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Opposition Develops To Demolition On I-40

Citizens to Preserve Overton Park sources said yesterday the group will oppose the state's request to demolish the two remaining buildings in the path of the Interstate 40 expressway.

"We're generally opposed to any piecemeal work of this sort just like we were opposed to the state building a temporary traffic ramp east of the park," a spokesman said.

United States Dist. Judge Bailey Brown has set a hearing on the demolition issue for 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10.

The request was made Tuesday in a petition filed in federal court by the Tennessee Department of Transportation. It asked for permission to tear down the old fire station at Broad and East Parkway and a vacant house at 3163 Broad.

If Judge Brown grants the request, he will have to lift an injunction he imposed Jan. 11 forbidding highway construction or appropriation of highway funds for I-40 work between Claybrook and Bon Air streets.

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