

Chrysler X-Way Veers to Within 1 1/2 Miles of B'ham

Highway Dept. to Get Public Views July 9

LANSING—The Michigan state highway department will hold a public hearing July 9 on a proposed 21-mile section of the Walter P. Chrysler Expressway in southern Oakland county, a \$50,000,000 project, Commissioner John C. Mackie announced.

The hearing will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Dondoro high school auditorium, 709 North Washington Street, Royal Oak.

The expressway route begins at Park, Madison Heights and Royal Eight-Mile Road and Stephenson Oak to the vicinity of 11 1/2-Mile highway, following the Stephenson Road. From 11 1/2-Mile road northerly, highway alignment through Hazel. From 11 1/2-Mile road northerly, highway alignment through Hazel.

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The route follows a new location east of Stephenson through Troy and to a connection with Perry street and M-24 (Opelika road) in the northeast section of Pontiac.

ACCORDING TO Mackie, the new expressway will incorporate the most modern road design features as well as reflect the experience gained in the construction of the Detroit expressway system. Specifications call for a rolling grade design from Eight Mile to 11 1/2-Mile with the roadway near level at surface level and depressed at important intersections.

From 11 1/2-Mile northerly to the end of the project, it is planned to construct the expressway as a surface facility.

THE ROADWAY will be built on a minimum 300-foot wide right-of-way throughout the length of the project. Additional land will be required at interchanges to provide for on and off movements from the expressway.

From Eight Mile to 11 1/2-Mile, it is planned to construct eight 12-foot wide concrete lanes of pavement separated by a grass median strip. From 11 1/2-Mile northerly, the expressway will be a six-lane divided facility.

The Chrysler expressway is expected to be the most heavily traveled traffic artery in Michigan and will adequately handle upwards of 130,000 vehicles per day.

THE SECTION to be built in Oakland county will be a major link in the 318-mile long Detroit-to-Sault-Sainte-Marie expressway. To be designated Interstate 75, the route lies on the Federal Interstate and defense highway system and will receive 90 per cent Federal financing.

At the July 9 hearing, the highway department will present data it has prepared about the economic effect of the proposed highway and its influence on the surrounding areas as well as engineering and location data.

Testimony will be taken from interested citizens and a record kept. A transcript of the proceedings will be studied by the highway department and the U. S. bureau of public roads before final plans for the new highway are approved.

A TOTAL OF 25 bridges are planned. They are at Eight Mile, Meyers near Rhodes, John R., near Nine Mile, and at John R., Nine Mile, 9 1/2 Mile, 10 Mile, 10 1/2 Mile, 11 Mile, 11 1/2 Mile, 12 Mile, Red Run drain, 13 Mile, 14 Mile, 15 Mile, Rochester road and Stephenson highway, Livernois, Big Beaver, Wattles, East Long Lake, southeast of Crooks road, Crooks road, Rouge River, Coolidge highway, Square Lake road, South Blvd., Grand Trunk Railroad, Auburn road, Featherstone road, Mt. Clemens road, Pontiac road and Walton road.

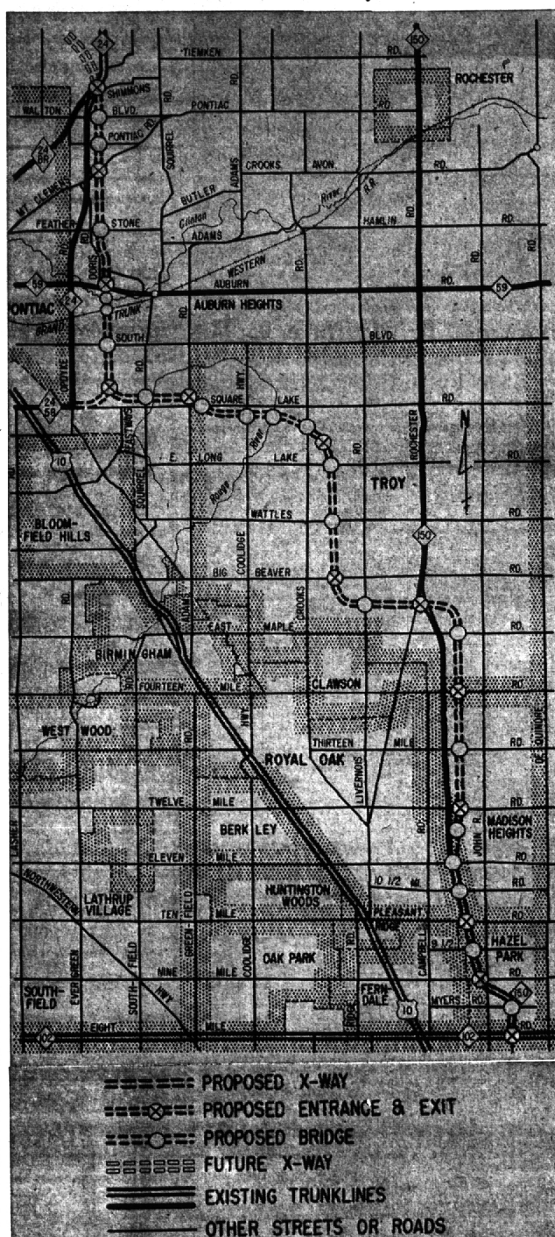
Entrances and exits along the route are planned for Eight Mile, Nine Mile, Ten Mile, 12 Mile, 14 Mile, Rochester road and Stephenson highway, southeast of Crooks road, Adams, Square Lake, Auburn, and Mt. Clemens road. Service or frontage roads will be constructed along the path of the expressway where needed to preserve local traffic flow and continuity.

In Navy Operation WESTERN PACIFIC—Philip C. Dickel, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Perry of 5450 Daniels, Troy, took part in Operation "Granite Creek" May 25 to June 1, while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Rangier in the Western Pacific.

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Here's the Route of the Chrysler X-Way From 8-Mile Road to City of Pontiac



Would Build Office If He Gets Rezoning

A. L. McNaughton has asked the Birmingham commission to rezone a lot at the northeast corner of Townsend and Southfield so he can put his dentist's office there. His petition for a B-1 non-retail business zone was referred to the plan board for study. The corner now is zoned R-7 multiple.

BAC Holds Dedication On Sunday

The long-awaited opening of summer facilities at the Birmingham Athletic club will be formally dedicated Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Diving exhibitions and a tennis exhibition will open the swimming pool, locker room facilities, and tennis courts, along with a wading pool for the youngsters. Club president Fred C. Matthei, Jr., will preside over the ceremonies and most of the 200 members are expected to attend.

THE CLUB is located at 4033 W. Maple near Telegraph.

The diving exhibition will be conducted by Hobie Billingsley, who took over Bruce Harlan's group following the famed swim coach's tragic death several weeks ago. The swimming pool and tennis court facilities were in the planning stages for two years and construction was started last December. Construction of the new clubhouse is expected to be started this fall and is expected to be available for occupancy in the fall of 1960. The clubhouse will have a lounge, limited dining facilities, a small kitchen and bar, shower and dressing rooms and two singles squash racquet courts. Summer facilities were completed at a total cost of \$175,000.

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Burglar Was Systematic—So Is Search

The Birmingham police department is carrying on a methodical "sure-to-get-it-man" door-to-door survey in best "Dragnet" style. They are out to get the burglar or burglars who systematically ransacked the home of Stanley Fulton, 880 Shirley, June 24.

pane in a French door to gain entry. The burglar was apparently selective. There was no evidence of a hurried search, investigating officers said. He seemed to have picked carefully the items he thought were valuable, they reported. Taken were an electric skillet, a 35 mm camera and case, a portable radio, two watches and a woman's zircon pin (value unknown), a \$1,500 cashier's check and \$48 cash.

THE VALUE of the stolen property was estimated at \$165. Payment was stopped on the cashier's check, Fulton said.

The burglary was committed between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., he told police.

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