

# Hills wrestles with development

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plan to meet on a quarterly basis with the next conference slated for fall.

If the expansion aren't made, existing businesses and potential new businesses developing in the area would be stifled, according to Vernon Lunn, vice president of corporate services, Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America.

"This translates to a loss of jobs and loss of tax base for the city," he said.

"The traffic is unbelievable at 4:30-5 p.m. and with all the new business it's going to get worse," Lunn said.

"We are emphasizing to you that we are recognizing, hopefully in enough advance time from our own experience, that there are some things that must be done and started on now to avoid future substantial problems," Lunn wrote to Council members.

Savage hasn't yet approached the EDC on whether or not it will fund the study, Cortick said.

Seven business people, City Clerk Floyd Cairns and Savage are the mem-

bers of the city's EDC. Their purpose is to attract new businesses to the community, often luring them with low interest rates. They charge a fee for their services, and the money they accumulate is used for economic advancement in the city.

The study is expected to be completed by spring of 1984.

The 12 Mile Road improvement, basically between Telegraph and Novi roads, go through Southfield and Novi as well.

"SINCE TWELVE Mile is a county road, whatever is done, they're going to want consistency no whatever the plans are in the other cities would impact on our city, and we want to be aware of their feelings," Cortick said.

The planning outline will involve an analysis of existing roadways, developmental potential, traffic conditions and capacities, accident statistics, suggestions on improving traffic safety and a determination of existing and potential

need for the additional interchange at I-496.

"Indeed the time is long past that such a major undertaking be initiated, especially since the Planning Commission has already begun to require the setting aside of sufficient right-of-way to accommodate a boulevard," Savage wrote in a report.

The plan will also include an analysis of existing and projected right-of-way requirements, coordination data, findings, and conclusions of the Oakland County Road Commission, the State and Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG).

Information will be gathered concerning the expansion on 12 Mile, including basic design concepts for cross sections, and the possibility of the addition of an appropriate interchange at I-496 or additional access points as well as a possibility of a boulevard section.

The master plan developers will include representatives from the Planning Commission, the Oakland County Road Commission, the Michigan De-

partment of Transportation, SEMCOG, the cities of Southfield and Novi, major businesses and property owners along the corridor and the city's Historical Commission.

THEY WILL analyze the different funding possibilities including county, state and federal aid, and the potential of a tax increment financing authority as well as contributions from private developers and property owners.

The group will also consider a coordinated beautification program, including the setting of standards for new developments as well as treatment of existing properties.

The cost of the 12 Mile Road Corridor master plan is broken down into \$18,000 for traffic consultant fees and \$2,000 for reimbursable expenses. Planning consultant fees are estimated at \$10,000 and \$1,000 for expenses. Mapping costs are slated at \$2,000, legal consultation costs at \$1,000, printing costs at \$1,500 and miscellaneous fees are rounded off at \$1,500.

# Wayne will offer course on aging

The Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University will offer its Specialist Certificate in Aging Program off-campus for the first time

starting this fall. Through the College of Lifelong Learning, three courses will be offered at the WSU Southfield Center, 25610 11 Mile, Southfield.

Those who have a master's degree need not be admitted to Wayne State in order to register for the program. Those who do not have a master's degree must be admitted to the WSU Division of Graduate Studies.

A minimum of 12 graduate credit hours is required for the specialist certificate which is designed for professionals who are involved in service to the aged or who wish to expand their career options in gerontology. In addition to the course work, students must complete a supervised gerontology internship.

Being offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. starting in September are Society and Aging on Mondays and Human Communication and the Aged on Thursdays and Social Welfare Policy: Services to the Aged from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

# MDA benefit set for Saturday

A benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) will be hosted Saturday at McDonald's Restaurant, 21399 Telegraph, Southfield.

At the benefit, held in conjunction with the opening of the playground at the restaurant, visitors can meet Eric Philip, Muscular Dystrophy's State Poster Child, and Ronald McDonald. Games, prizes, magic, and free helium

balloons and ice cream will be available for every child who says hello to Eric Philip.

Included in the daylong activities are a local band, Left Hook, and a grand prize drawing. In addition, for every Big Mac sold at regular price that day, 25 cents will be donated to MDA. The program starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 8 p.m.

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