

SEMTA, city sign merger systems pact

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Merger of metropolitan Detroit's two major bus systems is a major step closer to reality.

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) and the city of Detroit Friday signed a merger agreement which paves the way for final negotiations on the actual consolidation of the two systems.

The SEMTA board of directors voted 9-0 for the agreement with six member absent. The agreement is expected to satisfy a Saturday deadline imposed by the Michigan Legislature.

IF SEMTA and Detroit had failed to agree on merger by that date, a tri-county motor vehicle tax, which provides SEMTA \$13.4 million in operating revenues annually, would have been expired.

A joint legislative oversight committee is to meet Wednesday in Lansing to review Friday's agreement.

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There will be no immediate changes due to Friday's agreement. But Salci hopes that as negotiations progress, there will be a mutual service agreement allowing SEMTA buses to pick up city passengers and vice-versa.

THREE CITY of Detroit merger conditions are yet to be negotiated: 1) the promise of a minimum level of bus service within the city, 2) state assumption of D-DOT's unfunded \$81 million pension liability and 3) assurance to employees of the Detroit Department

of Transportation (D-DOT) there will be no wage or benefit cuts.

SEMTA officials met with Detroit Mayor Coleman Young Friday morning to review the agreement.

The Detroit city charter requires that city residents vote on any sale of the city bus system. Friday's agreement called for such a vote to be taken by no later than Nov. 30, 1982.

It's also likely a regional vote on SEMTA's long-term operating deficit would be taken by that time, according to R.J. Alexander, SEMTA board chairman.

WHEN IT ADOPTED A SEMTA funding and reorganization act in 1975, the legislature made merger of the two public transportation systems a prerequisite to further funding of SEMTA's proposed subway and surface light rail line.

The merger was to have been accomplished by last April 15. When it wasn't, the legislature extended the deadline to Nov. 15.

Salci said merger negotiations have been going on for five years. The most recent discussions began in August. SEMTA has been using some of its federal funding to buy all of the new buses that have been used by D-DOT since 1972.

In September, the SEMTA board approved a two-year \$90 million subsidy for D-DOT.

SEMTA was created by the state as a seven-county authority in 1967. It was to consolidate all regional private bus companies and municipal systems under one management. Acquisition of the private companies was completed early in the 1970s, but the absorption of the Detroit bus system is yet to be accomplished.

Republican joins county board in '81

A third Republican will sit on the 27-member Wayne County Board of Commissioners when it begins a new term in January. It will be the first time there have been more than two since the board was restructured in 1969.

Bill Runco, a 23-year-old Dearborn

Republican and an economics graduate from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, is a law student at the Ann Arbor campus. Runco defeated Jillaine Gregory Nov. 4 in commissioner District 22, which includes west Dearborn and north Dearborn Heights.

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Arts expert due in Oakland for programs

A national expert on arts and cultural organizations will present three free programs this week, according to the Oakland County Cultural Council.

Dr. Joseph Golden's special program on community beautification begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the Oakland County Commissioners' auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, he will speak on "Programming That Changes Priorities" in a workshop in the Pontiac Art Center, 47 Williams.

At 9 a.m. Thursday, he will lead a workshop in the Pontiac Art Center on "Lobbying for Government Support."

Golden is author of "Olympus on Main Street: A Process for Planning a Community Arts Facility," considered a bible for arts organizations.

U-M regent to speak

Sarah Goddard Power, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, and University of Michigan Regent, will speak at the Women's Bar Association Oakland County Region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan's next membership meeting Wednesday at the Holiday Inn in Southfield. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Power's topic, "Codes, Codes for Something or Codeword for Something Else?" will explore the evolving standards of conduct affecting international behavior.

Ms. Power is a member of the National Council of the United Nations Association of the USA, and the American Council on Education's Commission on Women in Higher Education. She is also on the Michigan Advisory Board of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund's Project on Equal Education Rights.

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