County board votes Tech Park road loan

Oakland County will put up \$2.5 million in front money for roads in Chrysler Corp.'s Abburn Hills development.

"Everything's running as smooth-ya as Chrysler engine," quipped Patrick Nowak, deputy county executive, as a resolution sailed through the board of commissioners on a 24-0 vote.

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There wasn't a word of debate before the full county board, although the project was long discussed at the committee level.

"It's an example of inter-govern-mental cooperation," said Nowak, breathing a sigh of relief. "It could have been an example of one-agency veto."

HERE'S WHAT will happen in the complex deal involving state, general county government, the separate Oakland County Boad Commission and the city of Auburn Hills:
Oakland County dipped into its reserve to advance engineering money to the County Road Commission, which pleaded that it has no funds for the \$33 million in road improvements in the Oakland Technology

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The Road Commission will hire the Auburn Hills city engineer to perform the actual work, drawing on the county grant as needed.

If Auburn Hills officials decide at any point that the project is dead, they have power to halt the engineering work and stop drawing on county funds.

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Auburn Hills, the former Pontlac Township until its incorporation a couple of years ago, will repay the advance at 8.75 percent interest over two years. OFFICIALS for the No. 3 auto-

maker made headlines when they announced their plans and even bigger headlines when they announced last spring the project was doubtful until roads were guaranteed:

Meanwhile, in Lansling, state Department of Commerce officials announced they had procured \$21 million for public improvements for two Chryster projects — the one in Auburn Hills and the renovation of the E. Jefferson plant in Detroit.

Between Chryster and its suppliers, the Auburn Hills project is expected to generate \$1.5 billion in private Investment and \$6,000 jobs. The control than "if they commissioners reasoned than "if they can return to the residents and their governmental units outwelghs the cost of providing for such development."

AUBURN HILLS is setting up a "tax increment financing authority," IFIFA, to repay the county joan, said cily attorney William Hampton. Under it, a district is designated for development, and all property taxes on new buildings are reserved in a separate fund that is used to pay

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What 'public places' can't we smoke in Jan.1?

"I'm confused about the new Clean Indoor Air Act that was recently passed and signed into law by Gov. James J. Blanchard.
Can you explain what 'public place's will be included?"

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will be included?"

A. The Michigan Clean Indoor Air
Act, which goes into effect on Jan. 1,
1987, is the culmination of more than
lour years of legislative work. This
law states, "An individual shall not
smoke in a public place or a meeting
of a public body except in designated
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"Public place" is defined as:

1. An enclosed, indoor area owned or operated by a state or local government agency and used by the general public or serving as a place of work for public employees or a meeting place for the public, which includes offices, educational facilities, health facilities, auditoriums, areans, meeting rooms or public convoyances.

2. An enclosed, indoor area not owned or operated by the state or local government and used by the public, which includes the following: educational facility, health facility, auditorium, area, theatre, museum, concert hall.

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compromise to ensure its and owners
of public places can ban smoking
and that right is protected under the
new law. If, however, an employer
or owner permits smoking, it must
be restricted to a designated smoking area. Where a public place consists of a

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room must be designated and posted as a no smoking area.

IN PUBLIC places that permit smoking, the person in charge must at a minimum provide for non-smokers:

1. An area located closest to fresh

2. Special consideration for indi-viduals who are hypersensitive to to-bacco smoke.

The person in charge is also re-quired to do the following to prevent smoking:

smoking:

1. Post signs that say there is no smoking except in the designated 2. Arrange senting to provide as much as possible a smoke-free area.

PRIVATE FUNCTIONS are exprivate Functions are exprivate Functions are eximpled from this law.
For example, while schools are
covered in the law, if a room is rented out for a private party, the sponsor of the party is not required to
observe the no-smoking restrictions.
The state and/or local health departments are responsible for enforcement of this law.
Violators of this law are subject to
maximum \$100 civil fine for the
first offense and not more than \$500
fine for subsequent offenses. In addition, individuals can also bring civil
action against a violator of the law.

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Anti-drua ordinance

proposed

mittee.

"A county ordinance prohibiting the sale of such paraphernalia would provide all of the citizens of Oakland the same protection and would provide for uniform enforcement of the ban on such paraphernalia," they eald

Counties rarely use their ordi-nance powers, leaving such exercis-es to cities and townships.



ers say there should be a countywide ordinance to prohibit sale of drug-re-lated paraphernalla. The proposal by Commissioners Betty Fortino, D-Waterford, and James Doyn, D-Madison Heights, was referred to the board's health and human services committee as well as its general government com-mittee.



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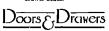
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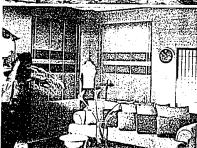
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