

# Road maintenance up in Oakland budget

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More maintenance will show up in the Oakland County Road Commission's \$52 million budget, pending a public hearing later this month.

"Such service increases are in answer to requests made by local units of government during the road commission's strategic planning process," John L. Grubba said. He's managing director for the road commission.

The will begin its hearing at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 18, in the conference room at 31001 Lahser, Beverly Hills.

Adoption of the fiscal 1987 budget is scheduled for Sept. 22 after review of the public hearing comments.

**MAJOR BUDGET** Improvements, Grubba said, include:

- Increasing asphalt patching 50 percent.
- Increasing road drainage im-

provements with a new \$200,000 effort in the road improvement program and doubling of maintenance department projects.

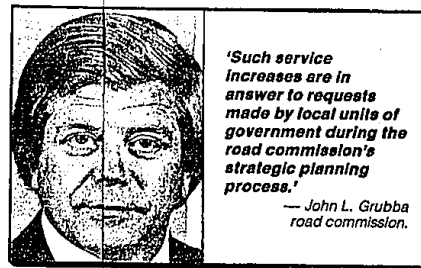
- Increasing gravel local road gradings to an average of 13 to 15 times per year.
- Increasing primary gravel road gradings from 16 to 17 times a year.
- Quicker winter snow and ice control on subdivision streets.

Nineteen more employees will be required, bringing the total to 554, Grubba said.

**ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** will cost \$19 million — including \$11 million for arterial and collector roads; \$1 million for preliminary engineering and right-of-way; \$4 million for subdivision street pavings and more than \$3 million for completing projects begun in fiscal 1986.

Major projects in Observer & Eccentric communities include:

Rochester Hills — Replace bridge



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on Crooks over Clinton River, \$431,000.

Troy — Replace bridge on John R at Gibson Drain, \$334,000; reconstruct the Maple-Dequindre Inter-

change to six lanes, \$750,000; widen Maple to five lanes between John R and Dequindre, \$1.4 million; minimal overlay on Dequindre between Maple and Wattles, \$136,000.

Farmington Hills — Minimal overlay on Farmington Road between Raphael and 10 Mile, \$29,000; minimal overlay on 12 Mile between Northwestern and Orchard Lake roads, \$212,000.

Southfield — Widen 12 Mile to five lanes between Greenfield and Southfield Road, \$780,000; minimal overlay on Lahser from south of Civic Center Drive to 10 Mile, \$34,000.

Bloomfield Township — Minimal overlay on Maple between Telegraph and Gilbert Lake Road, \$100,000.

Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Orchard Lake — Reconstruct and resurface Long Lake Road from Orchard Lake to Telegraph, \$1.6 million.

**PRELIMINARY** engineering for future construction will be performed in these communities:

Farmington — Intersection reconstruction on Middlebelt and Nine

Mile, \$76,000.

Farmington, Farmington Hills — Widening to five lanes of Orchard Lake between Grand River and 11 Mile, \$483,000.

This year's \$52 million budget is 3 percent less than the current \$53.8 million, but there is no \$6 million in borrowing, and the year-end balance won't be dipped into so deeply.

**REVENUES** OF \$48 million will be up 13 percent over the current year, Grubba said.

One reason is that state-collected gasoline and weight tax revenues are expected to be \$30 million, up 8 percent.

Another is that federal aid will be \$7 million, up 68 percent, due mainly to aid for critical bridges, such as the Clinton River project in Rochester Hills.

Contributions by local governmental units will be \$4.7 million, up 15 percent.

## Collegians like GOP; dislike porn, smoking

America's future leaders and consumers are more conservative in their attitudes about a wide range of subjects than the preceding generation.

Results of the most penetrating survey of college student attitudes ever undertaken were released by Simmons Market Research Bureau for the College Stores Research & Educational Foundation.

It is an in-depth look at an important force in American society — 12.5 million students with \$20 billion in annual discretionary spending.

**GARIS F. DISTELHORST**, executive director of the National Association of College Stores (NACS), said NACS is a trade association with more than 2,700 college store mem-

bers in the U.S. and abroad.

Based on responses from 4,349 randomly selected students who answered a 29-page questionnaire, this picture of general attitudes emerged from America's college and university campuses:

- Sex — 56 percent think sex before marriage is always or sometimes wrong, while 95 percent believe sex outside marriage is always or sometimes wrong.
- Smoking — 79 percent agree completely or somewhat that people in public places should only be allowed to smoke in designated areas, while 49 percent indicated they would not date someone who smokes.
- Drugs — 84 percent think cocaine and 92 percent believe marijuana are unwise or harmful. Only

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10 percent say the same about alcohol.

- Death penalty — 73 percent favor it.
- Abortion — 70 percent agreed it should be legal 28 percent illegal, and 2 percent had no opinion.

- Politics — 71 percent were Republicans, compared with 31 percent independents and only 28 percent Democrats. Hal described themselves as "moderate" and 24 percent "conservatives."
- Voting — 61 percent said they

were registered to vote, but only 49 percent said they voted in the last election.

- Women — 35 percent said the U.S. was ready for a female president, 32 percent disagreed and 30 percent had no opinion.

- Trust — 70 percent said they had little or no trust in politicians, 60 percent said they felt the same way about reporters, and 47 indicated they had little or no trust in government workers. Most trusted were doctors, scientists and professors.

- Pornography — 50 percent favored tougher laws to deal with pornography.
- Censorship — 44 percent agreed that in some situations, news should be censored.

- Worship — 26 percent said they attend religious services at least once a week and 51 percent at least once a month.
- Good jobs — 70 percent agreed somewhat that personality and appearance are at least as important as knowledge; 59 percent are completely or somewhat in accord with the statement that "it's not what you know, it's whom you know that helps you get ahead."

- Enterprise — 48 percent would rather work for themselves than for a large corporation, but only 15 percent agreed that the only way to make a lot of money is to start your own business.

- Credit cards — 56 percent of college students have and use bank credit cards.
- Possessions include — TV set, 78 percent; stereo system, 68 percent; computer, 17 percent.

Distelhorst said this college consumer survey, called Student Watch '86, will be an invaluable marketing tool for any company offering a product or service to the college market because it offers a better understanding of why students purchase various products and services.

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