

If Blacks Veto Woodward NE Transit Line May Be First

By TIM RICHARD

Black legislators from Detroit are opposed to a plan for a rapid transit line in the Woodward corridor. They threaten to vote against Gov. Milliken's proposed highway-roads-transit package unless some plans are changed.

If the Woodward corridor is rejected, the leading candidate as a replacement may be the northeast corridor, in the general path of Gratiot Avenue into Macomb County.

So says Thomas Lipscomb, director of the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA). Lipscomb says there's little chance a line into the western suburbs in the Schoolcraft corridor could pay its way soon. Lipscomb talked about the politics and economics of rapid transit in an interview with Observer Newspapers, following a general assembly meeting last week of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

FOR SEVERAL years, transportation planners had agreed that the Woodward corridor was the logical first step in linking the six-county region in a transit network. But suddenly, a few weeks ago, black state representatives from Detroit withheld their votes on Gov. Milliken's proposed two-cent hike in the gasoline tax which would provide \$84 million for freeways, roads and SEMTA's work.

One reason, they said, is that construction would rip up their neighborhoods, but an even bigger reason was that there are few industrial jobs for blacks in the direction of Royal Oak, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Blacks charge that the Woodward corridor line would serve chiefly to help well-to-do suburbanites into and out of Detroit faster and make things easier for doctors and professional people to get patients to their new suburban

offices, but would do little to help blacks seeking jobs.

State Rep. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth), chief sponsor of the package, is currently heading negotiations to win 56 votes in the House to pass the program. As of last Friday, Pursell said he could count on 52. Compromises were being made.

SEMTA's chief operating officer, Lipscomb said the northeast line appears to be the next logical

candidate. It may be politically acceptable to black lawmakers because of the number of industrial jobs in Macomb County.

SEMTA thinking is that transit lines should just about break even on operating expenses but would have to get government construction funds.

Not only must a line generate a good load of customers during peak (morning and evening commuter) hours, but must also have a good traffic potential during non-peak hours, said Lipscomb.

Grote Named To Council

Schoolcraft College President C. Nelson Grote was appointed to the state advisory council for Title I of the Higher Education Act, Community Services and Continuing Education Program.

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Printing Firm Is Organizing

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Heading the new firm and continuing in the post of general manager, which he has held for two years, is James H. Hopkins.

Board chairman is Clarence E. Moore, formerly president of Plymouth Stamping Co. Other officers are Joan M. Hopkins, vice president and general manager of Midwest Bank Note Co., Plymouth, and N.W. Hopkins, who has engaged in advertising and public relations work since 1949.

H-M Graphics, Inc. announced it will provide commercial, industrial, and personal printing - offset and letterpress - together with such creative services as writing, layout and design.

Investments Short Course Is Repeated

Schoolcraft College is again offering its popular short course "Investments and You," a class that deals specifically with investment problems which confront the typical investor.

The 10-week community services course gets under way on Wednesday, Feb. 2, and will meet from 7:30-8:30 on Wednesdays. Registration will be held in Room 100 of the Bradner Library one-half hour before the first class. The cost is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for couples.

No Joke -- Polish Buffet

The Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club is hosting a "Polish Buffet" on Feb. 11 - no joke.

Polish delicacies and traditional foods will be served from 6-8 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. The menu includes "gotabkiz kapusta" (stuffed cabbage), "kielbasa wraz kasana kapusta" (fresh Polish sausage with sauer kraut), "Polski mieso kula wraz gzyby sos" (Polish meat balls with mushroom gravy) and "Polski deser" (Polish pastry along with chrusciki, "angel wings").

Tickets are \$4 for "all you can eat," and reservations are required. These may be made by calling Robert Breithaupt, director of culinary arts, at the college.

Aviation Course Set At S'craft

Schoolcraft College will offer its first course in aviation when the "Private Pilot Ground School" gets under way on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Sponsored by the community services office, the course is designed for private pilot candidates in the broad areas of operations, procedures and regulations. It will prepare students for the ground school examination required by the Federal Aviation Administration before the private pilot's license is issued.

The 12-week course will be held from 7-10 p.m. on Wednesdays. Registration is at 7 on Feb. 2 in Room 100 of the Bradner Library. The cost is \$50 and students must furnish their own flight computers.

IN OTHER transit discussions at the SEMCOG annual meeting, Gov. Milliken told newsmen he would oppose any package bill that ruled out a subway.

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