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Mrs. - Parkes Overton

Study is continuing on the road expressway through Overton Park, and a new study about to begin on the new expressway route near Jude Hospital, said State Highway Commissioner David Pack.

and East Parkway. A new location for the interchange could be farther to the east at North Hollywood, he said.

of interstate highway in Tennessee will be open to traffic by the end of this year. "We are up to a point where we are ahead of construction and completion schedules," he said.

## NATIONAL SYMBOL

Following a talk to members of the Engineers Club yesterday at Hotel Claridge, Pack told newsmen that a study may be completed this week on effects the expressway might have on St. Louis. An analysis will deal particularly with vibrations and air pollution.

In reply to questions by Edward J. Meeman, editor emeritus of The Press-Scimitar and conservation editor of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, Pack said he had heard that the Overton Park controversy was becoming a nationwide symbol to those who oppose losing park lands to highways.

## CLOSE LOOK

In connection with Overton Park, Pack said engineers are giving every possible consideration to the aesthetic viewpoint in their study of the west expressway.

"I am well aware of the aesthetic viewpoint—in fact, I am in sympathy with it," Pack said.

The highway commissioner has said previously that an alteration at this point in plans for the east-west expressway through Memphis would cost an additional \$9 million or \$10 million.

Pack said a close look is being taken at a plan to modify the location of an interchange which was originally laid out at the intersection of Broad

Pack told Engineers Club members that over 500 miles

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