## SEMTA slashes due Monday

By Kathy Parrish

Despite a last ditch effort to save bus and train service, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, (SEMTA) larolling along with planned

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After a two-week delay, SEMTA's board of directors Tuesday merely receives and filed a report from a sub-committee set up to find ways of reducing the impact on unhappy patrons.

So SEMTA staffers are proceeding to end the chamuler rail, reduce buses and router and raile youth fares. All changes, designed to eliminate a projected \$16 million operating deficit, will take place next Monday.

"We reached the consensus that neither the governor nor the legislature is going to help us before Oct. 17. And the same for the federal government," explained drector Thomas Regan, who chaired the five-person subcommittee. "And there are no substantial dollars available from any other source."

THE GROUP agreed that bus priori-ties should be line haul, suburban cross-town rottes and then small buses. But il could not recommend action on the train, which runs from Pontiac

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to Detroit. "We could not reach a con-sensus on the issue," Fegan told the di-

sensus on the asset, rectors.
Outlining his own investigations, SEMTA General Manager Gary W. Krause said be contacted several cities about helping pay train costs.

He said Pontiac promised to aid in snow removal, Bloomfield Township and Royal Oak showed interest, and there was a possibility of using unpaid community service workers in Oakland County.

Detroit piedged to re-address the is-sue of increasing the speed limit for the train, he added.

BUT THE MAJOR consideration, Krause believes, is the cost of labor. He offered to talk with Grand Trunk and Western Railroad about union conces-

western Hairroa about mino concessions on rules like crew size.

"The time for the pat on the back and psychological support is over," the general manager said.

"Either it's a commitment or no

SEMTA staffers said that even with SEMTA staffers said that even with help from communities, "very basic" train service would cost \$1 million ay our. But for several directors, there seemed to be no alternative. "I regard train service as an Oakland County service," said Michael

that money comes out of lipehaul and small buses slated for Oakland Coun-

small others suspen for Oskikase County,"
For Macomb County's Dians Kola-kowski, there are too few train riders to justify saving the service. "I'm con-cerned how I could justify that when we're eliminating bus service which costs less and serves that many peo-nie."

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"I'm torn between my heart and mind," explained Oakland director R.J. Alexander of Birmingham. "It's a dis-aster to discontinue rail service and ever expect to have light rail. But I'm also concerned about the cost of keep-ing the train running for another six months."

WHILE STICKING with their planned service reductions, the SEMTA board patiently listened to another patiently first being the service of the service strength of the service s

## Cars, vans on block at Oakland auction

Oakland County has scheduled a public ascition of surplus vehicles and equipment at 10 am. Saturday, Oct. 15, in the central garage yard in the county service center complex, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

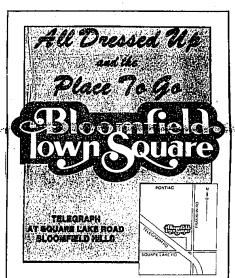
About 40 cars and trucks from county departments will be included. Eightenech Chervolet Impalas, several Pontiac Sunkirds and other models will be on

the block. Bids can also be made on pickup trucks and vans from 1977-79 am the day of the sale.

Office equipment such as typewritoffice equipment such as typewritsold. Power grounds and lawn equipment, cameras, video and audio items will be listed.

The public may inspect vehicles on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13 and 14.

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Lists of Items to be auctions are available from the Oakland County Purchasing Division.







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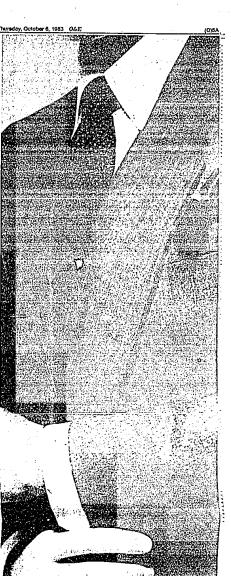
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