## Get ready: I-275 will be reconstructed in spring

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least two major interchanges at a time during the reconstruction process." Stato officials were pleased that the construction bid came in at \$49 million. Jess than the carlier estimate of \$30 million. Originally the project was to last two years, but it was compressed into one. Eustice said the design concept heiped reduces the costs to taxpayers. "By buying into the design concept, we're able to bring in more ideas from con-tractors, Eustice said.

## Concern about noise

Not everyone at the hearing was happy with the concrete design. Three area residents complained that the freeway should have an asphalt surface to

Eustice said a sound study would be completed once the construction was completed. MDOT offi-cials said a study completed now would not give an accurate depiction of the noise when the road is full of potheses and in discrptar. But Sharpe disagreed. "Concrete is louder than asphalt, "Sharpe said. "You ought to consider using asphalt, not con-crete."

"You ought to consider using asp crete." "The city hns presented a request (to MDOT) that this bo looked at further, " Eustice responded. Larry Shoup of Farmington Hills complained that an environ-mental impact study was not com-pleted to check on decibel levels of the traffic. MDOT officials responded that one was not required since it was a reconstruc-tion project, not a new road. MDOT officials did not give any indication the plans would be 

revised to include an asphalt surface during this year's consideration, but they said they would take into consideration the public comments. "If mot going to leave here and forget about this conversation," Eustice said. Livenia City Council President Jack Engebret: son said the Livenia council had not received com-plaints shout noise problems. "The city has grant, ed a waiver of noise abatements to facilitate a com-pletion of the job," Engebretson said. That shate-ment allowed the night-time construction. Engebretson said the freeway was in need of the repairs. "As (Wayne County Executive) Ed McNai mara likes to say, 'fits a short-term inconvenience for long-term relief." Engebretson said. If residents have any questions about the project.

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