torrance, Redondo Beach and unincorporated County territory.

LINE A OF THE Torrance drain is being built on Glenburn Avenue from an existing drain a short distance south of Artesia Boulevard. It will be extended south on 182nd

Street and then west to Prairie Avenue and is designed to eliminate severe flooding of 182nd Street which occurs during every heavy rain, Hahn said.

Line B starts at Dominguez channel and Crenshaw Boulevard and extends north on Crenshaw to Redondo Beach Boulevard. Completion of this segment will relieve flooding conditions at the intersection of Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards.

LINE C BEGINS at Dominguez channel on Crenshaw and extends southerly for 300 feet, then southwest to Elgar Avenue and 188th Street, then south on Elgar to 170th Street.

Lines A, B, and C will carry storm waters to a newly improved section of Dominguez channel, Supervisor Hahn said. Line D begins at an existing drain in Torrance Boulevard at Engracia Avenue, then west in Torrance Boulevard to Madrid Avenue.

Whooping Cough Serious In Very Young Children

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Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly contagious disease that occurs most frequently in children under 7 years of age, and is one of the few diseases in which more females die than males. It is a serious illness for all youngsters, although the mortality is highest in children less than six months of age. So far this year, 194 cases have been reported in Los Angeles County, and most if not all of these cases could have been prevented by the administration of pertussis vaccine.

This predominantly childhood ailment is a respiratory infection which spreads from the infected person to other susceptible individuals by way of minute droplets of bacteria-laden saliva expelled into the air by coughing. Or the infection may be transmitted through contact with articles freshly soiled with the patient's secretions. Any child or adult who has not been rendered immune through an attack of the disease or has not been vaccinated against it may be considered susceptible.

child has been exposed to the disease organisms, symptoms of illness resembling those of the common cold generally appear within 5 to 21 days, most commonly in about 10. A tight, dry cough develops during this period, at first heard mostly during the night. This catarrhal stage of the disease may last a couple of weeks before merging into the phase of violent and spasmodic coughing. The disease is most communicable during this period although the patient may remain infectious for 3 weeks after the coughing paroxysms begin.

As a rule the coughing spasms increase in severity, frequency, and duration over the next week or two. Mucus from the deeper parts of the lungs is expelled and may be followed by vomiting. Finally the high-pitched whoop is heard which is occasioned by a drawing-in of air as the patient struggles for breath. The whooping period may last for several weeks, but the coughing spells become shorter, less frequent and milder, and the patient is then considered convalescent. These coughing spasms may not occur at all in young infants or adults. Illness in a typical case may last 5 or 6 weeks, but complete recovery may take longer.

PROTECTION AGAINST whooping cough early in life is of major importance. In California during the 5-year period from 1955-59, more than half of the deaths from whooping cough were in infants under 6 months of age, which emphasizes the necessity for early immunization against the disease.

Vaccination against whooping cough should be started at one or two months of age. Three injections given one month apart are required, and these must be completed before the child is fully protected. A combined vaccine is generally used which offers simultaneous protection against diphtheria and tetanus as well as pertussis.

As the newborn infant does not possess any natural immunity against whooping cough, physicians recommend that older preschool children in the family be vaccinated or receive booster shots before the new baby arrives.

MEDICAL TREATMENT of the disease is rather discouraging. The administration of hyperimmune serum is sometimes helpful in lessening the severity of the illness and may also prevent its occurrence if given to the child soon after exposure takes place. Drugs are of little help except in the prevention and treatment of complications. Pertussis pneumonia is the most frequent secondary infection that occurs and is responsible for the greatest number of deaths.

Whooping cough is a preventable disease, and all children should be protected against it. A pamphlet giving more information on whooping cough will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

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Eiji Tanabe, chairman of the day, will present the new consul-general of Japan, Matao Uriu, in his first public appearance in Los Angeles.

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