

# SEMCOG will elect Oakland SEMTA rep

By TOM LONERGAN

Two township supervisors and an incumbent were nominated last week to represent Oakland County on the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) Board of Directors.

John N. Doherty, West Bloomfield Township Supervisor, Robert H. Long, Commerce Township Supervisor, and incumbent R.J. Alexander were recommended for the post.

The nominations were made last week at a meeting of Oakland cities, village and township representatives in Birmingham City Hall.

THE SOUTHEAST Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) General Assembly will elect one of the three men to the SEMTA board on June 26. SEMCOG appoints two of the county's three SEMTA representatives.

Alexander, of Bloomfield Township, was appointed to the SEMTA board by SEMCOG in 1977. His three-year term expires June 30. Alexander is a former mayor of Oak Park and county director of Public Works.

Also nominated was Henry Hogan, of Bloomfield Hills, recently ousted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners as its SEMTA representative.

The local communities caucus, which is only allowed to nominate three for vacant SEMTA positions, chose Alexander, Doherty and Long over Hogan.

Among the 18 community representatives present, Alexander received 17 votes, Doherty, 15, Long, 10 and Hogan, 6. Sixty-one cities, villages and townships in the county were asked to send a representative to the meeting.

Hogan, a weekly newspaper publisher in the Flint area, was nominated by Lathrup Village Councilwoman Dorothy E. Warren.

DOHERTY AND LONG both oppose SEMTA's 1990 regional transportation plan which includes a subway/surface light rail line up Woodward Ave. from downtown Detroit to 11 Mile Road in Royal Oak.

The controversial subway, the main cog of the estimated \$1.5 billion plan, has been approved to W. Grand Blvd. by the Michigan Legislature, but depending on cost and environmental factors could be extended to McNichols (Six Mile) Road, as favored by SEMTA.

Alexander abstained from voting on the plan, approved by SEMTA last December, because he said board members had not read the public hearing transcripts. He now favors the plan.

Doherty and Long favor an expansion of bus service and improvement of existing commuter rail lines. The SEMTA plan would do both, but not to the degree Oakland County subway opponents want.

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Alexander said the SEMTA board is on record in favor of a referendum but hasn't determined through what taxes the deficit would be funded.

Three choices, said Alexander, are a property tax, an income tax or a sales tax. He said the most likely time for a referendum would be 1982, when more accurate cost estimates of the plan would be available.

"Until we get preliminary engineering done," said Alexander, "it would be foolish to tell people, 'This is what it's going to cost.'"

Regarding the subway leading to the "economic revitalization" of Detroit, Doherty said, "I have a problem using a transportation improvement program as a tool to accomplish another end."

Alexander said, "We have some older cities in (south) Oakland County reaching that stage (economic deterioration) as well. No question studies said it (revitalization of Detroit) was an appropriate area of concern."

Regarding SEMTA's service to north Oakland County, Long said, "There should be some Dial-A-Ride systems."

"No question there are a lot of complaints about OCART (Oakland County Advanced Reservation Transit), SEMTA's small bus system," Long said. "I believe it will eventually work out to be a good system."

## Red Cross plans centennial year

The American Red Cross, the nation's largest volunteer organization, will celebrate 100 years of service in 1981.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter, which provides Red Cross services in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, is collecting information on persons and materials relevant to the history of the Red Cross for inclusion in the nationwide centennial celebration, according to Sally Rankin, Centennial Planning Committee chairman.

Information or items of historic relevance may be sent or delivered to Centennial Planning Committee, Southeastern Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross, 100 Mack Avenue, P.O. Box 351, Detroit, Michigan 48232.

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