### Doubts on subway package resurface in SEMCOG vote

What effect a Southasst Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) review of the control of the co

grant for the Woodwaru ng...
The proposed subway would run between downtown Detroit and McNi-chols (Six Mille Road. The surface portion of the rail line would extend to 11 Mile Road in Royal Oak.

DAVID SHEPARD, Oak Park Mayor who supported the subway study grant, doesn't see the SEMCOG vote damaging the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority's (SEMTA) plans SEMTA has 863 million in state and federal funds to proceed with the rail line study this year.

"This was simply a procedural question," said Shepherd. "I don't see any way preliminary engineering will be stopped."

Shepherd noted that the four members supporting the subway included the mayor of Saline in Washtenaw DAVID SHEPARD, Oak Park Mayor

the mayor of Saline in Washtenaw County and the Macomb County Inter-mediate Schools superintendent.

The SEMCOG committee, which reviews all local requests for federal capital grants, recommended the first phase of preliminary engineering in July by an 8-2 vote. The federal Department of Transportation awarded SEMTA a \$5 million study grant last fail

SEMTA a 35 million study grant last fall.

Two committee members — Korzon and St. Clair County Commissioner william Smiley — voted for the engineering study last summer, but opposed the second phase grant last week. Ann Arbor Township Supervisor Nancy Davis' yes vote of last summer was replaced by alternate committee member Fidge's no vote and Wayne County Community College Trustee James McCartney of Westland, who voted yes last summer, was absent from last week's meeting.

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KORZON SAID Tuesday he changed his vote because he's no longer assured that metropolitan area residents will be given a vote on financing SEMTA's projected operating deficits.

To be seen that the said Oakland County officials have insisted there be a regionwide vote on any new taxes proposed to pay for SEMTA deficits which are expected to increase greatly between now and 1890.

Generally, Korzon said, the regional review committee's refusal to recommend a grant for federal approval is detrimental to a project. But, he added, SEMTA is not an ordinary project."

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support since the mid-1970s. Subway opponents hope the new Reagan administration will refuse federal funding for the project.

SORONEN, FIDGE and Korzon took

nents are invarence.
"Young used those statements politically." Korzon said. "My position is not as narrow and parochial as he suggests. . . . Historically, I can go back and demonstrate otherwise."

Korzon said he's "more convinced

than before that the successive approach.
"In a sense," he said, "It's one man's monument."
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monument."
Soronen, who voted against the sub-way study last summer, said: "I'm sorry, I do not see a connection between racial bigotry and subways.
"I don't feel it (the subway) is even adequately serving the city."
Soronen said the review committee did not recommend against the second subway study grant.

"None of the five of us thought quick-ly enough to make a motion to give a negative recommendation, had we

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tee member, said, "I have no problem
with my vote.
"My basis for voting on that was not
a black and white issue.
"I have difficulty rationalizing the
benefit (of the subway line) for the
whole region, 'she said.
"I'm living one mile from
they little, if anything,
continued. "There is little, if anything,
mass transit into Detroit.

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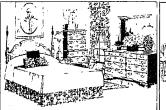
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