

Oakland adds 22.5 miles to '87 road paving plan

The Oakland County Road Commission has added 22.5 miles of pavement resurfacing and safety improvements to its 1987 road improvement program.

OCCRC will issue bonds to cover two-thirds of the cost, Chairman Richard V. Vogt said, and local communities will put up one-third.

"Most of the work to be done is the same type of resurfacing by recycling existing pavement and adding safety shoulders that we did very

successfully with a \$5.5 million bond issue in 1986," said Vogt.

"THE BOND issue for 1987 will be approximately \$4 million, but with it we'll accomplish \$9 million worth of work because of the local units' participation," he said.

The additional \$6 million in work will bring OCCRC's total budget for the new year to \$9.9 million.

Communities in the Observer & Eccentric area, and the amounts

they contributed for roads within their boundaries, are:

Southfield, \$27,500; Bloomfield Township, \$185,000; Troy, \$55,000; Farmington Hills, \$366,000; Farmington, \$11,000; Rochester, \$103,100; Rochester Hills, \$241,635.

RESURFACING projects by community include:

• Southfield and Oak Park — a half-mile of Greenfield between 11 Mile and Lincoln.

• Bloomfield Township — a mile of Franklin between Long Lake and Hickory Grove, a mile of Long Lake between Adams and the border, and a mile of Lakser between 14 Mile and Maple.

• Troy and Madison Heights — 0.7 mile of 14 Mile between Stephenson and John R.

• Farmington Hills — a half-mile of Middlebelt between Northwestern and 14 Mile; two miles of 10 Mile between Orchard Lake and Inkster; a mile of Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile; two miles of 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Inkster.

• Farmington and Farmington Hills — 0.4 mile of 10 Mile between Power and Farmington Road.

• Rochester and Auburn Hills — a mile of Adams between Auburn and South Boulevard.

• Rochester Hills — 3.1 miles of Crooks between Avon and South Boulevard. The road commission's bonds also will pay for replacement of 2.5 miles of Tienken at a cost \$480,000.

• Rochester Hills and Shelby Township — 2.5 miles of Decadere between 25 Mile and Hamlin (shared with Macomb County Road Commission).

Health plan agency beats anti-trust suit

The Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Southeastern Michigan is hailing a decision by U.S. District Judge Horace Gilmore dismissing an anti-trust suit by Huron

Valley Hospital of Milford Township. The 1978 suit charged that CHPC-

SEM and competing hospitals conspired to violate the Sherman and Clayton anti-trust acts by denying Huron Valley a certificate of need

while granting one to Pontiac General Hospital.

CHPC-SEM Executive Director Terence E. Carroll said, nevertheless, that "essentially both the nation and this community lost the case."

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Highland Lakes Campus also offers an early childhood development associate degree program.

This program focuses on child development issues and includes such topics as prenatal and infant care, the theorists, children's activities, formation of lesson plans and Michigan Department of Social Services day care rules and regulations and day care administration.

Registration into the credit program is ongoing. Admission is open to all high school graduates, transfer students, professionals who want to upgrade their skills or earn their 12 hours in early childhood education required by DSS. For information, call OCC at 360-3023.

HIGHLAND LAKES Campus announces registration for the winter enrichment classes. Residents can

State will borrow for road work

The State Transportation Commission is planning to borrow money to assure its 1987 highway program will proceed despite a shutdown in federal funding.

A proposed borrowing plan would allow the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to let contracts totaling an estimated \$78 million in December and January instead of only \$11 million that would otherwise be available.

Projects that would continue on schedule include the second phase of the John C. Lodge Freeway reconstruction in Detroit and the final eight-mile leg of I-496 Freeway in southern Oakland County. MDOT Director James P. Pitt said.

HIGHWAY PROGRAMS in all 50 states were put in jeopardy when Congress adjourned in October without passing the annual highway appropriations bill, totaling some \$13 billion. Michigan's share is about \$275 million.

Federal highway officials say the new Congress likely will not release the funds before May.

"Contracts could not be awarded before July, and that would wipe out most of our construction season," Pitt said. "Scores of highway projects and thousands of jobs all across the state would be affected. Federal funding for bus and rail programs also is involved."

Michigan plans a \$337 million federally aided construction program in 1987 for state highways and for major county roads and city streets eligible for federal aid.

IF THE FEDERAL Highway Administration approves borrowing against anticipated federal aid, the department probably will make short-term borrowings totaling approximately \$30 million over a period of several months.

That, coupled with existing state funds and a carry-over of some \$46 million in federal funding authorizing for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, would allow bid-taking to continue on schedule until the federal money is released.

"Michigan is fortunate in having the authority to issue bonds or notes for highway work in an emergency situation such as this," Pitt said.

"Many states have indicated they see no immediate relief for their funding problems and may lose much of their construction program in 1987."

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