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I-40 Park Route Facing Scrutiny

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WASHINGTON — Supporters and opponents of an Interstate 40 route through Overton Park will be given an opportunity to be heard at meetings Federal Highway Administrator William Cox will hold next week in Memphis.

Tuesday
Sen. Jim Sasser (D-Tenn.) announced Cox will meet today with supporters in Mayor Wyeth Chandler's office and with opponents Wednesday in the law offices of Burch, Porter and Johnson. Both meetings will start at 9 a.m.

The meetings are final steps leading to a decision by Cox' superior, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, on the state's plan to build a partially depressed "plaza design" highway through the park to close a 3.7-mile gap in I-40.