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Schulman Drive to Rollercrest. A fifth lane on 12 Mile in that area will be added. Schulman Drive will be realigned to sit directly across from Rollercrest.

"There was a lack of sight distance there," Otwell said. "Now you'll be able to see over the hill."

Concern about the dangerous hill and lack of sight distance escalated when a student was hit by a car last year as he crossed from the high school, Otwell said.

The road is closed during construction, but local access is available to businesses and residences in that stretch. "People are at each end of the area who ask you where you are going," Otwell said. "There are businesses in that area that need access."

As with the 13 Mile project, 12 Mile by Harrison High is expected to be open to traffic in time for school.

Those are the three big construction projects facing Farmington Hills motorists. But there's more, including two projects in Farmington that will cause detours.

Work has begun on the last leg of widening Orchard Lake Road, from Shawwassee to Grand River, in Farmington. It will be widened to five lanes and narrow down to four at the Grand River intersection, the project is expected to begin in 1993.

said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

The project, which will be completed yet this year, provides a detour for southbound motorists at Shawwassee to Mooney to Grand River. The road is open to northbound motorists.

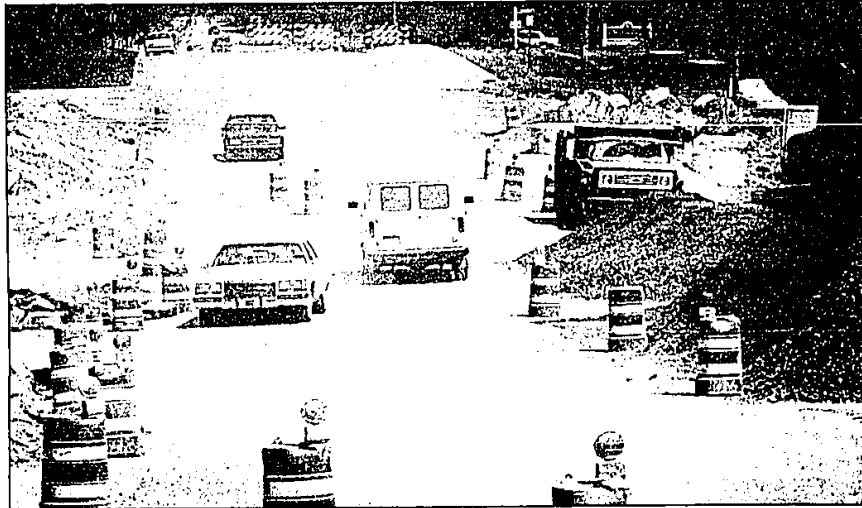
Also in Farmington, but not yet started, is a project on the Drake Road hill, south of Grand River. The project, which includes "taking the top off the hill," is for improved safety.

Drake Road at this point will be closed to through traffic. Motorists south of the hill will have to use Freedom Road, and motorists north of the hill will use Grand River, Deadman said.

Drake Road also will be under construction later this year on the Farmington Hills side. Left turn lanes will be realigned and the intersection will be widened to five lanes. The intersection will remain open during construction, Otwell said.

Grand River also will be resurfaced from Purdue to Hobbs. "That will be open to traffic at all times," Otwell said.

Looking ahead, plans are under way to widen Eight Mile, from Hobbs to I-275, to five lanes. The project is expected to begin in 1993.



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Construction season: Vehicles crawl along a 12 Mile Road that is constricted by construction. The view looks east toward Middlebelt Road. Local traffic may still access residential and business area.

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"I want to keep the availability of choice for my grand-daughter," who marched with her then-pregnant daughter-in-law in Washington D.C. last April.

Anderson has a different point of view. "An unborn child has a right to life."

Like Dolan, Anderson has received a lot of mail on both sides of the abortion issue. In fact, Dolan is pretty certain the abortion issue has increasingly spurred voters to become delegates.

Six years ago, she said, it was difficult to get people interested in running as party delegates.

Anderson, too, is convinced abortion is a major issue for the convention and the November election. But he believes the Republican Party must adhere to principles adopted in past successful years — 1980, 1984 and 1988 — such as low taxes, family values and pro-life.

For Dolan, government is out-of-



Patrick Anderson



State Rep. Jan Dolan

place when it comes to the abortion issue.

"This is an issue I care very much about. It's not government's place to be involved in what is a very personal decision. If your decision is to one way (or the other),

that's fine. That's your right," said Dolan, who is up for reelection after serving two terms in the state House.

Dolan says she is concerned with what she perceives to be a growing trend: "It's almost like this country

is getting into, 'You follow my beliefs.'"

But to Anderson a pro-life platform is what the Republican Party must continue to follow and represent. In fact, he believes that at next week's convention Republicans must point out "the pretty thin veneer" the Democrats have put on their family values platform.

The one thing Anderson and Dolan immediately have in common is that Houston will be their first national convention. Both have at-

■ 'Delegates are important in these matters. If enough get together, I think they could get maybe three or four delegations.'

Patrick Anderson

tended state conventions. Anderson also points out another difference: As a delegate, he has a vote; as an alternate, Dolan does not.

Anderson also sees the convention as an opportunity "to send an important message to voters for

what the party stands for."

If everything turns out as Anderson expects, George Bush and Dan Quayle will be nominated. "He (Bush) has to come up with reasons why voters should re-elect him. Otherwise, I'm not sure he will be."

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