

Highway study rejected

The Northwestern Citizens Advisory Committee voted Tuesday night to send back to the Michigan Department of State Highway a proposed study design for the westward extension of Northwestern Highway.

The study is a detailed nature of the impact and work involved in the future development of the highway.

Present plans call for the Northwestern Highway to expand west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township, ultimately intersecting with the proposed I-75 and possibly U.S. 24.

I find the language of this study to be totally unacceptable and one committee member reflecting the majority view.

This document needs major redrafting and much of this committee can do that. So I suggest we send it back to the State Highway Department's planning commission and tell them to make several changes.

The committee decided to return the study to the highway department with the intention of sending that department their recommended changes at some future time.

The advisory committee discussed several areas of the study it felt were unacceptable. It indicated that it would return the study further making changes in the basic study plan as the committee reviewed the document.

portment and then would formalize the costs involved in the project.

The first step involved in the expansion project after the consulting firm has set the total program's cost would be to set up a work program that would detail the way for executing our community with other communities around the region with out having the delay that we now experience.

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highway department we want to see what changes in the proposed study design made.

The Northwestern Citizens Advisory Committee is a citizen's group composed of residents from the Southfield, West Bloomfield Farmington and other municipalities which are affected by Northwestern Highway.

The group meets several times each month to discuss problems dealing with the expansion and operation of Northwestern Highway.

What we must decide before we return the study to the state highway department is do we want Northwestern Highway to expand or not. Do we want to utilize the highway for connecting our community with other communities around the region with out having the delay that we now experience.

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Direct dial can reach four more countries

Some Southfield residents and business can now dial direct to Chile, New Zealand, Peru and Singapore.

Lon E. Kain, local Michigan Bell manager, said the four countries were added to the International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD) network on May 15 and can now be directly dialed by phone customers in three Southfield exchanges — 424, 557 and 559.

The four additional countries bring to 36 the total of IDDD countries Michigan Bell customers can dial without operator assistance, said Kain.

Some 400 business and residence telephone customers in Southfield and metropolitan Detroit have IDDD. He added, "we believe the service can be offered only in exchanges having electronic switching systems."

These phone customers can already phone Anders Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, Taiwan, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Republic of South Africa, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City and Venezuela.

IDDD service was introduced in the state in 1972, Kain said, and since then Michigan Bell customers have direct dialed an average of more than 150,000 calls a year to overseas nations.

United Kingdom holds the frequently called list with about half of all IDDD calls from Michigan, Belgium, France and Germany are next, each with about seven per cent of the total.

A three-minute IDDD daytime call to western European countries that have IDDD service costs 96¢75, Kain said, and in most cases the rates are even lower at night.

A three-minute IDDD call to the United Kingdom costs only \$3.60 a day or night.

Commission fills vacancy

A long-time vacancy has been filled on the seven-member Southfield Planning Commission.

Jon Noble Henrich, 3500 Larkton, Southfield was appointed Monday by Mayor Donald Frerking to serve on the commission through June 30, 1977.

Henrich, 41, who holds a master's degree in clinical psychology from Michigan State University, is employed by Ford Motor Co. He is married and a seven-year resident of the city.

"I've been involved in civic affairs for many years," he said. "I believe that sound planning will enable the city to expand as necessary and yet maintain natural assets such as the Rouge River and green belts. Hopefully, my interest in these areas will benefit the planning function."

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