

# Oakland ponders new road plan

By Kathy Parrish  
staff writer

All Oakland cities, villages and townships would benefit from a new five-year program to make county roads safer.

Proposed by the Oakland County Road Commission, the \$10.5-million Tri-Party Program is designed to help communities pay for road improvements.

The county commission, road commission and local communities would share the cost of work improving highway safety, highway maintenance and economic development.

BUT UNLIKE the similar 1980-84 Tri-Party Program benefitting townships, this time cities and villages are included in the 1985-89 proposal.

"It's very popular because the local units propose their own projects," Oakland County Road Commission Managing Director John Grubba told mem-

bers of the county planning and building committee Tuesday.

"This will let other communities take part, too."

The request will go to the board of commissioners and is expected to be referred to its finance committee. Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy has also asked to review the proposal before it is approved.

THE PROPOSAL calls for Oakland County general government to provide \$2.5 million of seed money for five years at the rate of \$700,000 annually. The money would be matched by the Road Commission and communities where projects are located.

Communities contribute on a formula basis, with county-road miles and average number of accidents on county roads taken into consideration. In townships, where all public roads are under Road Commission jurisdiction, population is also a formula factor.

Only county roads can be improved

with the funds. "The Road Commission can not expend funds on any but county roads," Grubba explained to county commissioners.

ROAD COMMISSION Chairman Richard V. Vogt said similar Tri-Party programming over the past 11 years "has provided communities throughout Oakland County with a beneficial source of revenue for needed road improvements."

Most successful was the 1980-84 program which allowed communities to use annual allocations each year or accumulate them for larger projects during the period. The new program offers the same option.

Along with \$988,000 to townships, almost \$1.5 million went to widen Opeyke near the Pontiac Silverdome stadium.

Included in the improvements were paved approaches, passing lanes, sight distances, school-zone flashers, gravel and paving and resurfacing of deteriorated roads.

ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS by communities would be:

• Cities and Villages: Auburn Hills, \$57,645; Berkeley, \$18,170; Beverly Hills, \$16,590; Bingham Farms, \$4,830; Birmingham, \$13,125; Bloomfield Hills, \$15,120; Clarkston, \$3,045; Clawson, \$19,425; Farmington, \$16,485; Farm-

ington Hills, \$143,745; Ferndale, \$1,995.

Also, Franklin, \$13,125; Hazel Park, \$9,870; Holly, \$11,340; Huntington Woods, \$4,830; Keego Harbor, \$13,965; Lake Angelus, \$1,365; Lathrup Village, \$17,745; Madison Heights, \$40,320; Northville, \$5,040; Novi, \$96,495; Oak Park, \$21,315.

And Orchard Lake, \$19,425; Ortonville, \$5,145; Pleasant Ridge, \$4,830; Pontiac, \$26,775; Rochester, \$6,300; Royal Oak, \$39,060; Southfield, \$147,630; South Lyon, \$12,600; Sylvan Lake, \$3,570; Troy, \$188,895; Walled Lake, \$21,945; Wixom, \$26,355; and Wolverine Lake, \$3,885.



John Grubba

## 4-H program open to handicapped

Students with mental, physical or emotional handicaps are invited to join the 1984 Oakland County 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers program.

Beginning in April, the program pro-

vides an opportunity for the handicapped to challenge and reinforce abilities while gaining emotional and physical therapy and an improved self-image. It is run by licensed riding instructors and volunteer 4-H leaders

and members.

There are beginner, intermediate and advanced-level classes for people ages 5 to 95. Classes will be Monday evenings from April 2 to June 4 and Sept. 10 to Nov. 12 at the Dennis Farm in Davisburg. Cost is \$30 with registra-

tion forms available through Bertha Dennis at 625-5981.

For more information about the Oakland County 4-H Horseback Riding for Handicappers Program, contact Georgina Cunningham, 4-H Program Assistant, at 858-0889.

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