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Brock Disturbed By I-40 Delay

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Bill Brock (R-Tenn.) said Thursday he is concerned over slippage in a timetable for trying to reach a decision on the 3.7-mile gap in Interstate 40 in Memphis.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has said it cannot complete an environmental impact statement until June 15, rather than March 15, as it had indicated earlier.

The setback will mean a corresponding delay in Memphis hearings and a "final decision" promised by U.S. Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. at a meeting Feb. 5.

At the Feb. 5 meeting here, Coleman said he would hold hearings in Memphis no later than 65 days after the environmental impact statement had been submitted to him.

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