

County asks gas tax help

PONTIAC
The Oakland County Road Commission is asking Gov. Milliken's assistance to help the county recapture gasoline tax receipts being lost because of the energy pinch.

In a letter to Milliken, Road Commission Chairman William M. Richards made a proposal which would restore about \$21 million of about \$33 million being lost in the state highway fund. For Oakland County, it would mean a restoration of about \$63,500 in road funds.

Because there isn't an adequate mass transit system in Michigan, Richards states, the motor vehicle is the primary and essential means of transportation for the near future.

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"Like most other areas of economic activity, the functions of road construction and maintenance in our state face significant cutbacks as a direct result of the gasoline shortage," says Richards.

"This cutback will reflect, and be caused by, shortfalls in the anticipated level of the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVHF) which relies importantly on gasoline tax collections and which is the primary source of road funds for the state and its component political subdivisions."

Richards maintains that, because of curtailed supplies of gasoline, the dollar amount of gasoline tax collections in 1974 promises to be substantially less than previously estimated.

"It is our understanding that original projections of gas tax collections for 1974 are predicated on assumed sales volume of 4.5 billion gallons. That volume has now been adjusted downward to 3.9 billion gallons in face of the gasoline shortage."

Because of this, Richard said, the MVHF stands to collect \$53 million less in tax revenue than had been projected before the energy crisis. The loss in tax revenue to Oakland County will be some \$1.8 million as a direct consequence of the energy crisis, Richards adds.

Richards is asking the governor and legislature, to consider an equitable means of partially offsetting this loss of road funds.

Had gasoline pump prices remained at 35 to 36 cents per gallon through 1974, Richards argues, gas sales would have generated about \$39 million in sales tax receipts.

An average 1974 pump price as high as 65 cents now seems likely, he adds, in light of recent price increases approved by the federal government.

At an average price of 65 cents per gallon, Richards reasons, 1974 gas sales of

\$3.9 billion gallons would yield sales tax collections of \$78.9 million. Half of that amount (\$39.4 million) could be regarded as a windfall arising solely from scarcity-generated retail price increases.

"By constitutional provision the school aid fund could reap benefits of \$19.7 million from this windfall and an additional \$1.9 million would go to municipalities with the remainder enriching the state general fund.

"I don't propose that funds constitutionally earmarked for schools and municipalities be disturbed. I do, however, propose a partial offset of the shortfall in funds for road purposes through appropriation by the legislature of all sales tax collected on gasoline sales (excluding the portions earmarked for schools and municipalities) to the MVHF for the duration of the energy crisis to be distributed as the fund is currently distributed."

Richards says the effect of this proposal would be to restore about \$27 million of the "lost funds" and that cities and villages would also find their road fund losses partially offset.

Public input is asked for highway projects

LANSING
The State House of Representatives has adopted a resolution to provide public input in highway planning projects and to avoid suppression of future expressway plans.

The resolution maintains attempts were made to suppress a report by the state east Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) that opposed the proposed extension of Northwestern Highway through Oakland County.

"The House is disturbed with the suppression and believes that future planning efforts must consciously and astiduously avoid this," the resolution states.

"But it must be insured that all viewpoints are developed early in the planning process and that public exposure. The House is concerned that experiences with Northwestern Highway not be duplicated on M-275 and other projects."

A special committee, headed by Rep. Philip Mastin (D-Hazel Park) investigated allegations of improper influence from land developers along the proposed Northwestern corridor.

Questions arose about the actual need for the highway, absence of an environmental impact statement and the legal status of the state's contract with Oakland County Road Commission to build the highway.

The resolution states the House found no evidence of pressure from developers to accelerate the Northwestern construction schedule. It claims the House finds that Oakland County and southeast Michigan may benefit more from highway funds to improve county arterial road systems than from the Northwestern extension.

"The House finds the contract between the state and the Oakland County Road Commission to build the extension to US-24 south of Fenton strongly committs the state to build the highway," the resolution says.

"The failure of the department to amend the contract to reflect the now planned terminus of the proposed M-275 was very poor legal practice. The House believes there are a number of reasons to question the need for construction of the highway but recognizes there may be



FRANK SKEBENSKY

State highway engineer retires after 40 years

LANSING
Frank C. Skebensky of Essex Way, Southfield, will retire Jan. 25 after 40 years of service with the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation. He is presently the state's senior highway engineer for the Detroit Metro District.

Skebensky has supervised more than \$350 million in state highway construction in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties. He was appointed district senior engineer in 1963, after serving in various engineering roles that took him to every county in Michigan.

Working out of the department's district office at 1301 W. 9 Mile, Southfield, Skebensky commands a staff of more than 900 which is about one-fifth of the department's statewide personnel. He joined the department in 1933 as a pavement inspector.

As the department's liaison with more than 50 units of local government in the Metro District, he probably is the most widely known highway official in the Detroit area. He is a registered professional engineer and has been an active member and officer in Detroit and Michigan engineering societies.

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and valuable service to the development of state highway systems, the State Highway Commission has named a roadside park in Skebensky's honor.

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by Bill Miller

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Common Ground free medical care expanded

By CORINNE ABATT

FARMINGTON
With new quarters and \$26,000 federal grant for the free acute care medical clinic, Common Ground of Birmingham is expanding its countywide services.

The free medical clinic at Common Ground started more than two years ago. From the beginning it was concerned with drug abuse, the federal grant from the Health Services and Mental Health Administration is based on that concern.

Local agent for the grant is the Oakland County department of drug abuse control, Gerald F. St. Souver is the director.

Since receiving the money, Common Ground, in a new location at the corner of Lincoln and Adams, Birmingham, has expanded both the clinic facilities and the hours.

Starting Jan. 14, the clinic has been open Monday and Thursday evenings from 8-10 p.m. The staff suggests patients be there ahead of time.

Dr. Julian Kitinsky, volunteer and chairman of the clinic committee, explains the function: "Our free clinic is primarily oriented to older youth. We are seeing problems related to VD, syphilis, hepatitis, skin diseases, infections and drug overdose."

He continues: "By law, we may see anyone with VD or hepatitis and other drug related medical problems regardless of age. Other patients must be 18 or 17 and able to prove they are emancipated from home. We try to help anyone by referrals and will see anybody in need."

Besides providing care to the person living away from home or unable to pay, the clinic combines personal counseling along with medical help.

is one of several proposed free clinics oriented to youth in Oakland County and the closest one for Southfield and Farmington area residents.

The Oakland County Health Dept. office, at 2725 Greenfield, Southfield, is open 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, but doesn't have evening hours.

In accepting the grant, Greg Willingang, Common Ground administrator, said: "These people involved in drug abuse don't ordinarily seek help through established agencies either because of fear or political-social connections. They are, nonetheless, as critically in need of service as anyone else."

Explaining that the clinic was operating as a substance abuse type clinic with the vast majority of patients being drug users, Willingang said many young people were moving toward alcohol.

"I think," he said, "that we've really succeeded in our education program on the harmful effects of street drugs."

More common today, he explained, are the use of alcohol, which is socially acceptable and considered by many teens to be a copout, and prescription drugs of the psycho-active variety. This latter he said, is socially acceptable and considered by many teens to be a copout, and prescription drugs of the psycho-active variety. This latter he said, is socially acceptable and considered by many teens to be a copout, and prescription drugs of the psycho-active variety.

He said that because of the average age and life style of drug users, certain kinds of health problems predominate. "These include respiratory infections, venereal diseases, hepatitis, gastro-intestinal disturbances and adverse drug reactions. We expect to see 2,600 patients this next year."

Besides the volunteer doctors, nurses and clerical workers, through the grant the clinic has acquired a part-time paid staff physician, equipment for its own testing laboratory, a coordinator and additional supplies.

an overriding legal obligation to proceed."

The resolution states there are deficiencies in the draft environmental statement on Northwestern Highway.

The House will call upon the State Highway Dept. to recommend legislation to meet urban arterial highway needs not being met because of the distribution of motor vehicle highway funds.

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