## Highway plan wins support

By CRAIG PIECHURA

Only one SEMCOG commissioner was swayed by impassioned pleas from Lathrup and Pleasant Ridge officials to turn down plans to link up separated stretches of the 1-696 expressay. Dorothy Navarre of Monroe voted against the proposal saying she didn't want to see Oakland County 'lose good farmiland'.

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VINCENT ZATELL, mayor of Lathrup Village, Lathrup councilwom-an Dorothy Warren and Pleasant Ridge councilman Charles Fillmore strident-

au Dorothy Warren and Pleasant Ridge councilians Charles Fillimore stridently urged SEMCOG committee members to recommend denial of MDOT'S land acquisition proposal.

Latturp officials said a cheaper and less disruptive solution to congested and consistent of the control of t

Representatives of five other cities along the proposed freeway path — in-

For the second consecutive year, Neyer, Tisee & Hindo Ltd. of Farming-ton Hills and Finit, received the Emi-nent Conceptor Award for engineering excellence from the Consulting Engi-neers Council of Michigan. The award is the highest presented in the associa-tion's annual Engineering and Land Surveying Excellence Competition. Neyer, Tisee & Hindo Ltd. was rec-

ognized for its consulting engineering services for the emergency repair

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cluding Oak Park Mayor David Shep-ard who sits on the SEMCOG board – strongly recommended freeway appo-val, calling it a long overdue transport-southfield City Planner Donald Gross stood up to tell commissioners Southfield is 'unifold city council resolu-tion given to commissioners stated, in part, that 'the need for 1-696' is daily demonstrated by the critical traffic and capacity bottlenecks which occur on the east/west major streets in that broad corridor from Eight Mile Road to 16 Mile Road, which, even in their ultimately expanded form, cannot be projected to handle increased traffic volumes at an adequate level of opera-tion and safety.

AFTER the commmision's vote, Lathrup Mayor Zatell said he's still hoping that U.S. Transportation Secre-tary Drew Lewis will withhold funds for the freeway link.

"I'm not so sure they won't stop the funds (for I-696)," Zatell said. "It's a

Must of money.

Mrs. Warren took a dimmer view than Zatell.

Speaking "as an individual," not a councilwoman, she told one reporter at the meeting she's afraid the freeway will be built. After its completion, she predicts it will be viewed as a costly mistake.

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She said many Lathrup residents responded to the city council's suggestion to write letters to Drew Lewis at the U.S. Department of Transportation stating their objections to the freeway link. But the letters are being given to a subordinate who sends residents back a non-committal form letter, Mrs. War-

"Right now I don't think there's any-thing we can do," she said. "It's sad be-cause in 10 to 18 years people are going to say "Who could've built this — it's not necessary."

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"It's like the closed schools we're seeing all over the place. You say, 'How could they have done this?' It's done because (planners) haven't been able to adjust to the times. They're lard to itstening to young people or they'd know they're not having bables, they're driving smaller cars."
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Mrs. Warren asked MDOT officials to compare population projections made in the 1950s and 1960s to the 1980 census figures for southeastern Michi-gan. Representatives at the meeting said those figures were not immediate-ly available.

The firm provided geotechnical engineering, design of subsurface facilities, monitoring of progress and effectiveness of solutions and consultation with the owner, Detroit Water and Sewage

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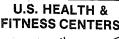
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