

I-696 landscaping bids studied

The State Highway Commission is studying bids on a landscaping project for I-696 in Farmington Hills and Southfield and for freeway improvements on I-96 in the vicinity of Kensington Metropark.

The highway commission expects to spend about \$200,000 to landscape 8.4 miles of I-696 (Reuther Freeway) from Halstead Road in Farmington Hills to US-24 (Telegraph Road) in Southfield. Target date for completion of the work is July 1978.

widen to five lanes, curb, gutter, drainage improvements and resurfacing on 0.6 mile: \$450,000; August 1978.

\$385 for a car? It was high in '27

Henry Ford introduced his replacement for the Model T, the Model A, on Dec. 2, 1927. The announcement was made simultaneously in 36 cities in the United States, Canada and Europe.

According to the New York Herald Tribune, a million curious onlookers tried to crowd into the Ford headquarters in New York to get a glimpse of the new model.

What shocked them most was the price—a whopping \$385 compared to the Model T, which sold for slightly more than \$200.

TWO KINDS of improvements will be made on the I-96 freeway just inside the Oakland County line.

Barrier construction, pavement joint repair and resurfacing are to be done on 1.2 miles just east of the Livingston County line. Construction of inside and outside barriers and deck resurfacing will be done on bridges over the Huron River and the Kensington Metropark access road.

That project is expected to cost \$700,000. Target date is September of 1978.

OTHER OAKLAND projects for which the highway commission has taken bids, their approximate costs and completion dates are:

•US-10 (Telegraph) between Signet Drive and Hatchery Road in Dravton Plains and Waterford Township—

•US-10 (Dixie Highway) at White Lake Road northwest of Pontiac—intersection improvements, including widening, curb, gutter, left turn lanes and resurfacing with a rubber-bituminous concrete; also some erosion control on US-10 at Dollar Lake outlet: \$150,000; September 1977.

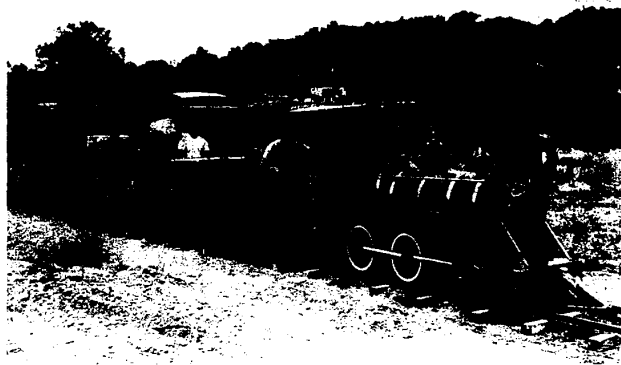
•I-75 northwest of the US-10 interchange near Holly—revisions to the sewage disposal system of the rest area on southbound lane: \$50,000; October 1977.

•Highway department field office at Ten Mile and Morton in Huntington Woods—grading and paving of parking lot: \$25,000; November 1977.

•Oakland-Pontiac Airport—construction of an extension to runway 9R-27L and bituminous paving (overlay) on both the runway and adjacent taxiways C, G and E; no price estimate; November 1977.

•Oakland-Pontiac Airport—installation of runway and taxiway lighting; no price estimate; October 1977.

•Oakland-Pontiac Airport—installation of fencing around the perimeter; no price estimate; September 1977.



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