State to sell bonds for road work - Nowak

The Engler administration plans to sell bonds rather than raise fuel taxes to meet the state's share of road construction costs in the next six years.

"Now is a very good time for bonding, interest rates are at an all time low," said Patrick M. Nowak, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Nowak told a home-town audience in the Farmington Republican Club Thursday that his administration

GOV, JOHN Engler disappointed many Oakland County and outstate officials in his Jan. 21 state of the state address when he said "now is not the time" to raise fuel taxes. Michigan's tax was raised to 15 cents in 1983.

of §3.1 billion in new federal revenue over six years from a 5-centa extension of the feel tax: State revenues have been flat and even declining for several years due to fuel efficiency. Nowak, a former Oakiand County commissioner and deputy county executive, declined to be specific about a bond issue, promising Englier himself would unveil the plan "in the next few weeks."

Nowak promised a total state-local construction program next year of #450 million. "After that we'll see a 20 percent increase. The governor is determined to match every dolling the state of the program of the pro

SOME "LEAKS" Nowak said he

pervisor for every two workers. span of control should be much oader," he said, using an industry

IN ANSWER to audience questions, Nowak said:

tor (between Farmington IIIIs and Nowi) is being held up by "environmental and political problems. I can't do much about the political problems." The federal Environmental Protection Agency rejected a state plan to take a welland in the Haggerty corridor in exchange for enhancing St. John's Marsh on Lake St. Clair. "We're still negotiating."

Amtrak, the federal rall company, is planning a depot in Detroit's

free seminar on:

New Center area. "With Amtrak oversighting its trains in Pontlac, there's a good possibility of commuter service. I was surprised to find amtrak expects to be braking a profit by the turn of the century." Besides 9,550 miles of interstate highways and state trunklines, Nowak's department is responsible for the International, Mackinae Strata and Blue Water bridges, alroport finance and many abandoned railroad lines.

Deadline extended to nominate senior for volunteerism award

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announced It is crtending the nomination deadline for its fourth annual
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The company will honor, 10 of
Michigan's outstanding senior citizen
volunteers.
"Although we have received excellent response to the program thus
far, there are still many people who
called indicating they couldn't meet
the original deadline [Jan. 13] due
the busy holiday exason," said Shella
Wright, program director.
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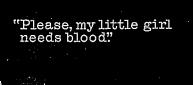
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