

Commissioners will petition for rail to Pontiac

By TOM LONERGAN

THE COUNTY opposes SEMTA's estimated \$1.5 billion transportation plan, adopted seven weeks ago, which includes a subway to Six Mile and surface light rail to 10 Mile in Royal Oak. A county board resolution, passed 22-2 last week, called SEMTA's planned expansion of commuter rail and bus service in the county "inadequate."

The resolution also repeated Oakland's long standing opposition to the subway. The subway's high construction cost "decreases the availability of funds" for light rail and other improvements in Oakland County, the resolution said.

Commissioners Paul Kasper, R-Bloomfield Hills, and Richard Wilcox, R-Ortonville, opposed the resolution. "It's just a smokescreen. We're blowing in the wind," said Kasper. "They (the other commissioners) all know this."

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EVEN COMMISSIONERS appointed last week by board Chairman Wallace Gabler, R-Royal Oak, to lobby for the county doubt that Oakland's transit wishes will be met.

"I think the whole thing is in concrete in SEMTA and the legislature," said John Peterson, R-Rochester.

"We're going through the motions. We'll do what we should do as responsible politicians, but I'm ready to withdraw."

G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, whose district includes Farmington Hills, said the county effort is "going to be too late."

The resolution was necessary "to make a stand," Caddell said. "I think it's just an expression of what we'd like to see happen."

The county wants SEMTA to respond "in writing" before Thursday or the county "will explore other options to provide transportation to its citizens."

"Other options" includes withdrawal from SEMTA, which the county has

threatened to do for a couple of years.

BUT EVEN such strong withdrawal advocates as Wilcox doubt Oakland will leave SEMTA.

Wilcox doesn't expect the county's latest proposal to have any effect and told commissioners if they were serious about withdrawing "you ought to be willing to put that in the resolution, but no one's willing."

"There aren't going to be the votes to get out. We have a lot of commissioners that are satisfied with what SEMTA is going to do," Wilcox said, refer-

ring to commissioners from the county's southern portion. "They could care less what happens to the rest of Oakland County."

Besides Peterson and Caddell, Gabler appointed Commissioners Anne Hobart, R-Pontiac; Hubert Price Jr., D-Pontiac, and Lawrence Pernick, D-Southfield, to lobby for the county on the local, state and federal level.

Road Commission Managing Director John Grubba will advise the special county committee as will several representatives of County Executive Daniel Murphy's administration.

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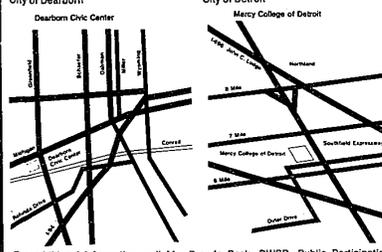
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DWSD will sponsor the second series of public meetings to explore the issues of environmental conditions, current and future demands on the treatment plant, and options being considered for ultimate solids disposal and combined sewer overflows. These meetings are designed to receive public comments, so take time to attend one of the meetings and voice your opinions. The meetings are scheduled for:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1980, 7:00 P.M.
Dearborn Civic Center
15200 Michigan Ave. (near Greenfield)
City of Dearborn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1980, 7:00 P.M.
Mercy College Student Conference Center
3200 W. Outer Dr. (enter at west gate)
City of Detroit



For additional information, call Ms. Brenda Peek, DWSD, Public Participation Coordinator, at 224-3834.

Asia turmoil is topic of Oakland U series

Oakland University Area Studies Program and the History Club are sponsoring a free discussion series on "South and West Asia: A Region in Turmoil."

Feb. 6, 11:45 a.m. — "Old Patterns Renewed: USSR, China, and Afghanistan," with Professors Robert Howes and John Garver, West Crookery, Oakland Center.

Feb. 14, noon — "Elections in India: New Armaments in Pakistan," with Professors Peter Bertocci, Thomas Cassevens and Richard Tucker, rooms 126-127, Oakland Center.

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