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## Shaw Requests Meeting Regarding Park Link

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NASHVILLE — State Transportation Commissioner Eddie Shaw has requested a meeting in Washington Nov. 16 with federal Highway Administrator William C. Cox to review the next course of action in the long-stalled Overton Park link of Interstate 40 in Memphis.

Shaw, in a letter to federal Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, said it was "gratifying" to learn Adams would approve the Overton Park route for a tunnel, even though Adams in late September rejected a partially depressed, partial plaza-covered design through the park.

"Apparently," Shaw said, "you would have approved our entire proposal if the design had contained a double-deck tunnel."

"Although we are not in favor of the double-deck tunnel . . . we believe there is a common ground for achieving a design that will meet the environmental constraints."

Shaw said objections to a double-deck tunnel include the difficulties in merging the two-layered traffic lanes at the entrance and exit, the need for tall ventilating stacks, motorist safety and the initial as well as maintenance costs.

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