

Election Tuesday

'Mediocre' turnout expected

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There has been a lot of talk about roads. Now, after months of discussion, Farmington Hills voters will go to the polls from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday to determine how road improvements will be financed.

City Clerk Joan Reynolds is hoping the road issue draws a good turnout to the polls.

"It's really a guessing game. I think it will be a mediocre turnout. It just seems to me though that everyone should get out and vote with the roads we have," Reynolds said.

Though more voters are registered for this election than for the previous June 24 special parks millage issue, Reynolds predicts a comparable turnout. In June, only 5.2 percent of 2,108 voters cast ballots out of a total 40,877 registered voters.

Farmington Hills now has 42,245 registered voters. On Tuesday morning, 1,686 absentee ballots were issued and approximately 900 returned, Reynolds said.

ON TUESDAY, voters will be asked to support financing the city's share of a three-year road improvement program with general obligation bonds. Polls will open Tuesday

from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the city's 27 voting precincts.

The road program identifies and lists a total of \$14 million of improvements. Of the program's total costs, Farmington Hills' share is approximately \$9 million. But 1 mill that the Farmington Hills City Council levied for roads July 1 is being used in conjunction with \$750,000 from the city's major road budget to finance \$2 million of the \$9 million city share this year.

If voters approved the bond obligation request, the city's remaining \$7 million worth of improvements would be financed over 10 years.

The road program includes 34 projects. City officials expect that all projects will be started, with many completed, within a three-year period, if financing can be done through general obligation bonds.

The bond issue and 1 mill levied for roads this year is not designed as an alternative to the city's unsuccessful bid for a Tax Increment Financing Authority to pay for improvements along the 12 Mile corridor and I-696.

Improvements along these two thoroughfares, as well as other state

or county-owned trouble spots, are not included in the city's three-year road program.

ROADS TARGETED for improvement under the three-year program include Halsted, Drake, 13 and 14 Mile, Middlebelt and numerous intersections, such as Halsted and 11 Mile, Eight Mile and Gihl, and 14 Mile and Inkster.

Improvements include widening, resurfacing, adding passing lanes, improving shoulders, adding traffic signals and removing sight barriers. Hills residents and city administrators for the most part agree on which roads offer the biggest problems and greatest need for improvement.

Results of a survey conducted in mid-July show that residents consider 13 and 14 Mile roads, Drake Road and the M-102/Grand River intersection in need of improvement.

The 1 mill levied in July and the bond issue address only the city's share of estimated costs. City officials are planning that non-city costs will be paid for by the Oakland County Road Commission, other communities, such as West Bloom-

field Township (which is asking voters in November for a half mill specifically for road improvements), Novi and Farmington, which share roads or would benefit from improvements.

Highway grants as well as assessments on new developments would also be used to pay the total road improvement bill.

IN A breakdown of estimated costs, the city would pay its \$9 million share, state and federal grants would account for another \$4 million, the road commission, other communities and development would be responsible for the remaining \$1 million, City Manager William Costick said.

If voters approved the bond issue, \$1.05 million would be needed annually for 10 years to pay the city's approximately \$7 million proposed road debt.

It would be the city council's decision whether to levy a full mill or portion of a mill to retire the debt. But, most likely, only .75-mill would be needed annually, Costick said.

With general obligation bonds — issued on full faith and credit of the city — city officials can legally levy whatever is necessary to retire the debt — even if it is above the city's 10-mill charter limit.

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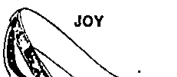


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