

"Biological Grade" to be straightened with Prop 2 funds

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Twisting old Biological Grade, the road that winds from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography campus to the top of Torrey Pines Mesa, will be widened and straightened with funds from Proposition 2, Vice Chancellor Robert H. Biron of the University of California, San Diego, said today.

At present there are four hairpin turns in the road, officially an extension of La Jolla Shores Drive, that climbs 400 feet in 0.9 mile. Under a new plan agreed on by the City of San Diego and the University, there will be only two curves. They will have a wider radius than the old ones.

The scenic road, built in the early years of the century, once served as a part of the main highway between Los Angeles and San Diego. Today it carries much of the traffic between the Scripps Institution and the upper campus.

The University's getting its share of the approximately \$220,000 required for the construction depends on the fate of Proposition 2, the higher education bond issue, in the November election, Mr. Biron stressed. Proposition 2 calls for the issue of \$380 million in bonds to finance construction projects at the University, the State colleges, and the junior colleges, as well as some other State agencies.

The road is a City street and has been since 1907. Negotiations are under way with the City aimed at having the City and the University share the cost of new construction.

John Carroll, Project Engineer, UCSD's Office of Architects and Engineers, is coordinating the project.