

## SECOND PROJECTED HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD.

### SUCCESS OF THE ENTERPRISE NOW SEEMS ASSURED.

Aid by the County at Hand—Supervisors Ask for Bids to Open Vermont Avenue from Fourth Street to Wilshire Boulevard.

The second projected boulevard between this city and Hollywood, the one by way of Vermont avenue, seems to be on the point of becoming an accomplished fact. Liberal private subscriptions and county aid promise to result in the completion of the route just laid out before the older course, planned to enter Los Angeles by way of Bellevue avenue. However, determined spirits and large means are enlisted in each of the boulevard enterprises, and the connection of Los Angeles with her most favored suburban garden spot by both routes at an early date is assured.

The Supervisors yesterday asked for bids to open Vermont avenue from Fourth street to Wilshire boulevard, and to grade it from Wilshire boulevard to Temple street.

It will be remembered that H. J. Whitley, about four years ago, took up the matter of building boulevards in and around Hollywood, which might some day be extended to a connection with Los Angeles, so as to furnish a continuous driveway for the citizens of this city, and the thousands of tourists who spend a part of each year in this vicinity.

Between sixteen and eighteen miles of boulevarded streets and driveways have already been constructed in the Cahuenga Valley, and the building of about one more mile of boulevard will connect this city with that system. The route along which this connecting link is to extend is north on Vermont avenue from Wilshire boulevard to Temple street. In this locality, it will be remembered, the western boundary of the city extends to the center of Vermont avenue, so that the proposed boulevard along that avenue will be partly in the city and partly in the country. The projected boulevard debouches into Wilshire boulevard a short distance west of Sunset Park, on the line marking the western city limits.

The expense involved in making this improvement will be borne partly by the Board of Supervisors, and partly by the liberal-minded citizens and interested parties owning property in the neighborhood of Vermont avenue, between the streets named. Something like \$2000 has already been subscribed for this work, by private parties, and \$10,000 more will probably be sufficient to cover the expense of closing up the gap.

The Board of Supervisors has already advertised for bids for grading Vermont avenue from Wilshire boulevard to Temple street, and when they are submitted definite estimates can be made. In the meantime the work of raising subscriptions toward paying for this work should go steadily forward. Checks and pledges for this purpose can be sent to T. W. Brotherton.

Vermont avenue from Wilshire boulevard to Fourth street is yet unopened, but rights of way have been secured by Mr. Brotherton and others, and there will be no difficulty about opening it. From Fourth to Temple street, Vermont avenue is open, but not graded. From Temple street to Prospect avenue, Vermont avenue is already graded, and in fairly good condition. From this point to within about a quarter of a mile of Laurel Cañon, Prospect avenue, which is a broad and perfectly-graded boulevard, affords a continuous driveway of four miles. Sunset boulevard and the connecting cross streets in the Cahuenga Valley, which are all handsome driveways from 80 to 100 feet wide, will also be opened to the Los Angeles public when the Vermont-avenue gap is closed, and they bring the total number of miles of boulevarded driveways in that valley up to the figure already named.

Wilshire boulevard, which will be on the southern line of the proposed driveway, is one of the broadest and most beautiful streets of the city. It is already graded as far west as Vermont avenue, and passes through a portion of the city which cannot fail to impress strangers most agreeably. West-

lake Park, and the handsome residences of that locality, will be a portion of the views which this driveway will present.

The efforts that have previously been made toward extending Prospect avenue to this city by way of the Lakeshore boulevard, the Sisters' Hospital and the Plaza, will not be relaxed by reason of the opening and boulevarding of Vermont avenue. On the contrary, those efforts will be pressed with redoubled vigor. Fifty teams are now at work daily on that extension, and H. J. Whitley, who, with the aid of Supervisor E. S. Field, Col. G. J. Griffith, the Los Angeles-Pacific Railroad Company, and others, has made possible present achievements in and around Hollywood, are pushing the development. Mr. Whitley is authority for the statement that that extension will be pushed to completion at the earliest possible date. Some subscriptions for that purpose have already been received, and additional subscriptions for that extension, payable to Ivar A. Weld, treasurer of the committee, are invited.