Traffic Survey Plans Freeways To Surround Area

Wilbur Smith and Associates of Columbia, S. C., employed by project Little Rock-North Little Rock traffic requirements in 1966, disclosed its tentative proposals Friday A system of improvements, new streets and freeways that will cost an estimated $124 to $168 million was disclosed.

The research firm will return next month with definite proposals for the Pulaski Area Transportation Study and with suggested priorities for construction of the new facilities that it proposes. But R. A. Hargrave, project engineer for Smith and Associates, explained that the plan would be subject to changes in priorities and detail and would need to be updated continually in the light of economic and other changes that are not foreseeable.

The plan's major features, perhaps, is the construction of a proposed freeway extending from the South Terminal Road change eastward around Adams Field, across the Arkansas River, and crossing John F. Kennedy Blvd. and south of Highway 5 and extending eastward to intersect Interstate 40 at the northwest of North Little Rock.

That route, together with one north of it being designed, would form a beltway connecting the city's present freeway system, major cities and building in already have the kind of a road on the East-West Expressway to the west of Interstate 40, North Little Rock, and the Missouri Pacific Railroad where it would connect with another major multi-lane freeway which they have called Capital Freeway, that would intersect Interstate 40 at the south and west of the Arkansas River.

The only other major project for North Little Rock, and one of the only major multi-lane freeway projects, is the present freeway on the east side of the city which is being extended from the East Terminal Road to the proposed East Belt Freeway, and a new road skirting the airport and a proposed central section running into the city to complete that road.

The plan for the Greenbriar Freeway is the only area to be included in the plan, connecting with Highway 7.

Possible Traffic Patterns 25 Years From Now

Waiting List Accumulated By Guard Units

GM Labor Fact Brings $43 Each