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bound Farmington Road and subsequent upward climb on eastbound Shilawassee.

"Safety was the number one concern," said City Manager Frank Lauhoff. "That's why they took it away from downtown."

If completed, the path would connect to Founders, Shilawassee and Heritage parks. Moreover, the trial could provide links to other bikeways in Southfield and West Bloomfield, and near I-275.

Both Farmington and Farmington Hills would likely make a joint application for federal bikeway construction grant money. That would take place in late 1996.

Farmington Hills conducted a master study of bikeways in 1993.

By taking an eastbound turn on 10 Mile, cyclists would avoid the sharp downward slope on southbound Farmington Road and subsequent upward climb on eastbound Shilawassee.

The committee included Farmington Public Safety Director Gary Goss, who is also a cyclist.

Dan Potter, Hills director of Special Services, said a possible Farmington route was discussed during the initial master planning process.

"This would give safe cycling opportunities to people with bikes," Potter said.

Farmington Planning Commission appointed a subcommittee to

look into the matter. Subcommittee members classified what portions of path would be primary and secondary.

Class I, or primary bikeways, are considered separate pathways from a road; Class II, or secondary, are set off by line delineation for cyclists; and Class III are aligned routes normally found through low speed and less traveled roadways where cyclists share the road with motorists.

Subcommittee recommends an additional roadway area set off by line delineation on eastbound 10 Mile; Power Road to Shilawassee would be a signed route; while Power to Grand River through Shilawassee Park would use a separate pathway.

Power along Grand River and Nine Mile would be a signed route while Freedom would be set off with line. Farmington Road would have a separate pathway along the westside, which is in Farmington Hills.

"The big thing was continuity, number one," Planning Commission member Burke said. "The general thrust of the Farmington Hills plan made common sense to us."

UPDATE ON Obstetrics & Gynecology

A DEFINING MOMENT

At 40, the attention that the subject of menopause is currently getting, it may help to define the term. In a 1994 survey, menopause refers to the last menstrual period that a woman experiences in a lifetime. Many of us refer to the transition from the reproductive years to the non-reproductive years as the menopause. This is the period that starts about 10 years before menopause and lasts for several years after menopause. The average age for menopause is 51 years old. Menopause is not only a sign of aging, it is also a protective screen from cardiovascular disease, various cancers, and some other health problems. Beginning at age 40, women start to experience a gradual adaptation to the decrease of female hormones.



James Stubbs, Jr., M.D.

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cars," he said. Fink argued that Walton was assuming his client had conceived the idea to murder her baby and then not taken a second look to reconsider.

"That assumes that that thought (to kill the baby) had occurred at the apartment," Fink said, adding that there was no evidence that the woman had ever done anything to show she planned to kill the baby. Fink said that "common sense" would indicate a mother trying to get a crying baby to sleep might well go for a walk and soothe the baby until the crying subsided.

The issue of premeditation is one of the elements required for

first degree murder, which requires a life sentence without parole.

Walton also argued that first degree murder was justified based on Michigan's felony murder statute. He argued that felony child abuse that resulted in a death would become first degree murder under the statute.

But attorney Carole Stanyar, arguing on behalf of Koga, said the statute was directed at two separate crimes, such as a rape that results in a murder or an arson that results in a murder.

She said the argument that felony child abuse resulting in death could be construed as first degree murder would be like upgrading a

second degree murder charge to first degree automatically, simply because second degree murder is a felony.

"It must be independent of the conduct that kills," she said.

Judge Marla Parker said she would make a decision on Dec. 14 on whether to bind over Koga to circuit court to stand trial for first degree murder. Koga remains in the Oakland County Jail without bond.

Judge Parker also denied a request by attorney Tom Cranmer on behalf of his clients, Akibiro Koga and Midori Takayagi, the defendant's sister, to allow them to have their passports. Both, like

Itsomi Koga, are Japanese citizens.

Cranmer argued that Akibiro Koga was not a risk to leave, since he works here. But Mr. Takayagi, who had been visiting her for less than a month, had been due to return to Japan on Thanksgiving.

Walton argued that although both had testified, if further testimony were needed and they had returned to Japan, he would have no power to compel them to testify.

Judge Parker also continued the gag order. The preliminary examination is scheduled to resume at 2 p.m., Dec. 14.

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