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## I-40 Pros, Cons Being Aired

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Advocates of an expressway through Overton Park yesterday gave William Cox a look at how convenient it would be to ride Interstate 40 through the park, and, today, expressway opponents plan to show him what a nice walk it is.

Cox, federal highway administrator, is to take his views of the 22-year-old Overton Park expressway controversy back to Transportation Secretary Brock Adams. Adams, the fifth secretary to handle the case, has promised a ruling on the matter early this summer.

City, county and state officials met with Cox yesterday and outlined the plans for a

\$33-million sunken and partially covered construction that would complete the 3.7-mile segment of the highway. After the meeting, Cox and other officials made a bus tour of the proposed route.

He is to meet this morning with opponents of the proposal and join them on a walk through the park.

Tom Hyland, press secretary to Cox, said the highway administrator "will not have any formal statement to make" after the meetings.

"We're just here to look and listen. The official record is already established. He will advise Secretary Adams when he (Adams) has any questions."

He said this is one of the oldest controversies pending before the Department of Transportation.

Those attending yesterday's meeting included Mayor Wyeth Chandler; City Council Chairman Oscar Edmonds; City Engineer and Public Works Director Frank Palumbo; county Mayor Roy Nixon; County Engineer George Dando; state Transportation Secretary Eddie Shaw; Ed Boldt, chief executive officer of the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, and Frank Holloman, president of Future Memphis Inc.

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