SEMTA gets \$5 million for buses

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In the snail's-pace world of southeast Michigan public transit development, things have been recently moving at a positively breath-taking rate. Country Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) won a \$5 million federal grant to purchase 41 diesel buses, and a transit authority spokesperson says the purchase may include some huge, "bendable" models. But if you're a suburban commuter looking forward to less park and more ride at SEMTA's popular park-and-ride lots, don't hold your breath. The bus grant took a year to win approval, and delivery of the buses themselves is probably another year away, added the spokesperson.

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The people inover is proceeding on the strength of 38 million in federal funds released to SEMTA 10 days ago. The money was part of a \$12.5 million congressional appropriation which haden impounded by the federal Urban Mass Transit Administration. The remaining \$4 million is still stalled, although its delivery under the long-awaited federal contribution to the region's public transit system is still expected, said an aide to U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth.

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Pursell, a member of the House Ap-propriations Committee, was instru-mental in convincing administration figures to release the funds.

commission, the city of Pontiac and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Interstate 75 and M-59 freeway lanes and exit ramps in the area have been expanded. A new exit ramp has been built from M-59 to the stadium's auxiliational to conth of that freeway.

Roads to Silverdome done months early

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held last week for an extensive system of road and traffic control improve-ments designed to aid access to the Silverdome stadium in Pontjac.

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The project, which cost \$2.6 million in addition to engineering and administration, was completed 4½ months ahead of schedule, said fred Houghten, chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission. It was prompted by the Silverdome's selection as site of the 1982 Superbowl game for the national professional football championship.

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"IT'S NOT that the technology of the so-called people mover changed, but that the program it's part of is differ-

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The SEMTA spokesperson explained that some of the 48 million will go to the Kingsport, Onterpress of the Seminary of the Kingsport, Onterpress of the Kingsport, Onterpress of the Seminary of the Seminary of the Seminary of the Seminary is to study the feasibility of linking the downtown rail system to the controversial Woodward corridor light rail line (the subway).

The two systems are markedly different, however, People movers are automated cars, while the subway trains will be staffed by a brakeman.

And the people mover, designed to run downtown on an elevated roadbed, does not appear suitable for use in ground-level or sub-ground roadbeds, the SEMTA spokesperson explained.

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will be the leaster being fleet.

Average speed is expected to reach 30 mph, compared to 18 mph for SEM-TA line haul buses on the road now. The Detroit bus system, which has to contend with more city streets and less freeways, averages only 11 mph.

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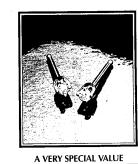
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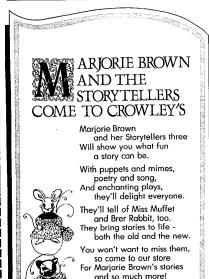


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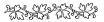
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