

# Subway is on sans county

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Gov. Marvin Mandel has decided to begin construction of the Baltimore subway system without any promise of financial help from Anne Arundel County.

In his State of the State message to the General Assembly yesterday, Mandel ended months of speculation that the costly subway project might be scrapped by solidly endorsing it.

Acknowledging the "controversy and doubt surrounding the project", Mandel said he decided to endorse it "with the thought in mind that 20 years from now we might regret our failure to act decisively and favorably on this vital program."

"My major concern has been future operating deficits" in the subway program, Mandel said, but he confidently predicted that meetings with the chief executives of the jurisdictions to be served by the subway would produce a formula for local contributions to help with the operating costs.

County Executive Robert A. Pascal, who has been included in those meetings along with Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Baltimore County Executive Theodore G. Venetoulis, said last night that there will be no help coming from Anne Arundel County.

"I think it's safe to assume he's decided to go ahead without us," Pascal said.

"We just can't take on that responsibility right now," Pascal explained. "I have a feeling the state's going to be asking us to build schools very shortly. Without any additional revenue sources, we're going to have a tough enough time just doing that."

Mandel had been hoping to receive financial commitments from all three local executives at a breakfast meeting Tuesday morning which he could announce to the legislature in his address yesterday.

But Pascal refused to make any commitment and upset the governor's plans.

None of the top state officials would comment yesterday on the subway

financing negotiations with the local government leaders, but a spokesman for Mandel said that whatever deal is ultimately worked out will involve only Baltimore and Baltimore County.

Mandel included \$120.5 million—mostly in federal funds—in the budget he presented to the General Assembly yesterday to build the subway from the Charles Center in downtown Baltimore eight miles northwest to the city line. If more federal money becomes available, that line may be extended through Baltimore County to the beltway.

The subway system is no longer planned to serve Anne Arundel County residents directly. A proposed 12-mile southern leg of the line, which would have provided service to Glen Burnie, Marley and Linthicum, was dropped last year because of local opposition.

The governor's initial plan was to persuade the three executives to relinquish a portion of their state highway money for the next five years to help the state's financially troubled bus system.

The Mass Transit Administration's bus system, which runs several lines through the county, has been operating about \$9 million in the red for the past two years and those deficits are expected to increase.

Fearing that similar deficits will also plague the the MTA's subway system, Mandel is seeking pledges from Schaefer and Venetoulis to help with the subway's operating costs after it is completed. Anne Arundel County would have continued to help paying for bus service according to the plan.

The exact amount of Anne Arundel County's contribution to the MTA was never arranged, but it would have been the smallest of the three jurisdictions because it was to be based on the use county residents made of the bus system which is only about 12 per cent.

Administration sources said last night that despite Pascal's refusal to cooperate in the plan, the state will probably make another appeal for financial help in the next few years, especially if plans to run a light rail or trolley system through the county are approved.

## Teen-age drinking, IV

# Peer pressure leads to alcohol

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Peer pressure is the Pied Piper of adolescence.

of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Parents and other adults might be good examples, but the other kids' peer group tends to take risks with all the

with a drink or two they become more relaxed, witty, spontaneous. And perhaps a very small percentage of teen-agers who early adopt the bottle are suicidal, seeing no great future

informed.

Teen years, for example, are a time of healthy, normal interest in sex and learning about sex. But many teen-agers are not aware that abuse of alcohol

ghettos and among the voiceless poor.

But, when their own children became involved, they reacted with shock, alarm, dismay and sometimes with hysteria.