Pernick fears M-275 will drain inner suburbs

Oakland County Commissioner Lawrence Pernick, a Southfield Democrat,
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County, Commerce Township White Lake Township and Millord, areas which would be more accessible with the construction of M-275. Schools, businesses and residences in Southfield would decline, Pernick said, if the outer ring of suburban sprawl continues northward.

"So goes Detroit, so goes Southfield," Pernick said, Il He said a new road expanding the outer ring of the metropol-lan area makes no sense "especially when there is no population growth to justify that kind of expansion." The slurns of tomorrow will be created by the actions of government officials with no foresight," Pernick said. "Everyone's living for today and not worrying about what government polices will be considered to the continuation of the cont

Pernick added that he isn't sure the 20-year old I-696 freeway, which reaches I-75 at its western edge, is needed either.

reaches 1-75 at its western edge, is needed either. BUT A TOP county official, Deputy County Executive William M. Spinelli of Orchard Lake, said both-freeways are needed to serve the residents who already live in south and north Oakland County. He disagrees with Pernick's conten-tion that M-275 will promote "urban spraw!," saying that while develop-ment may occur around the freeway interchanges "it's the proliferation of secondary roads that promotes strip office and industrial development." Spinelli said that many south Oak-land officials may be mum on the M-275 issue because they realize north Oakland residents need traffic relief as badly as south Oakland residents need relief through 1-696.

Franklin Council opposes freeway

_ The Franklin Village Council is unanimously opposed to any extension of the Northwestern Freeway beyond its present end point at Orchard Lake Road.

Road.
Council members Monday considered a lengthy study of M-275 alternates and their impact on Franklin Village before passing a resolution opposing any extension of the roadway.

The resolution stating the Franklin position was to be submitted to the Michigan State Transportation Commission before its scheduled meeting Wednesday where M-275 alternate plans were to be discussed.

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plans were to be discussed.
"It is our position that present traffic-congestion should be alleviated through improvements to the existing 1-696 freeway and north-south roads such as Haggerty Road, Farmington Road, Orchard Lake Road, etc.," the resolu-tion savs

Orchard Lake Road, etc., the resolu-tion says.

The council also asked that the trans-portation commission cancel the pro-

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posed extension of the Northwestern Freeway.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL impact study of the proposed Twelve Mile Road-Northwestern interchange is asked in the resolution.

"This project is a 'major' project using federal funds," the resolution states, and requires an environmental impact study.

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The council also asked that "any additional improvements to the Northwestern corridor on which feedral funds are used to be considered in their entirety so as to subject them to the Federal Environmental Impact Study requirement rather, than avoiding this requirement by the present piecemeal approach."

The council resolution also contained three other requests:

• That state and federal agencies compare impacts of all M-275 alter-

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• That any proposed use of the Northwestern corridor in M-275 alternate plans be clearly shown on refer-

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• That it be formally notified of any
proposed improvements to Northwestern Highway so that it can consider
their impact on the village.

Councilman Peter Bertelson noted that "the village unfortunately did en-dorse an extension 11 years ago to pro-mote the enhancement of Northwestern Highway.

ern Highway."
"Regretfully, we did a dumb thing,"
he added.
However, in 1978 the Franklin Vil-lage Council passed a resolution
repealing the action taken in 1958.

Ms. Gold named to committee

Ms. Claudia Gold of Farmington Hills has been named by Gov. Wii-liam Milliken to the Advi-sory Committee on Juve-nile Justice.

advise the governor, the Office of Criminal Justice and the Commission on Criminal Justice on matters concerning





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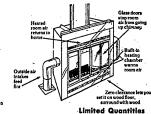




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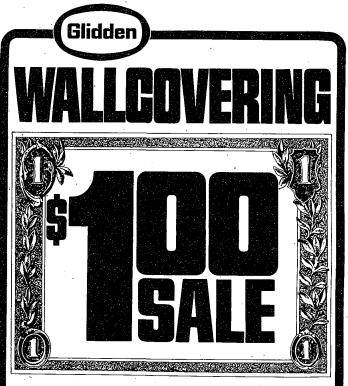


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