

Area officials differ on local Chrysler impact

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It may devastate Highland Park. But news that Chrysler will move its world headquarters to Auburn Hills should hardly have surprised anyone, according to officials in Oakland County.

"It certainly wasn't unexpected," said Billie Ireland, mayor of Rochester Hills, an adjacent community whose roads are already clogged because of area development.

Ireland expects roads connecting Chrysler's new world headquarters

to the rest of the world — including her community — will be jammed because of additional traffic.

"Our roads are clogged already," she said.

Even so, according to Ireland, any problems should be workable. "We've always had a good relationship. I think we can work any problems out."

Not so optimistic was Sue Ann Douglas, a member of the Rochester City Council. The area (including Troy and Bloomfield Hills) already has heavy traffic congestion, she said. But Chrysler's move will make

matters worse.

The chairman of the Road Commission for Oakland County, however, doesn't agree. The roads and infrastructure surrounding the future site of the new Chrysler World Headquarters were expanded when the automaker built its \$1 billion technical center, notes Lawrence Littman, a Troy resident.

Expansion then will accommodate the additional traffic generated by the new jobs, he said.

Auburn Hills Mayor Robert W. Grunick said problems associated with additional traffic congestion

will be more than offset by the positive aspects of the Chrysler move.

In the early 1980s, when the automaker announced it would locate its new technical center in Auburn Hills, numerous restaurants and other support businesses moved into the area, Grunick said.

"But they never lived up to expectations," he said, referring to the anticipated surge of business.

"That will likely change."

Like other Oakland area officials, Grunick said he sympathizes with Highland Park, a community that has seen most of its industrial tax

base evaporate since its glory days in the 1950s and 60s. "But I think the move was inevitable."

Although he was not surprised by Chrysler's decision, Grunick said he — like others — was shocked by the timing. "I got a call from Chrysler about 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, saying the company was making a major announcement at noon."

Fifteen minutes later, he was relieved to learn that Chrysler was not leaving Michigan. Chrysler's relocation could mean

substantially more business in Oakland County, the mayor said. "The original plans (for the tech center) included a supplier's park," where those doing business with the automaker might relocate.

Those plans were dropped, but Grunick said he looks for a revival.

That possible revival fits into what County Executive Daniel T. Murphy said will likely result because of the Chrysler move. "It will certainly establish Oakland as a high tech center of the auto industry," Murphy said Thursday.

My word! Patterson, Howe agree to upcoming debates

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Voters will get the chance to see Elizabeth "Betty" Howe and L. Brooks Patterson go head-to-head after all.

Within days of saying no, debates were scheduled between the two candidates vying to be Oakland County's next executive. Republicans announced Friday there will be two joint discussions.

The first is scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Royal Oak American Legion Hall, while the second is slated for Oct. 1, sponsored by the Southfield Town Optimist Club.

"I was never ducking her," Patterson said Friday. "I've debated

ed some of the best, including (noted attorney) F. Lee Bailey and done well. I'm certainly anxious to debate Ms. Howe."

Tom Scott, Howe's press secretary, suggested public pressure forced Brooks — and the Republicans — to debate. "Betty has received numerous invitations to debate . . . and accepted every one. It was Patterson who declined."

Among those organizations attempting to arrange a debate is the League of Women Voters who invited Patterson and Howe to debate at the offices of Continental Cablevision.

There is no word about televising the debates on Sept. 28 or Oct. 1.

Debate between Patterson, the former Oakland County prosecutor, and Howe, director of the Michigan

Department of Labor under Gov. James Blanchard, promises to be spirited . . . even possibly informative.

"But nobody ever wins — or loses — those things," said Patterson. "They're media events."

Oddly enough, the man Patterson hopes to succeed agrees. "Debates very seldom shed any light on the issues," according to Daniel T.

Murphy, who faced numerous challengers since being elected Oakland's first county executive in 1975.

"But they're a good way for voters to get to know the candidates," said Murphy who retires after this year.

One Republican activist said Patterson was feeling pressure to debate from women within the par-

ty. "A lot of women who support Brooks wanted him to debate," said Marcella Montante, an ardent Republican who finished second in the GOP primary in the 12th County Commission District.

"We think he'll be a terrific county executive," said Montante of West Bloomfield. "But he should at least debate her."

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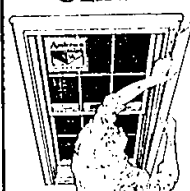
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