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# Guides May Delay Expressway Work

## Federal Rules On Interstate Highway Construction May Slow City System

New Federal guidelines on Interstate Highway construction may delay work on the Memphis expressway system "as much as a year," State Highway Commissioner C. W. Speight said last night.

Commissioner Speight, contacted in Nashville by telephone, said the new Federal standards may necessitate buying additional right-of-way land in downtown Memphis for the new Memphis-Arkansas Bridge and in Overton Park for Interstate 40.

State officials received the new standards Monday and were advised to "consider them controlling" in highway design.

For better safety, the new Federal guidelines require 10 feet more on the right shoulder and six feet more on the left shoulder of each 30-foot, two-lane traffic way, Mr. Speight said.

The wider shoulders are required on both overpasses, bridges and straightways, he said.

"The length of the delay depends on how far along we are in designing the separate sections. Everything that's not under contract in Memphis will have to be redesigned," said Commissioner Speight.

Asked if the new Memphis-Arkansas Bridge will meet the new standards, he said:

"I'm not too sure, but I understand the bridge itself does. But the Arkansas side definitely and maybe the Tennessee side of the approaches will have to be redesigned. The part we have already let on the bridge substructure and piers appears to be all right."

Commissioner Speight said if the approaches on the Tennessee side are not now drawn to comply with the new standards, more right-of-way land in downtown Memphis will have to be acquired.

The commissioner said the requirement for additional right-of-way to "allow more gentle slopes" on approaches also may affect plans for I-40

which will run through Overton Park.

"In some places we may not have bought enough right-of-way. We may have to go back and buy more."

The commissioner said the new guidelines will increase the cost of construction "by 20 to 30 per cent," adding that the system could not be completed by 1972 on the same amount of money.

"I don't know what it's going to run into," said the commissioner.

"It could be a tremendous thing. As of now, our right-of-way line might miss some expensive building, but it may not miss that building if we have to buy more right-of-way."

The new safety standards, approved by the United States Bureau of Public Roads last May 19, also will delay construction of interstate systems throughout the nation.

## Spanish Solution Sought With Math

### School Board Is Counting Copies Of Disputed Test

The Memphis Board of Education said yesterday it is investigating to see whether any copies of a Spanish test, given in the system for the past two years, is missing.

"We're checking our storage, numbers of the tests and with each school in Memphis where the test has been given

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### Funds Justify US Directives, Senator Says

Senator John Sparkman (D.-Ala.) told the Tennessee Municipal League last night at the Sheraton-Peabody that it is not realistic to expect the Federal Government to pay the bills for the nation's cities without exercising certain controls.

TML members, who held their three-day annual convention Sunday, however, to

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