

12 Mile widening gets fund boost

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earlier proposed plans which also called for widening 12 Mile from Middlebelt west to Orchard Lake Road. The plans were changed several months ago when it was determined the highest volume of traffic is on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads, Call said.

City workers have been filling in

gaps in the roadway between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads, Call added.

To help pay for the estimated \$2-million project, the city was awarded a matching grant through the Federal Aid to Urban Systems (FAUS). The federal government will pay for 75 percent of the construction costs.

Under the federal highway grant

programs, the county generally pays half of the local share of road improvements, Costick said.

While 12 Mile is under the county's jurisdiction, the federal money is the only way the throughfare will be widened to accommodate increased traffic. Farmington Hills consequently will be picking up the county's half of the remaining 25 percent cost of the

project, Costick said. The city's share for the widening project will come to an estimated \$500,000. Council members last year set aside the city's share in the capital improvement fund.

Southeast portion of 12 Mile, from Telegraph to Northwestern Highway is also to be widened under the same federal matching grant program, Costick added.

Scout leaders wonder about defense

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to worry about anything going wrong. The Scouts will see to it that you are taken care of.

"But, as far as I'm concerned, Michigan Metro Council misleads these leaders. I asked some of my people who've recently been trained what happens to you in case of a lawsuit? What do you feel your responsibilities are?"

"One of them said she'd never really thought about it. Others have said that they thought it'd be all taken care of."

"I'm upset in that I feel that these leaders are not told up front what their liabilities are... that they could be sued if something happens."

GIACHINO ADDED that her feelings do not extend to the actual Scouting activities.

"The program, as far as I'm concerned, is very fine. I don't think you can beat it."

While the Girl Scout leaders attempt to determine their legal responsibilities, some parents have expressed dismay at the cancellation of some Scouting activities in the area.

"I'm very unhappy about it," said a father whose daughter planned to participate in the Brownie Troop 3146 program at Wooddale this fall. "The Wooddale group is a very fine group."

They've done some fine things in the past... now all this has to come to a halt."

None of the defendants could be reached for comment. Two of the three are still active in Farmington-area scouting, Giachino said.

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Man moves house

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has seen as many years as the town it is in, there is history in every board. Every nail has a story. We may never know the true history behind this house," he added.

IN GIVING his reasons for the project, Summer wrote the following to the city's building department:

"Among my many reasons for attempting this project is an overall aversion to the waste that is common today. I dislike seeing something of value discarded simply because no one will bother saving it. This home has stood securely for better than 100 years and is probably as solid as the

day it was built. The only signs of wear are the signs of superficial neglect.

"It is part of my nature to try to revitalize this building that has seen most of our local history. I can't help feeling a bit of respect for something that has weathered that well. I only wish most people could age as well."

Building Inspector Fegan said old homes are "extremely difficult to move" without destroying many of their features. The project requires a lot of work and money to restore to an acceptable condition. And the finished project is "generally unacceptable" to area residents.



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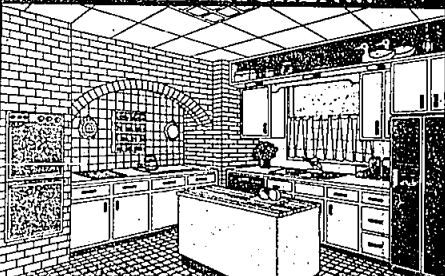
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