Orchard Lake widening set

Despite resident protest, Orchard Lake Road, between 10 Mile and the 1-696 expressway, will be widened to five

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That was the word from the Farmington Hills City Council this week as it reaffirmed an earlier council decision to help pay for the program.

Last November, the council agreed to reconsider the program.

But money was the final arbitor in swaying council sentiment.

"We must face the fact that the fed-reaf funds can't be shifted," said Councilwoman Joann Scronen.

She was responding to a comment by

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She was responding to a comment by Councilman Joe Alkateeb that 12 Mile was more in need of expansion than was Orchard Lake Road.

The project will cost \$746,000. The city will pay \$100,000. She also said the Orchard Lake Road section south of 10

Mile in the city of Famrington was in critical need of widening. Orchard Lake Road, the main north-south artery through the community, recently was widened between 1-696 and 15 Mile in West Bloomfield.

"TTS NOT GOOD planning to widen a road, narrow it and widen it again," she told her council colleagues. More than 450 residents surrounding the two-mile stretch had signed petitions protesting the widening program. Residents fear an increase in traffic and development of commercial business in that area. Protesters wish to maintain what they believe to be a rural atmosphere.

Orchard Lake Road in that area now handles 18,000 cars a day, according to the Oakland County Road Commission.

The council unanimously agreed to continue its support of widening.

promoted

James E. Wibby, president, Metropolitan Bank of . Farmington, announces the promotion of Leon R. Serdynski from senior vice president and cashier to executive vice president and cashier.

Serdynski joined Metro Bank in 1970 after having worked for two of the major Detroit banks. He is in charge of operations, including data process-ing, book-keeping, per-sonnel and branch offices. He is president of the Farmington Rotary Club; treasurer, Council 4401; Knights of Columbus, di-rector, Farmington Com-munity Center; and a member of the Opera-tions Committee, Michigan Bankers Association.

He lives in West Bloomfield



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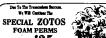
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