

Oakland highway work could be delayed

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Oakland County's bumper-to-bumper traffic and Wayne County's bumpy roads might continue for quite a while longer, state transportation officials said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation expects to lose a minimum \$150 million in federal road grants over the next decade, MDOT officials said last week at a regional road forum.

"Because of the cuts, growing Oakland County communities and these already-developed in Wayne County could find themselves pitted against each other in a bid for Michigan's shrinking road revenue.

OAKLAND OFFICIALS urged MDOT to release more money for road expansion.

"We need the projects now, even at the expense of out-state projects," said James Barbaresso, planning coordinator for the Oakland County Road Commission.

Wayne County representatives, however, said expansion shouldn't come at the expense of badly needed resurfacing projects in their communities.

"We need money for the Division (Freeway)," said county public service director Russell Gronewit. "That must be made a priority."

FEDERAL CUTBACKS will cost the state \$600 million over the next 10 years, MDOT officials said.

But the state could reduce its losses to \$150 million by delaying already-scheduled road projects and holding off on new ones, they said.

"By delaying, there's other revenue that would come into play over time," said MDOT planning coordinator G. Robert Adams. "The downside is, you don't get to add any new road projects for four years."

Initially, there had been \$3.3 billion available for major road projects — above day-to-day maintenance, Adams said. Of that, \$300

million was earmarked to improve and expand roads, the rest for major repaving projects.

Michigan is in the middle of a 10-year road-repair plan. While all projects were targeted for completion by 1994, delays would stretch the project to 1998.

"By delaying, there's other revenue that would come in over the four years to take care of some of the shortfall," Adams said.

BUT THAT could be too long for booming Oakland communities to

wait, county officials said.

Several companies have already threatened to move because of traffic congestion, county economic development coordinator Joe Joachim said.

Lack of adequate roads could stall development in Oakland, the fifth fastest-growing suburban county in the nation, Joachim added.

Communities seek to expand such roads as Haggerty, Telegraph — especially in the Telegraph/12 Mile area, and Rochester Road.

MEANWHILE, at least one Wayne County community is hoping for a new highway interchange on I-94, near Metro Airport.

Lack of the additional interchange, Romulus officials said, could jeopardize a \$1 billion, 1,000-acre development near the airport.

Although city officials were keeping mum on the details, they likened the project to the Oakland Technology Park in Auburn Hills and the Fairlane development in Dearborn.

Area road projects fight for financing

Community officials from throughout southeastern Michigan made suggestions to improve traffic flow in the suburbs last week when they met with Michigan Department of Transportation representatives.

Among suggestions to improve traffic flow in Oakland and parts of western Wayne counties included:

- Farmington Hills — Extending

Haggerty Road north to M-59 and, possibly, as far north as I-75.

Haggerty "seems to be the top priority of the Oakland County people here," county road planning coordinator James Barbaresso said.

- Farmington Hills — Adding more interchanges off I-696.
- Southfield — Widening

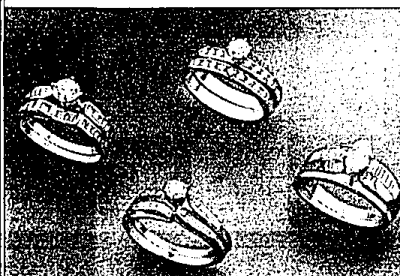
Northwestern Highway and Telegraph Road, particularly where they join I-696.

- Troy — Expanding I-75 intersections at 14 Mile, Crooks and Rochester roads, widening I-75 in vicinity of Adams Road.
- Rochester Hills — Widening Rochester Road in the vicinity of M-59.

- Bi-county — Widening M-59 west through Pontiac and Waterford Township and east through Macomb County.

MDOT representatives will review each suggestion and determine whether it should be included among road projects to be completed by 1998.

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All classes are free but preregistration is required because class size is limited.

Topics will include: defining the disease, medications, dietary recommendations and living with high blood pressure.

Classes will be taught by Oakland County Health Division public health nurses and nutritionists. Activities and information shared will help class participants better understand

high blood pressure and self-care skills. Spouses and family members may attend. To register, call 424-7042.

THE HEALTH Division will offer a series of six expectant parent classes beginning on Wednesday, March 9, in its Southfield office, 27725 Greenfield.

Classes held 7-9 p.m. will be taught by public health nurses. There is no charge, but you are asked to preregister as enrollment is limited.

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