

M-275 compromise gets Commerce OK

An Oakland County commissioner will present his proposal to the State Highway Commission Jan. 25 for a compromise state trunkline to replace the cancelled M-275 freeway.

Commissioner Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills) won the 4-1 backing last week of the Commerce Township Road Study Committee and is in the process of rounding up other support for his trunkline plan.

His idea is for a divided-lane state road from I-96 to M-59 in central Oakland County. It would follow the route of Haggerty Road from I-96 north to about Pontiac Trail, then swing northwesterly on the right-of-way the state acquired for M-275.

THE HAGGERTY Road portion would be "immediate" access. The portion in the M-275 route would be limited access.

The plan calls for a low-speed road with attractive landscaping and signal lighting. It would use a minimum amount of the right-of-way.

Zoning control of the portion in the M-275 right-of-way would be in the hands of the state, which would have the power to deny residential, commercial or industrial development with direct access to the boulevard.

McConnell's plan asks the State Highway Commission to direct the department staff to work closely with local officials to assure attention to local needs and the environment.

THE HIGHWAY commission one year ago canceled plans to build an M-275 freeway connecting the I-96 and I-75 interchanges, near the border of Novi and Farmington Hills, with I-75 near Davisburg. The effect would have been to create a giant bypass around Detroit and open up western Oakland County for development.

The plan stirred up a hornet's nest of opposition for these reasons and because of potential environmental damage to lakes and wetlands which it would cross between.

McConnell said Steve Rosman, of Citizens in Opposition to M-275, is opposed to the new boulevard plan. So, a Rosman colleague on the Commerce road study group cast the lone

dissenting vote against the new plan. Rosman's objections were that the new plan connects to the freeway intersection and doesn't stick to the Haggerty Road corridor. McConnell said.

McConnell's replies were: 1) using the M-275 corridor in part would do less environmental damage; 2) Haggerty isn't westerly enough to help Commerce's problem, which is traffic passing to and from White Lake and Highland townships; and 3) through traffic would not use the new trunkline because it wouldn't connect to I-75.

NO REPLACEMENT for the North-western highway extension was contemplated in this plan, said McConnell. He called his trunkline plan "a start" toward "encouraging the State Highway Commission to move expeditiously" on solving western Oakland's traffic problems.

Bus fare changes to face public test

The Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) will hold three public hearings in the Detroit area this week to gauge public reaction to its proposed passenger fare changes.

A fourth hearing will be held in Dearborn next week. Two alternatives will be presented at the hearings. "SEMTA's goal is a fare system that will be simple and equitable for all its customers," said general manager Larry Sales.

"Under both alternatives, fares will be equalized on all SEMTA routes throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. In some cases, fares will be lowered by the changes and some will be increased. In all cases the fares will be easier to understand and consistent," Sales said.

THE PUBLIC hearings are scheduled for: •Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Park Community Center Building,



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•Jan. 25 at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn, off the Southfield Expressway. It will be held on the second floor and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The two proposals differ in the number of zones and the zone charge. The first alternative would provide: •Six suburban zones. •A \$1.25 maximum fare. •A base fare of 50 cents, adequate for two zones.

•A 15 cent charge for each additional zone traveled. The second alternative would establish: •Three suburban zones. •A \$1 maximum fare. •A base fare of 50 cents, also good for two zones.

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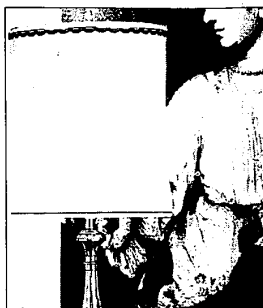
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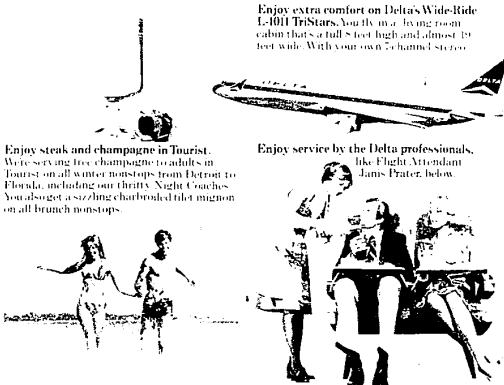
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