County gets \$300 million piece of road package

Road construction will again be a fact of life for Oakland County motorists under the \$2.1 billion, three-year transportation improvement program approved by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Oakland's a hare of the program is about \$200 million, according to officials from SEMCOG and the Road Commission for Oak-

land County.
"This is a very ambilious program that will touch a lot of drivers," said Christopher R. Mann, SEMCOG coordinator of transportation planning.
The program or TIP, covers 1996, 1997 and 1998. It coordinates efforts from local communities as well as the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).
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ram will be financed with federal mensy, according to Mann, with the remaining 20 percent match provided by the state, county or local governments.

While most of the projects are utilitarian in nature, at least one replacing the Kirkswa Road Bridge in Bloomfield Township—involves esthetic considerations, according to Dennis Kolar, design engineer for the Road Commission for Oskland County

aald Kolar, "but some people think it won't fit into the community as well as the existing structure."

Kolar aald an informational hearing will be scheduled later this year to give residents the chance to review plans and possibly select a more esthetic structure, possibly sand-stone of field-stone facade.

Most communities in Oakland will be affected by the TIP. Some of the major projects are:

Widening Fourteen Mile Road from Greenfield to Cooldige in Birmingham and Royal Oak from four to five lanes. Estimated cont. 324 million.

\$2.4 million.

Widening Eight Mile Road from Halstead to Farmington Road in Farmington Hills from two to five lanes. Estimated cost,

\$5 million.

Widening Maple Avenue from
Hunter to Eston and from Eston
to Coolidge in Troy and Birmingham from four lanes to five. Estimated cest, \$1.5 million.
The improvements place crash

harriers around the railroad bridge at Eaton and Maple, but plans do not call for romoving the bridge itself. Thus, the buttleneck will still exist. It construction of Sheldon Road, from Second to Parkdale in Rochester. Estimated cost, \$1.5 million.

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Road from Andersonville to
Clement in Clarkston in Independence Township, connecting
White Lake with Nelsey. Estimated cost, \$2 million.

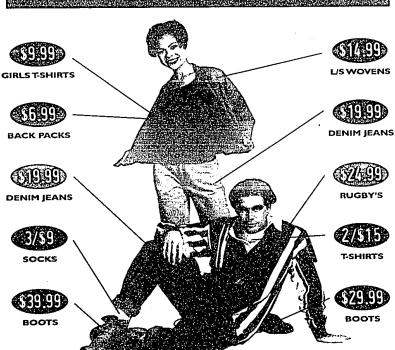
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lance to siz. Estimated cost, \$3
million.

Widening Big Beaver Road, from Adams to Coolidge and 175 to Livernois, to six lanes, in Birmingham and Troy. Estimated cost, 43.7 million.
 Widening Dequindre from Big Beaver north to Long Lake Road, in Troy and Macomb County from two to five lanes. Estimated cost, 33.6 million.

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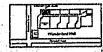
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Alliance, McD's mount campaign to immunize kids

Have your youngsters been fully immunized?

If not, September would be an ideal time to get the immunization shots that could protect your own youngster as well as those he or she might contact.

McDonald's restaurants and the Health Alliance Plan (HAP) are cosponsoring a campaign to encourage parents or guardians to make sure youngsters are immunized.

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Specifically McDonald's and
HAP are encouraging vaccinations for diphtheris, tetanus, pertusais, influenza, pollo, measles,
mumpa and rubella.
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The survey, conducted by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP), indicated that nationally, the percentage of children between 19 and 36 months old immunized for common childhood diseases was greater than previously indicated. The survey, conducted by telephone from April to December 1994, showed that about 75 percent of children are vaccinated, compared to the previous estimates of 67 percent.

Michigan, however, with a percentago in the mid 66a, was among the states with the lowest immunization rates. Only Missouri and Idaho had comparable

rates, according to the survery.
Vermont, Connecticut and Hawaii, with rates in the 86s, were the states with the highest immunication rates.

Naturally the percentage in Michigan is surprising and concerning, said Dr. Carolyn W. Bird, Oakland County's chief of the medical services.

Bird said the survey did not break the percentage of immunizations down according county, so there is no way of comparing Oakland's rate to those of other communities. "But Michigan's rate is far too low," she said.

Children must be immunized before they can start school. But preschool youngsters are dependent on their parents or guardiens. "Michigan's poor immunization rate is putting our children arisk," said Susan's Schwandt, spokesperson for HAP.

A HAP study last year indicated that physicians were partly to bilame for the state's low immunization rate because they failed to administer all the nusded vaccines to youngsters under age 2.

As part of the program to correct the problem — and safeguard more children — HAP and the Henry Ford Health System are disseminating information on immunizations to physicians and the general public.

In September, youngsters who can show proof of immunization will be able to get a free dessert is structionally decompany.

Spiders exhibit at Cranbrook spins 'Charlotte's Web'

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