

## TELEPHONE UTILITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Telephone Utility is progressing along the lines set out in its five-year program at the time of its \$6,000,000 bond election last year. Its expansion plans through 1969 go beyond the former program considerably, costing an estimated 13 million dollars, to be raised out of Utility revenues and by future sale of revenue bonds. The basic project is to provide 23,000 more lines and 34,000 more terminals, of which 12,000 lines and 16,000 terminals will be installed in 1964 and early 1965 to relieve the present shortage. This new central office equipment will be housed in two new wire center buildings. Most of the remainder of the program is related distribution and station equipment. One further innovation, however, is the projected purchase of automatic toll ticketing equipment in 1967, to permit extension of direct distance dialing to Alaska.

## TELEPHONE UTILITY PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

1. North Wire Center Building  
Department requests \$500,000 for 1964. New 65' x 142' one-story building with basement to house telephone central office equipment at E Street near Fifteenth Avenue. Plans now in final stage. Planning Commission recommends approval.
2. Central Office Equipment  
Department requests \$4.2 million over a six-year period. To provide 23,000 new lines, 34,000 new terminals and automatic toll ticketing equipment (1967). 16,000 of new terminals to be available by second quarter of 1965. Planning Commission recommends approval.
3. New Main Feeder and Distribution Cable Placement  
Department requests \$2.95 million over a six-year period. Numerous local projects required to increase service as scheduled and keep pace with area growth. Planning Commission recommends approval.
4. Routine Main Feeder and Distribution Cable Placement  
Department requests \$2,000,000 for 1964-65. Routine small projects required to increase service as scheduled. Planning Commission recommends approval.
5. Station Equipment  
Department requests \$2.95 million as follows: \$850,000 per year for 1964-65; \$300,000 per year for 1966-69. To purchase telephones, switchboards and associated equipment.
6. South Wire Center Building  
Department requests \$60,000 for 1965. New 3600 sq. ft. one-story building to house telephone central office equipment, located on Lake Otis Road near Sand Lake Road. Planning Commission recommends approval.
7. North Wire Center Building Addition  
Department requests \$275,000 for 1968. New 10,000 sq. ft. addition to North Wire Center Building to meet anticipated central office expansion need at that time. Planning Commission recommends approval.

TABLE IV

## TELEPHONE UTILITY 1964-69 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

1. No. Wire Center Bldg.		1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
1. No. Wire Center Bldg.	\$500,000	500,000					
2. Central Office Equip.	4,200,000	2,200,000		600,000	500,000	900,000	
3. New Main Feeder & Distribution	2,950,000	600,000	400,000	550,000	400,000	400,000	600,000
4. Routine Main & Distribution	2,000,000	1,100,000	900,000				
5. Station Equipment	2,950,000	850,000	850,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	350,000
6. So. Wire Center Bldg.	60,000		60,000				
7. No. Wire Center Add'n	<u>275,000</u>					<u>275,000</u>	
TOTAL	\$13,035,000	5,200,000	2,210,000	1,550,000	1,200,000	1,875,000	950,000
Available for Capital Improvements		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.