

State Trims Year Off I-96 Timetable

State officials today advanced from 1972 to 1971 the construction timetable for the \$32 million 12-mile stretch of I-96 through Livonia and bypassing Plymouth to Ann Arbor.

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tion timetable for the \$32 million 12-mile stretch of I-96 through Livonia and bypassing Plymouth to Ann Arbor. It will be a segment of the Jeffries Freeway from the Ambassador Bridge to the Detroit-Muskegon Freeway. They said the Livonia-Ann Arbor portion would be timed for completion shortly after the first section of the Jeffries road, probably in 1972.

PUBLIC HEARING dates in the area will be scheduled soon. The engineering report, approved by Acting State Highway Director Henrik E. Safseth, recommends that the route start at the interchange of I-96 and I-275 near Schoolcraft and Haggerty Roads.

The proposed freeway would skirt the north edge of Plymouth and continue west to the vicinity of Ridge Road. From that point, it swings southwesterly, cutting through a corner of Salem Township, and then parallels Plymouth-Ann Arbor Rd., to existing M-14 Freeway just west of Plymouth-Ann Arbor Rd.

Safseth said the Route Location Division studied in great detail three alignments between Haggerty and Ridge Rds. and two alignments from Ridge Rd. to the Ann Arbor area. The alternate alignment studied west of Ridge was between North Territorial and Five Mile Rds. and would have ended at the North Territorial Road interchange on US-24 Freeway north of Ann Arbor.

The Ford Motor Co. plant, the Consumers Power Co. natural gas reservoir and St.

John's Provincial Seminary, all located north of Plymouth, were major considerations in selection of the recommended alignment in the Plymouth area.

STAFSETH SAID the alternate alignment through Plymouth Township would have cost an estimated \$9 million more than the recommended alignment.

The Engineering Report recommends that interchanges be built at Sheldon, Beck and Goffredson Rds. and at the point where the freeway will merge with existing M-14 Freeway and M-153 (Ford Rd.) near Duxbury.

The interchange at the junction of I-96 and I-275 would allow traffic on the proposed freeway to interchange in all directions but it would not be able to enter or leave the freeway at that point.

The freeway would be six lanes wide from the I-96 I-275 interchange to Beck Rd. and four lanes wide the remainder of the route.

The report recommends that

grade separations be built at Schoolcraft Rd., located at Robinson Drive, Northville Rd., Edward Hines Drive, Ridge Rd., Territorial Rd., Napier Rd., Joy Rd., and Curtis Rd. and at two Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad tracks north and northwest of Plymouth.

THE PROPOSED freeway would be built at grade, west of Ridge Rd. It would go under Beck Rd., over the western C & O tracks, over Sheldon Rd., under the eastern C & O tracks and over Edward Hines Drive. It would be depressed along Schoolcraft Rd. to minimize freeway noises in the area.

Traffic volumes on the proposed freeway are expected to eventually average from 44,000 vehicles per day at the west

end to nearly 60,000 vehicles per day near Plymouth.

The engineering report recommends that the right of way be a minimum of 220-feet wide in the Plymouth area and up to 418-feet wide in rural areas. Preliminary studies indicate approximately 148 parcels of land would be acquired in Wayne County and 45 parcels in Washtenaw County.

The right of way in Wayne County, which would cost an estimated \$4 million, includes 72 residential properties, 46 vacant lots, 14 farms and 16 industrial, commercial and miscellaneous properties.

In Washtenaw County, the breakdown includes 23 farm properties and 12 residential properties. The Washtenaw County right of way would cost an estimated \$764,000.

Mehl Joins Detroit Company

Paul J. Mehl, formerly administrator of the eastern region for the Argonaut Realty Division of General Motors Corporation, has joined Hubbard Associates, Detroit industrial and commercial real estate firm, as an associate.

Mehl had been with the GM Realty division for 16 years. He lives at 34273 Wood Drive in Livonia with his wife and two children.

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Capital Briefings Offered Business

An unusual opportunity is being made available to businessmen of the 18th Congressional District, which includes most of Northwest Wayne and Oakland counties.

Congressman Jack McDonald has set up a one-day familiarization program in Washington, D.C. It will be complete with bus and airplane travel service, meals and presentations by seven presidential cabinet departments.

It's available at a minimal charge through cooperating chambers of commerce.

Called the "18th District Day," it will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15. Participants will board an airplane at Metropolitan Airport at 7:30 a.m., whisk to the nation's capital while enjoying breakfast, and depart at 6:15 p.m., dining on airborne steak. Lunch will be served during Capitol Hill briefings.

great the encourage at the Rayburn House Office Building and explain the program he has set up.

BRIEFINGS to follow will be: •Iranian Affairs: Howard J. Wharton, deputy assistant secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development. •Dr. Albert L. Alford, Assistant Commissioner of Education, HEW. •Economic and business picture: James S. Dusenberry, member of President's Council of Economic Advisors; plus an official of the Department of Commerce.

•Briefing on Vietnam: William B. Macomber, Jr., assistant secretary of state.

•Final discussion with members of Michigan Congressional delegation and other congressmen and government officials.

BUSINESSMEN making the trip will meet with Congressman McDonald and top officials of five executive departments—State, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, and Health, Education and Welfare. Reservations can be made through chambers of commerce.

Redford Township Chamber Executive Secretary Elmer Hazelton, who announced the affair, said that checks for the \$80 cost must reach his office by Nov. 6. Address there is 26049 Fire Mile Road, Redford.

Congressman McDonald will

Duo Sets Concert

Morris and Sylvia Hochberg, violin and piano duo, will perform in a special Wayne State University Centennial program at 8:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20, in the Community Arts Auditorium, at Cass and Kirby. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Appears In Play

Farmington resident Dennis Moore, a sophomore student at Albion College, was a member of the supporting cast in the Albion College Players' production of "Summer and Smoke" presented on campus Oct. 27-28.



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