

Training areas unveiled today

Gov. James J. Blanchard today is scheduled to designate service delivery areas proposed by the 50-member Michigan Job Training Council, according to S. Martin Taylor, director of the Michigan Department of Labor.

There are signs some suburban and county politicians will be unhappy that central cities are designated as separate service delivery areas (SDAs). "The proposed delivery areas will promote efficient delivery of training programs to all parts of Michigan," said Taylor. "One goal of the council was to assure areas did not compete with each other to the detriment of the people who need job training."

IN WAYNE COUNTY, the city of Detroit was proposed as a separate service area. So was the Downriver Community Conference.

But western Wayne County suburbs were shot down in their attempt to organize as a SDA and instead are scheduled to come under Wayne County government's jurisdiction.

The city of Pontiac and the townships of Independence, Orion, Pontiac, Waterford and White Lake form another service area. The remainder of Oakland County was recommended as a separate SDA.

To the extent possible, the SDAs follow local labor market areas, said Taylor. "Establishing the SDAs for the new job training effort marks another important step toward training and retraining the unemployed and disadvantaged citizens of Michigan under the new federal effort which replaces the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA)," he said.

"THE PROPOSED SDAs streamline the old CETA delivery system by reducing the number of administrative units by more than 20 percent while still insuring service statewide," he said.

The labor director said the next step is the establishment and certification of local Private Industry Councils (PICs). These will include representatives of local business and industry, labor, education, economic development and other appropriate groups.

Once the PICs are certified, local planning grants will be available through the state.

The PIC and chief elected official(s) in each SDA will provide planning, policy guidance and oversight for local JTPA programs.

Overall, Michigan expects to receive approximately \$200 million under JTPA for fiscal year 1984. Most programs will begin Oct. 1, 1983.

On air quality

Murphy blisters EPA sanctions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sapped a nerve in Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy's body when it threatened to impose economic sanctions on the county for what it claims is inability to remedy air quality problems.

In a reply letter to EPA, Murphy blasted the federal government for holding Michigan and Oakland County responsible for enforcing the Clean Air Act.

For example, said Murphy, EPA proposes a construction ban on Oakland County because it believes the state and the county

are allowing "carbon monoxide hotspots" to exist.

"THEY (EPA) have targeted one area on Eight Mile and Telegraph as a carbon monoxide hotspot," Murphy told the County Board of Commissioners. Republican caucus. "That's ridiculous."

"SEMCOG (Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments) — working cooperatively with three local communities, two state departments, one university, one private citizen and one utility along with Ford

and General Motors — has set up a monitoring program to collect data to determine the extent of the carbon monoxide hotspot problem and analyze potential problems in the future," Murphy said in his letter to the EPA.

He said Michigan and Oakland County are going above and beyond the law to remedy air quality problems.

EPA HAS criticized the state and county for failing to have an active inspection and maintenance program.

"When Michigan is no longer cutting programs and raising taxes just to balance the budget, then reasonable efforts should bring us closer to actual implementation of inspection and maintenance," Murphy said.

The EPA has also threatened to withhold grants authorized under the Clean Air Act and to cut off transportation funds.

Murphy said the grant cut-off would seriously hinder the state's efforts to maintain a high level of air quality control programs.

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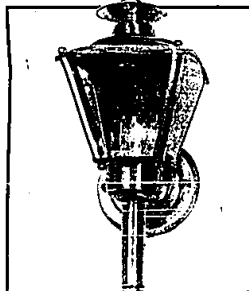
In observance of Transportation Week, the open houses will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Oakland County terminal is at 2021 Barrett, north of 15 Mile and east of Crooks in Troy.

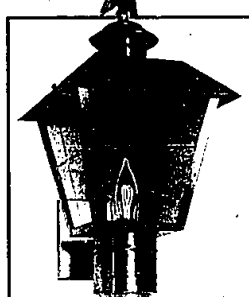
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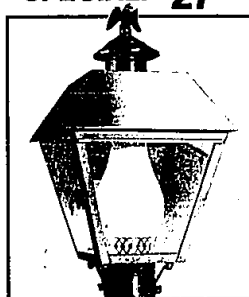
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