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Final Link To Open On Interstate 40

Ceremony Friday To Mark Highway's Completion

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FORREST CITY, Ark., Dec. 16.—The last link in Interstate 40 between Memphis and Little Rock will be opened to traffic at 11 a.m. Friday, Ward Goodman, director of the Arkansas Highway Department, said Monday.

Ribbon-cutting at the Arkansas 38 intersection, east of Forrest City, will precede the removal of barricades.

The Arkansas 149 interchange (at Blackfish Lake) will not be usable immediately, because of construction work. "Motorists are urged to travel with caution, as work still will be in progress," Mr. Goodman said.

The segment to be opened Friday is about 21 miles in length, between Forrest City and Shearerville near the St. Francis-Crittenden County line.

The Memphis-Little Rock section of interstate 40 will be about nine miles shorter, much faster and considerably safer than the old U.S. 70 route. The project cost more than 91 million dollars.

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