

Seeks cost estimate

Hills considers taxi service

By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

The City of Farmington Hills is considering a senior citizens' taxi service similar to Farmington's system. Citing the success of Farmington's service, the city council asked City Manager George Majoros to choose a director for the study.

"We want someone to present to us the possible cost of the service in Farmington Hills," Mayor Earl Oppenheimer told Majoros.

Farmington's taxi service allows senior citizens to use a cab for 50 cents per ride. The city pays the remainder of the fare.

With an increased number of riders, the cost of the Farmington service has risen since its inception. Originally, the service was estimated to cost \$500 a year to operate. With an increase in patrons, the cost has risen to \$2,000 a year, according to Farm-

ington City Manager Robert Deadman.

The system has been expanded to include rides for the handicapped and transportation to Botford General Hospital.

Although the study is still being organized, Majoros said, the city may consider using buses instead of cabs. Majoros said the taxis may be too expensive for Farmington Hills.

The Hills covers a wider area than Farmington, Majoros explained. With longer distances to cover, the fares would be higher than they are in Farmington.

Many of the senior citizens may want to be taken to the Farmington Community Center located in the Hills. With a number of people going to the same destination, it may be possible to map out a small route around incoming calls. Majoros suggested the drivers could pick up passengers on

the way to their common destination. The possibility of using a dial-a-ride system in the Hills has been ruled out. Doug Gaynor, director of parks and recreation, said the system was too expensive for the city to use. Birmingham has a dial-a-ride sys-

tem which is open to everyone. The system is subsidized by the South-eastern Michigan Transportation Authority until June 7, 1976.

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Nine parties file in highway case

Nine parties have filed an application for intervention at the Michigan Supreme Court level which would bring arguments against construction of Northwestern Highway before the state's highest court.

The parties seek to intervene in the Oakland County Road Commission's appeal of an appellate court decision to dismiss its suit against the Michigan State Highway Commission. The suit, dismissed this fall for lack of merit, sought a court order to force the highway commission to build Northwestern.

The controversial highway is slated to traverse northwest from 1488 in Southfield to connect with I-75, under construction in Commerce Township.

The nine parties seeking intervention in the case are Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield Inc., the Village of Franklin, Franklin Kestis Improvement Association, East Michigan Environmental Action Council Inc., Detroit Audubon Society, William T. Yochim, Orchard Vale Homeowners Association, North Acres Property Owners Improvement Association and Franklin Fairways Forest Homeowners Association.

SEVEN OF THE parties are mem-

bers of the recently formed Michigan Citizens Concerned About Northwestern (MCCAN), which consists of 11 area groups, including representation from West Bloomfield, Franklin, Farmington and Southfield. That group's purpose is to raise \$25,000 to help fight Northwestern in court.

All nine parties seeking supreme court intervention had petitioned to intervene in the appellate court action but their petition was ruled "moot" when the court dismissed the road commission's suit, according to MCCAN.

"We have carefully reviewed the briefs submitted by the Oakland County Road Commission and by the State Highway Commission to the supreme court," explained George E. Snyder, attorney for the groups. "We find no more reason to believe that the case against construction of the freeway will be presented to the supreme court than it would have been to the appellate court. We therefore feel it necessary to renew our previous motion for intervention," he added.

A request that the supreme court deny the Oakland County Road Commission's application for appeal accompanied the motion for intervention.

Sister continues drive to raise cancer funds

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cured and how they can be stored.

There is just one small hurdle to be overcome in Sister Loretta Ann's new endeavor. She can't continue her volunteer work for cancer research unless she finds a full-time paying job.

"I am not paid and in order to do this work, I must have a full-time job. So I am looking."

She explains that as a member of the religious community, Adrian Do-

mican Sisters, she has a commitment to earn a salary to support her community as well as herself.

She has made it this far through the kindness of her fellow sisters, but says it can't continue. Her needs are modest, but there is still gas and social security and retirement payments to be made.

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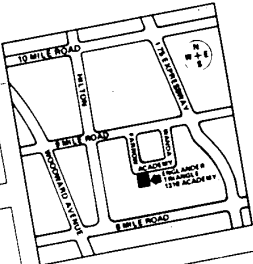
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