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Overton Park X-Way Fight Is Revived

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Mayor Ingram today revived the Overton Park expressway fight with an announcement he will appeal to Gov. Clement to reconsider a decision by Highway Commissioner David Pack to run the East-West leg of the Memphis expressway system through the park.

As planned, the highway would present a "major obstacle" to a proposed \$5 million development project for Overton Park Zoo, Ingram said. The road would pass through the park just south of the Zoo.

Clement will be forwarded objections to the route which were sent to Ingram by a 22-county district of the state Federation of Garden Clubs representing 135 clubs with 4,500 members, the mayor said.

The proposed route, approved by Pack recently, after much study and debate, would prevent the city from complying with terms of a proposed contract for the Zoo project submitted by businessman-philanthropist Abe Plough, Ingram said.

"The state must either re-route the expressway or depress it low enough to build a level crossing at the Zoo entrance," Ingram said.

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