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1. For some time it has been planned to enlarge and reconstruct the main north-south road in Burgenland, which runs from Parndorf-Jois-Eisenstadt-Mattersburg-Sieggraben-Oberpullendorf-Lockenhaus-Bad Tatzmannsdorf-Oberwart-Stegersbach-St. Michael-Tschantschendorf to Güssing.
2. Preliminary work has already been done on some stretches, such as in the vicinity of Bad Tatzmannsdorf where three bridges have been repaired and brought up to a load capacity of 60 tons each. However, for financial reasons and because of other, priority commitments, it had appeared before September 1950 that the Burgenland provincial authorities would not complete the work for a number of years.
3. During September 1950 a commission of Russian officers visited the Burgenland provincial authorities and notified them that the remaining road work should be begun as soon as possible. It was suggested by the Russians that the foundations and a macadam surface could be finished by mid-1951, thus making the road usable at that time. The final surfacing of the road, to be done partly in concrete and partly in bitumen and tar, should be finished by August or September 1952.
4. The road is to have a uniform width of nine meters with a verge of one meter on each side. All bridges along this route will have a minimum load capacity of 60 tons. The maximum gradients will be six per cent.

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