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Hearing Slated Today On I-40 Ramp Near Park

United States Dist. Judge Bailey Brown will hold a hearing at 9:30 this morning to decide whether to allow the state Highway Department to build a temporary traffic ramp for Interstate 40 near Overton Park.

The highway department filed a petition July 18 asking Judge Brown to lift an injunction he ordered Jan. 11, which forbids highway construction

or appropriation of highway funds for work between Claybrook and Bon Air streets.

The \$71,000 temporary ramp would extend about 525 feet into the area now protected by the injunction. J. Alan Hanover, special counsel for the highway department, said the ramp would allow traffic to enter or leave I-40 on Broad, 3,025 feet west of the interchange now in use at High-

land.

Charles F. Newman, attorney for the Citizens to Preserve Overton Park, claims the state should not have built the I-40 leg from White Station Road to Bon Air in the first place. "So, any traffic problems generated by the heavily used Highland interchange were generated by the state's own action."

Mr. Newman asks Judge

Brown to delay a decision on the ramp until public hearings are held on the government's new proposals on the location of I-40 between Claybrook and Bon Air.