

North-south road wins west county referendum

Western Oakland County voters want a major north-south road, wate of last week's advisory referendam for chard Lake, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Novi, Millord Township and White Lake Township and White Lake Township. Voters—73 per cent of them—approved the idea of building an 1-96-0-M96 connector "along the approximate route of M-Z55."

An unofficial tally had the total vote at 7,662 to 2,573.

An abstract a two parts are to the varies on legal weight, backers of the cancelled freeway hope it will place some election-year pressure on Gov. William Milliken to resurrect the project. The victory was never in doubt as ballot proposals passed overshelmingly in each community. The result in one community was a turn-around. Commerce Township voters in 1976 had specifically turned down the freeway plan.
While the halloting may put some pressure on the governor, Peter B. Fletcher, chairman of the State Highway Commission, said it did not mean M-273 would be revived.
He said money for the highway had been transferred to other projects, and highway planners would have to overcome a number of environmental problems to get the 70 per cent federal funding.

There were a number of alternative plans offered after the original M-275 plan was scrapped, but the field has been narrowed to two. Both plans would substitute a bouter vard for the freeway, but one would follow much of the original route for M-275 and the other would be built along existing roads to the east.

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THE TWO PLANS are:

"The McConnell Compromise, the offering of Oakland County Commissioner Robert McCornell ReFarmington Hills), will follow the original M-275 route. The road will be developed as a six-lane boulevard with an M-1001 landscaped berms along both sides .a. continuous bicycle path and wide, landscaped berms along both sides .a. ocntinuous bicycle path and wide, landscaped berms along both sides .a. ocntinuous bicycle path and wide, landscaped berms along both sides .a. ocntinuous bicycle path and wide, landscaped both citizens in Opposition to Malernative "C" which was proposition to Malernative "C" wuld be developed by the citizens group and the section between Eight Mile and 12 Mile Roads was eliminated."

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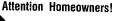
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