Transit financing 2-way street

Oakland and Macomb county lead-ers are working on their own version of a tax plan to raise morey for not only a regional rapid frains system but for local roads as well. but for local roads as well. The system of the system of the system and of the system of the system of the formal of the system of the system of the two baniel Murphy revealed the broad outlines of their alternative to Gow William Milliken's plan in testi-mony Monday before the Senate Tax-ation Committee. They were among 15 persons who testified in a public hearing, with sen-timent running about 3-1 against major portions of the Milliken pro-gram

MILLIKENS PLAN, supported by Detroil Mayor Coleman Young and the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA), calls for an average las increase of 30 per vehicle in the metropolitan area of Wayne, Okiland, and Macoumb countes it would raise an estimated \$27 million a year as a local 10 per cent share to construct a rapid transit system.

will propose a statewide tax that would average \$7.50 a vehicle with half going to the 80 county road com-missions and half to SEMTA construc-

missions and the tion.

Murphy estimated revenue at rearly 484 million. Thus, the alternate plan would yield SEMTA nearly \$24 million compared to \$27 million under Milliken's plan

Milliken's plan
Murphy backed the general idea of
rapid transit because "we've got one
of the worst mass transit systems in
Houghten quoted a Citizens Research Council study early this year
which declared 80 per cent of Oakland
County road, inadequate, making
roads the top priority in Houghten's
view

JOSEPH BIANCO, SEMTA vice chairman and an investment banker from Biomfield fills, was one of only three persons to give outright support to the 180 threemal, vehicle tax and the proposed reorganization of SEMTA's board.

Bianco said the federal Urban Mass Transis Administration (URTA) had recognized three transis agencies in

southeast Michigan—the City of De-troit, SEMTA and the state—and "doesn't want to see multiple juris-dictions grabbing for federal funds."

The 'tripartite' agreement between Milliken. Young and SEMTA came about, Bianco said, because UMTA 'told us there would be no federal funds without an agreement."

A second supporter was Tom Turner, also a SEMTA board member and president of the metropolitan AFL-CIO. Speaking for organized labor, Turner called the vehicle tax plan "the least painful alternative."

FRED HARRIS, Farmington Hills attorney and chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission, vehemently attacked the "cabal" of Milliken, Young and SEMTA, adding that a rail rapid transit system would yield a low benefit compared to the cost and that a but system would be better in a low-density area like Detroil.

better in a sectivity Commissioner Dirmingham City Commissioner Dorothy Corrad said that while city officials support SEMCOG, SEMTA and the 1990 transit plan, they opposed the

structural change in the SEMTA board Birmingham also opposes taxing three counties for a transit package that will serve a seven-county region, she added.

Homer Case. Bloomfield Township supervisor, presented a resolution from SEMOOG asking for a continued role in appointing SEMTA board members.

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Case then added that if SB 3th and the so-called "Ryan bill" strength-ning SEMCOG were passed. "It would be a major step forward for a another layer of government in south-east Michigan."

Oakland County Commissioner Larry Pernick (D-Southfield) said on written comments that appointments to the SEMTA board, other than the governor's should be made only by SEMCOG. "It believe SEMCOG under the set forum for guaranteeing that the SEMTA board members will represent the total regional transportation interests."

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The county department of public works will get all funds requested for two projects. One 579.448 grant will help rehabilists sewer maniholes, and clean, operate and repair all valves, gate boxes and gatewalls in the water system. Another 575-298 grant will be used to paint fire hydrants and well houses, improve the grounds of a wastewater treatment plant grounds, and revitalize and reconstructured waster system.

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"We know these viruses circulate in schools and to a lesser extent at work. After exposure during the week the diseases are incubated and symptoms develop on the weekend or the following Monday." Writing in a recent issue of the Jour-nal of the American Medical Associ-ation, Dr. Monto and Betty M. Ull-man. Families moved in and out of the study, each participating for a year with about 10 per cent of the 'prac's 100 op population taking part at any one time

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