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Ford Will Aid

I-40 Decision

U.S. Rep. Harold Ford of Memphis said yesterday he will help enact legislation to complete Interstate 40 after U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman decides where it should go and how to build it.

Completion of the interstate has been stalled because of opposition to a proposed route through Overton Park. The latest in a series of hearings on the expressway will be held here tomorrow and Thursday, beginning at 8 a.m. tomorrow at City Hall.

After Coleman has reached a decision, Ford said, the administration of President Gerald Ford may be expected to support legislation required to follow through.

Ford, who spoke briefly at a meeting of the Engineers' Club of Memphis at the Sheraton Motor Inn, took no position on a route for the interstate segment.

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