

12 Mile eyed for expansion

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Costick, Farmington Hills assistant city manager. Under federal highway grant programs, the county generally pays half of the local share of road improvements, he said. City officials would like to add a fifth lane along 12 Mile, between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. But they also have been filling in gaps in the roadway between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads so that that portion

of the thoroughfare will be a four-lane cross section.

IN RETURN for filling gaps in the road, Hills officials are hoping that the city's total two-mile stretch of 12 Mile may be resurfaced under the county's 1984 road paving program, to be paid for with the federal money.

While 12 Mile is under the county's jurisdiction, the federal money is the only way the thoroughfare will be widened to accommodate increased traffic.

"Oakland County, they take on road improvements based on their safety program," Costick said. "The road with the highest frequency of accidents is the one that gets to the top of the list." "And they (county road commissioners) will tell you there are numerous projects in the county that would have a priority over 12 Mile."

City officials are expecting to receive word on the federal money before year end. If the city does receive the money, construction would not begin until the 1984 construction season.

SOUTHFIELD officials also have asked county road commissioners to widen 12 Mile to five lanes. The widening would take place between Telegraph Road and Northwestern Highway.

"We support each other's efforts," Costick said. "But we are not coordinating."

He fixes and flies 'em

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While the Vagabond uses approximately three gallons of fuel an hour, his father's craft consumes approximately nine, he says.

Although Benesh has been flying for 15-years, he admits that he can find few friends who are willing to go for a ride in his fragile craft.

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