The debate continues

State panel eyes 6-lane proposal for M-275

State highway depart-ment engineers have pro-posed a six-lane, 308-foot right-of-way for both alternatives to the can-celled M-275 freeway

project.
Design sketches of the
alternatives were presented to members of the
Citizens in Opposition to
M-275 at a meeting last
week, while another session, this time with Oakland County Commicweek, while another ses-sion, this time with Oak-land County Commis-sioner Robert McConnell and local officials who l local officials who oport a boulevard in, was held last dnesday in the Com-rce Township Hall.

Following Monday's session, Citizens in Oppo-sition chairperson Step-hen Rosman said his

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"They've given us sev-eral alternatives," Ros-man said, "and we've got to think about how it applies to our concept." Rosman said he was concerned that the plans show six lans aid he was concerned that the plans show six lans aid he was concerned that the plans show six land dup at ment did "They so yet data for support its finding for six lanes instead of four." he added. "We want them to substantiate their traf-fic statistics."
The design was based on a four-lane peak by 1985, when the north-south trunkline probably would be completed, the engineers told Rosman, although the traffic sta-tistics were based on other factors such as the extension of Decker extension of Decker Road in Novi, widening

of Orchard Lake Road to
five lanes and the addition of a lane on 1-96.
Other concerns listed
by Rosman included: the
two of Haggery Noad as
a service road for existing businesses; the 308foot right-of-way; the
possibility that some
property would be landlocked, requiring the
state to acquire it; and
approval from Novi and
Farmington Hills for the
road between 1-96 and
Eight Mile Road, which
the department said
would be expensive to
acquire.

liminary stage," Rosman said, "and we gave them some modifications to think about."

The clitizens' group leader said he would contact the department's M-275 study team in the next week or two to discuss the design proposal, and added, "I hadn't articipated the size and dimensions of their proposal."

In addition to Rosman and the six-man study team, others attending Monday's 44-hour session were Clitizens in Opposition members Jim Jardine and Tim Carpen ter, who also served on Commerce Township's Road Study Committee, and Dick Grow of the East Michigan Environ-mental Action Council (EMEAC).

with limited access along Haggerty from Eight Mile to about Richardson Road. Along Union Lake Road, the drive was supposed to be four lanes, undivided, with limited access and would have skirted Long Lake and Union Lake Village. A connecting road would be

built to Williams Lake Road and then become four-lane, divided again

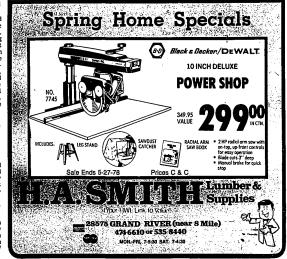
The citizens' group had proposed a scenic drive of four lanes, divided, with limited access along

Memorial Day marchers sought for celebration

Memorial Day Farace is being launched. Group Boats, marching units, bands and youth organizations are invited to join the May 29 parade. There is a need for open top vehicles and antique cars. Any questions regarding transportation should be referred to Ralph Philip at 477-8581 or Don Gould at 477-2099. There will be Memorial Awards for this year's parade. Awards will be given for the best unit; best adult

float; best youth float; best mounted group; best youth group, boys and girls; best biker; best elementary band; best marching unit and best vehicle. These awards will be pre-sented after the Memorial Services.

Any questions about participation in the parade can be referred to Wally Christensen at 474-8554. Questions can be answered by calling the American Legion Hall at 478-9174 or the VFW Hall at 474-8180.



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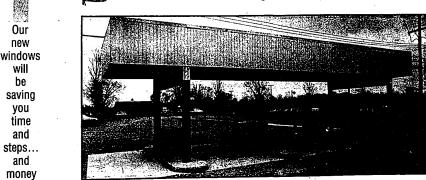
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