

Woodward at 200

Route that cuts through Oakland County has history, memories along every mile

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series.

By CAROL HOPKINS

Through her life, Henry Longo has never been very far from Woodward Avenue.

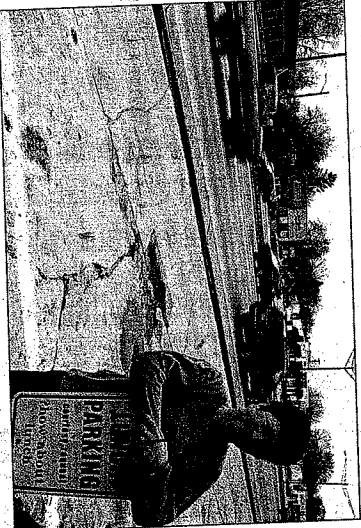
"I grew up near Seven Mile and Woodward in Detroit, and over to Woodward every day. We walked to church on week-ends on Woodward. It is like the artery of our lives."

Longo, who now runs the firm in Birmingham, is looking forward to celebrating coming this year to mark the 200th anniversary.

The 200th anniversary to Woodward, she said.

Designed by Judge Augustus Woodward in the early 1800s, Woodward Avenue was designated in 1807 as the first national urban Heritage Route.

In 2000, a study was conducted to examine whether light rail transportation could



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Native Detroiters Henry Longo stands outside her business, the 'How about lunch shop,' on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

be constructed along Woodward Avenue, according to the Detroit-based nonprofit group. Transportation officials and residents have taken steps to achieve that

goal, but to date, no specific plan has been approved — also in 2007, Michigan was designated a National Scenic Parkway by the U.S. Transportation Department.

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Hop on in and take a ride with us

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Woodward Avenue cuts a mighty road east a wide expanse of roads, drives lanes, streets and

hollers. Running through 11 communities, widening and narrowing, it has 21 miles of lanes and helps generate millions in revenue.

To celebrate Woodward Avenue's 200th anniversary, the historical society is launching a project to randomly chat with the people who work along it. The report continues Monday.

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