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State Ready For Surveying Of More Expressway Links

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By JAMES GUNTER

City Engineer William B. Fowler notified the City and County Commissions yesterday that the State Highway Department is ready to go ahead with surveys for two more legs of the proposed Memphis expressway system.

The Highway Department recommended that the next links planned be that part of the north-south expressway running from the Mississippi State Line to an intersection with the east-west route (in the vicinity of North Parkway) and the part of the east-west route which runs from there to the eastern circumferential route.

Harland Bartholomew & Associates, with Clark and Daily Co. as engineering consultants, are now surveying the first leg of the expressway system which loops the southeastern corner of Memphis from the vicinity of Highway 70 (Summer) south to Nonconah Creek and then west to about Bellevue.

September Starting Date

The two new legs proposed would connect with the first part of the circumferential route being planned.

Mr. Fowler said he believes the first leg of the circumferential route will be ready for construction to begin in September.

He said the City and County Commissions must approve the plans and contract with an engineering firm to do the survey work before the project can be started.

Mr. Fowler said the Bartholomew firm probably will be selected to survey the additional two legs since they are already set up to survey for expressways here.

"The State Highway Department is anxious to progress the plans for our expressway system as rapidly as possible," Mr. Fowler wrote to the members of both commissions. "They have suggested the undertaking of two

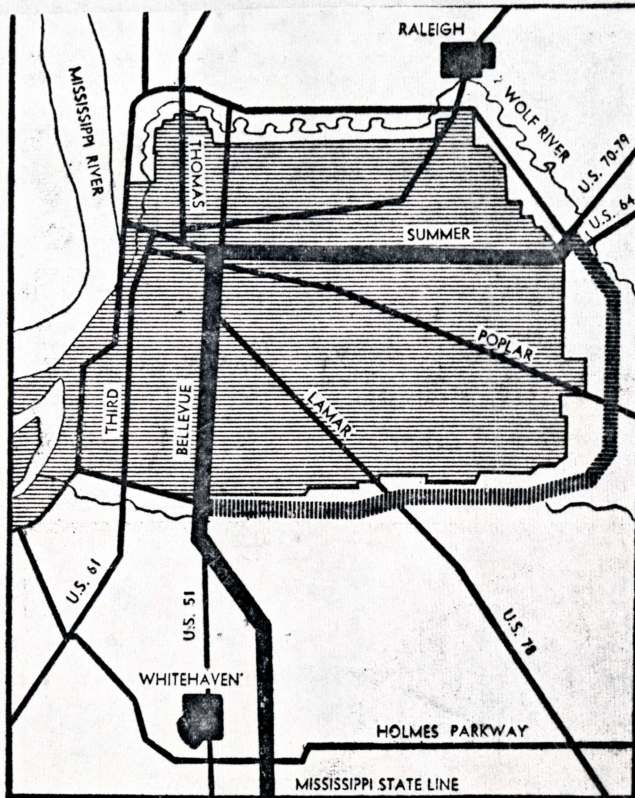
more sections of our expressway and are willing to put them under contract for surveys and plans."

The city engineer said if the suggestions of the Highway Department on the next routes to be undertaken are approved by both the city and county, he will notify the Highway Department.

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After approval by the local governmental bodies and surveying, the next steps would be to appraise the rights-of-way, acquire the property and clear it for construction. Under the Federal highway program, 90 per cent of the cost of the expressways would be borne by the Federal Government.

The routes to be constructed are not given a fixed location until surveys are completed.



TWO MORE LEGS—The State Highway Department is ready to go ahead with surveys for two more legs (heavy dark lines) of the Memphis expressway system. Involved are the leg north from the Mississippi State Line to the vicinity of North Parkway, and the one east (Summer) to a junction with the southeast route (shaded), now being surveyed.

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