Final 12 Mile plan expected in 6 months

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

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A final right-of-way plan for a preposed boulevard along 12 Mile is expected to be completed in booklet to the property of the p

inancially able, expand 12 Mile to a five-lane roadway. Generally, Oakland County, which has jurisdiction over 12 Mile, would complete a right-of-way plan for peopsed improvements. With the county short of money, Economic Development Corporation members decided to keep things moving on the proposed improvements and do the plan themselves.

When the plan is complete, it will be forwarded to the Farmington Illis City Council for approval. The hope is that any future site plans for decompaned along 12 Mile can in-clude dedication of right-oway to the city, based on the EDC plan, Cali said.

The updated preliminary plan was presented at a joint study meeting Wednesday of the city council, plan-ing commission, beautification commission and EDC.

CITY OFFICIALS and EDC mem-bers, who have sponsored the right-of-way plan, prefer a four-lane boul-evard. The multicolored right-of-way plan shows existing utility lines, created lines, existing and proposed property lines, existing and proposed rights-of-way, the existing road, his-toric homes and office buildings. The boulevard plan is based on traffic studies conducted in 1984-85.

traffic studies conducted in 1984-85. Though traffic probably has in-creased since then, Call said a wider boulevard seems unwarranted. "I think it would be ludicrous for us to come up with six lanes

(throughout the boulevard). It would blow up in our faces," Call said. A widened I-696 with additional interchanges, plus making Haggerty an improved state trunkline, are ex-pected to case traffic on 12 Mile, he added.

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The proposed boulevard would have two 12-foot lanes in each direction and run from Haggerty to about 4-19-mile west of Farmington Road. Six lanes would be provided at the intersections for turns.

"We think it's better to go with a boulevard, which takes more right-of-way," Call said.

A boulevard was chosen because it's considered safer and provides better access for motorists coming out of the office buildings on the south side and neighborhoods on the north, he added.

oakland County requires 120 feet of right-of-way — 60 feet on each side — for a five-lane road. The EDC's computerized plan by Ore-hard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc., Live-nia, shows a total of 180 feet of

TIIE PROPOSED rights-of-way range from 90 feet on the north and south near Haggerty and 12 Mile to 60 on the north to 120 feet on the south near Drake and Parmington roads, Call said.

"We already indicated that no subdivision property would be involved (purchased). There is 60 feet already dedicated in the subdivision plat," Call said.

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A preliminary plan of the proposed rights-of-way needed and the boulevard were presented last week to about 40 property owners. The updated plan resulted from comments and concerns made by property owners.

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October, the EDC provided
business owners with copies of a
rights-of-way plan and asked for
comments. "We got 13 letters back
and two-lo-three verbal expressions," Call said.

In addition maintaining the
roadway edge where it is, property
owners want the boulevard to avoid

calsting buildings, mature trees and parking lots. Property owners also according to the project of the property owners also according to the project of the

Novelist Estleman to visit Farmington book store

Loren D. Estleman, one of Michi-Loren D. Estleman, one of Michi-gan's hottest crime and western novelists, will autograph two new books at the Little Pt-dessor Book Center of Farmington, 37115 Grand River at Halsted, 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Estleman, the small-town boy from Whitmore Lake, near Ann Ar-

bor, is a former Detroit-area newspaper reporter who once covered the police beat.

Before his Amos Walker novelaput him among the authors of best-sellers, Estleman collected more than his share of rejection slight from almost every magazine in the country. But since 1976, he has written a couple of dozen novels and a number of westerns.

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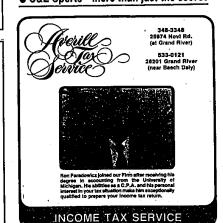
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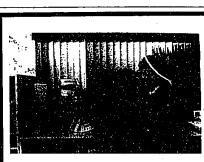
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