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240 More Miles Of X-way Urged

A transportation study which calls for 240 miles of new expressways, freeways and parkways and 1,160 miles

of other streets is nearing completion.

The Memphis Urban Area Transportation Study Committee is being asked for authorization to print the tentative program, which represents five years of planning work.

William Pollard, partner in the firm of Harland Bar-tholomew & Associates, the firm which has coordinated the planning, outlined the tentative proposal to several members of the study committee today. He said the plan will provide for transportation needs for the Memportation needs for the Memphis urban area through about 1985, at which time the area is expected to have 1.2 million people.

Total cost is expected to be almost \$500 million.

Twenty members of the

41-member study commit-

tee have approved the printing request, and the two additional votes necessary for approval are expected to be cast when the presentation is made to the City Council tomorrow.

There have been no negative votes. The only prob-lem has been getting all the necessary people together to vote psc 3/18/68

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