Experimental Repair Is Success

LANSING -- A maintenance experiment that involved closure of a section of betriot john C. Lodge Freeway for It hours was fermed "a nuqualified success" by the State Highway Commission.

Closing of a two-mile section of the northbound freeway recently enabled workers to

make repairs that ordinarily would have been spread over seven weeks. Not a single accident that could be attributed to the clo-sure occurred while workmen mate repairs in the sarily hours of Sunday, June 9, between Milwaukee Ave, and Chicago Blvd.

Success of the project en-couraged state, Wayne County and city road officials to begin studies in preparation for brief closures of other sections of Detroit's freeway network for maintenauce, said Henrik E. Stafseth, state highway direc-tor.

valus when it becomes necessary to resurface the Lodge and Edsel Ford freeways," he said.

"Some sections of the free-ways are 20 years old and the maintenance problems we face are the natural result of aging, volumes of traffic which use these vital rateries, they have held up exceptionally well,"

Some 320,000 vehicles use the

The pilot project demonstrated that total closure provides a safer means of repair than the usual system of shutting off one lane at a time, it also is more convenient for the traveling public, since repairs are made at a period of low traffic volume.

Repairs cost 80 per cent less than under the usual main-tenance system, although these are offset by additional costs of lighting, temporary signing and pay for Detroit police as-signed to direct traffic to alternate routes.

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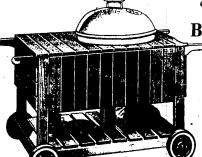
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