

Awareness drive planned to inform drivers on I-696

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learn the best way to avoid the construction zone. The heavy use of signs are targeted more for the occasional driver who doesn't generally use the I-696 corridor, Shelton said.

SEMOG AND Oakland County Road Commission representatives said they are aware of the confusion and frustration that will accompany the construction project. They are urging major employers to suggest alternate routes for employees or to use flex time as a means of reducing the congestion at the usual peak hour driving times.

"We're going to take a 'no surprises' approach. People just deal better with these things if they're not surprised."

— Donn Shelton
SEMOG communications manager

The media as well as daily helicopter traffic reporters will play a large role in keeping motorists

abreast with continuing construction. A hotline will be available daily for motorists. Attempts will be made to put posters in retail stores to remind motorists of the construction. SEMOG representatives will be available to meet with homeowner organizations and civic groups to discuss the project, Shelton said.

A newsletter will be published on an as-needed basis though a generic brochure describing the widening project will be available. SEMOG also will have small flyers available for municipalities and Farmington Public Schools to enclose in mailings to residents. Videotapes are planned for public presentations.

I-696 project is just one of many facing motorists

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• Farmington Road, from Eight Mile to Nine Mile, will be rebuilt and repaved. Drainage structures will be replaced on Farmington Road, from Eight Mile to Silem.

In 1989, two Oakland County road improvements are planned:

• Orchard Lake Road, from Grand River to 10 Mile, will be widened. The roadway will be widened to four lanes from Grand River to Shiawassee. From there to 10 Mile,

the roadway will be widened to five lanes, including the intersection.

• At Nine Mile at Middlebelt, Middlebelt will be widened to five lanes and turn lanes will be added on Nine Mile.

FARMINGTON HILLS has its own projects in the works in the next two years. Orchard Lake Road, from 10 Mile to I-696, is being considered for widening, "but details have not been finalized," assistant city manager David Call said. Most likely, the

project won't take shape until 1990.

Though three lanes were planned, the state Transportation Economic Development Fund won't pay for a project of less than four lanes. City administrators prefer a narrow four-lane boulevard, Call said.

Nine Mile, east and west of Farmington Road, is targeted for resurfacing as is 14 Mile, from Farmington to Orchard Lake roads.

The repaving and realignment of Drake, between 11 Mile and 12 Mile, is scheduled to begin soon and be completed by October. Drake is expected to be closed to all through traffic during construction.



Color guard members Staff Sgt. John Coddling (front) of Royal Oak and Sgt. Daniel Ingless (left front) of Royal Oak, Sgt. Karl Davis (left right back) of Novi stand at attention at American House. Sgt. Harry Browner (right) of Southfield, Sgt. Harry Browner (right) of Southfield, Sgt. Harry Browner (right) of Southfield, Sgt. Harry Browner (right) of Southfield.

Hills celebrates Flag Day

A flag flown over the nation's capital was dedicated and raised in Flag Day ceremonies at the American House Retirement Residence, Farmington Hills, Tuesday.

A four-man color guard in dress blues from the Army's Oakland County recruiting office presented the colors and raised them. Farmington Hills Mayor Joann Soronen led the assemblage in reciting the

Pledge of Allegiance.

Soprano soloist Ann Kirsch, former soloist with the Ed Jennings Choir and currently activities director at American House 11 in Royal Oak, sang "God Bless America."

The American House senior band, under the direction of Betty Houghton, American House's full-time music director, performed pa-

triotic numbers.

The flag raised by the color guard was secured through the offices of U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, whose district includes the Farmington area. Flag Day commemorates June 14, 1777, when John Adams introduced a resolution before the Continental Congress to establish the Stars and Stripes (then 13 stars and 13 stripes) as the national flag.

election '88

News and notes from the Election '88 campaign trail. The primary is Aug. 2. The general election is Nov. 8.

BOUCHARD FUND RAISER

Paul and Sue Nine will host a fund raiser for state House candidate Michael Bouchard at their home 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 23. A buffet

supper and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$100 per person.

Bouchard is a Republican running for state representative from the 69th state house district, which encompasses Farmington, Farmington Hills and the villages of Bingham Farms, Franklin and Beverly Hills.

He spent 12 years as a Bloomfield

Township police officer, owns a small business and is Beverly Hills Village Council president.

Another fund raiser is scheduled for Sunday, June 26, at the home of Jeff and Kathy Bouchard. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and end at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 645-5564 for tickets.

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