

It's light rail plan for Oakland

By TIM RICHARD

County resident and outspoken suburban member of the board.

SIGNIFICANTLY, the four "no" votes were geographically scattered: Julie Evans of Birmingham, Marilyn Thayer of Ann Arbor, Tommy Tomlinson of Macomb County and Dwight Havens of Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Evans in recent weeks had sharply shifted her position in favor of the heavy rail option, arguing it was the only one which would have enough economic impact to rescue Detroit.

In this regard, she wound up more strongly in favor of heavy rail than even Mayor Young.

Havens, a suburban Wayne County resident who heads the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, didn't explain his vote.

Mrs. Thayer, a land use planning expert and one of SEMTA's most knowledgeable members, voted against the light rail option for a far different reason. "For a couple billion dollars, we're going to get two or three percent of all the trips in the region," she said.

Tomlinson supported the light rail plan but insisted on including in any application for federal funds the so-called "Tri-County Plan" that was heavily lobbied by the Oakland County Road Commission.

Tomlinson's motion to include the Oakland road group's plan failed to get a second from the other dozen board members, and so it was never discussed.

Missing was the board's newest member, Henry M. Hogan, publisher of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hogan was in Boston to speak to a press convention, an engagement he had made a year ago.

ECONOMICS was the chief non-political reason the board picked the light rail alternative. The other three were: All-bus plus commuter rail in the Michigan corridor; heavy rail; and the "null" alternative, simply letting the present system expand normally.

In one of the major compromises of Michigan politics, the board of the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority Tuesday pointed the way for rapid transit for the next generation or more.

The way is light rail. By a 9-4 vote, the SEMTA board indicated its "preference" so that General Manager Larry Salei and his staff can prepare a formal application to the federal government on a program that will ultimately cost \$1.3 billion in current dollars.

By picking option I, the SEMTA board said it wanted to build light rail (streetcar-type) lines in the Woodward corridor from downtown to Sixteen Mile and in the Grosse Pointe corridor from downtown to Fifteen Mile.

Also on the docket are commuter rail in the Michigan Avenue corridor and express buses in 10 major metropolitan area corridors—Fort, Mound, Telegraph, Southfield, Plymouth, 1-96, Eight Mile, Big Beaver, Schoolcraft-Divison and Warren.

DETROIT MAYOR Coleman Young, who hatched and promoted a heavy rail subway plan, compromised by accepting the light rail plan, and all five of Detroit's SEMTA members backed it as well.

A suburban member who asked not to be quoted by name said: "The mayor and (sister) William) Chittio backed off heavy rail. He saw the need to make it a regional system—to his credit."

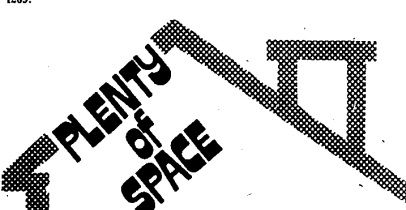
The SEMTA member referred to the fact that Young's heavy rail plan would have been built in Detroit only—to Eight Mile in the Woodward corridor and to Connor in the Grosse Pointe corridor—at least in its early stages. Suburban spokesmen vehemently opposed a Detroit-only plan.

Among the nine supporting votes were: Joseph P. Bianco Jr., of Bloomfield Hills; Beverly McAninch, Plymouth city commissioner; J.A. (Art) Muller, Grosse Pointe businessman and James Grannan, Macomb



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