

# Metro Soon To Get Plans For Subway

Preliminary plans for a \$265 million subway system in Greater Winnipeg are expected to be presented to metro council shortly.

First trains could be running under Portage Avenue by 1970 if previous proposals are carried out.

Metro officials said Tuesday the proposals began about four years ago. Preliminary planning has been underway for nine months and will go before transit committee shortly.

The subway would follow the

## Pair Crash Stolen Car, Flee In City

City police today were searching for two teenagers who crashed into a hydro pole with a stolen car late Monday and escaped down a side street in the heart of Winnipeg.

Police said the two youths, between 16 and 17, stole the car from downtown Winnipeg Monday night and later crashed into a hydro pole on James Avenue near Martha Street.

broad plans outlined in 1959 by the Norman Wilson report, which recommended a 10-year program of construction at \$200 million to \$300 million.

A first step would be an east-west tunnel under Portage Avenue from Queen Street in St. James to Main Street.

It would be followed by a subway on Main Street, eventually extended across the Red River and out St. Anne's Road. The Main Street subway, during the early stages of its use, would likely end at Mountain Avenue or Manitoba Avenue.

Plans and costs have to go before council soon so that, if construction is to start next year, costs can be included in next year's capital spending estimates.

The plans have not been discussed yet by elected metro councillors.

The plan for the subways is backed by Transit Director D. I. MacDonald and Executive Director Elswood Bole, who expect to place plans before council possibly in October.

With such a capital outlay metro council would most likely approach the provincial government for a guaranteed contribution, possibly at least 50 per cent.

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