

# 14 Mile among Hills roads to be improved

Fourteen Mile will be among the roads resurfaced, repaired or otherwise improved this fall in Farmington Hills.

The city council Monday awarded a \$290,958 contract to Detroit Concrete Products Corp., the lowest competent bidder, to:

- resurface 14 Mile, between Drake and Farmington Road, including a bypass lane at Claymore Drive and a right-turn-only lane for eastbound 14 Mile at Farmington Road.
- repair 1,000 feet of Folsom, between Ruth and Lundy.
- resurface Freedom from 1,000 feet east of Drake to 2,000 feet west of Drake, including the intersection.

Drake will be resurfaced to 500 feet north of the intersection.

The lowest of six bids, Detroit Concrete Products' bid is 14 percent below the engineer's estimate of \$339,825. The firm has done work in Farmington Hills in the past, city manager William Costick said.

The council agreed to add to the contract the resurfacing of 1,000 feet of 14 Mile east of Ramblewood at a cost of \$20,000. A detour will be established on 14 Mile, between Hatfield and Farmington Road, to facilitate the work near Ramblewood, Costick said.

Construction is expected to start Aug. 7. Paving must be done by Sept.

18. All construction will be done by Oct. 1.

THE CITY council also awarded a \$48,970 purchase order to IDS Contracting of Farmington Hills to install replacement culverts on 14 Mile, 150 feet west of Club House Lane.

Two 48-inch culverts crossing beneath 14 Mile were badly damaged in the June 21 downpour. The city made an emergency repair at the time.

IDS, the lowest competent bidder, was one of three bidders. The engineer's estimate was \$52,000. IDS has previously done work in the city.

Construction will be done between Aug. 15 and 30. The road will be closed part of the time.

Again the lowest of three bidders,

IDS was awarded a \$79,727 purchase order for drainage improvements at 9 Mile and Middlebelt this fall. The engineer's estimate was \$97,000.

The work will be done in conjunction with intersection widening done by the Oakland County Road Commission.

## City seeks park grant

Farmington is applying for a state grant to help pay for \$111,000 in improvements at two city parks.

The proposed improvements at Shlawassee and Drake parks will cost the city 25 percent of the total, or \$28,000.

Included for Shlawassee is a half-court basketball court, night lighting, renovation of the storage building and Little League bleachers. At

Drake, restrooms, storage building and sports facilities would be upgraded.

The grant application is due Aug. 4 through the Quality of Life Recreation Bond Program. As part of the program, the city will also revise its 1984 Recreation Plan.

Much of the work done at both city parks has been done through state and federal grants, said city manager Robert Deadman.

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