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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD  
ON TUESDAY THE 6TH MAY, 1969 AT 8.30 A.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Capital Development Authority took place to-day, the 6th May, 1969 at 8.30 A.M. Lt. Gen. K.M. Sheikh, Chairman C.D.A. presided. The following attended:-

1. F.A./M.
2. Member Administration.
3. Member (T)/D.G.W.
4. Secretary.
5. D.D.G.W.
6. Director Roads.
7. Director Architecture.
8. Director Planning.
9. S.P. & C.O.
10. Director Works.

2. The subject for review was the proposed Diamond Intersections and 'U' Turns on the Capital Avenue.

3. At the very outset the Chairman stated that he shared the ambitions and aspirations of all Pakistanis to build Islamabad as a be-fitting Capital of the country. But we had to be constantly aware of the limitations of our economic resources. With this background the chairman opened the discussion expressing his own reservations about the necessity of Diamond Intersections and 'U' Turns.

4. A prolonged and lengthy discussion ensued. Various alternatives were suggested. It was, however, decided by the Board to have a second look at the whole concept of the Capital Avenue. The Board consequently formulated a committee to function under the Chairmanship of Member Technical consisting of the following:-

- (a) Director Roads.
- (b) Director Designs.
- (c) Director Works.
- (d) Director Architecture.
- (e) Director Planning.

The committee was requested to examine the proposal keeping in view of our needs and resources in the years to come. The Board also agreed that it was desirable to make the Capital Avenue look impressive and present a monumental approach to the heart of the city. But at the same time it was not the intention of the Board to make it a free-way permitting high speeds. Since it would be intended for ceremonial occasions, introduction of Traffic Signals, should that become necessary, would not present any difficulty because on ceremonial occasions the traffic could always be controlled and regulated.

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The Chairman also mentioned the desirability of making the Directorate of Architecture self-sufficient in matters of structural engineering. In the absence of close co-ordination between the Directorate of Architecture and Directorate Designs, schemes have been delayed inviting considerable criticism.

Director Designs was asked if he could make some suitable engineers available to the Dte of Architecture. He promised that engineers of the level of A.Es could be made readily available, but any higher than this could possibly be made available to Arch:Dte. A resolution thereof the Board decided that in order to make Architecture Directorate self-sufficient, a suitable structural Engineer from the staff might be hired in the interest of work.

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