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On I-40 Leg Being Printed

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A copy of the environmental impact study concerning completion of the leg of Interstate-40 through Overton Park may be on U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman's desk by July 9.

Eddie Shaw, Tennessee Transportation Commissioner, said today over 400 copies of the 500-page study are being prepared "at the printer's now. It looks like we're going to be on schedule."

Shaw said the lengthy report has meant a lot of hard work and was "damned expensive."

Shaw said his office is sticking with their original plan for a partially depressed expressway. The plan, submitted by Tennesseans for Better Transportation, would feature plazas and greenery on 1,000 feet of the 5,200 feet of interstate through the park.

The impact study will include six alternatives for building the interstate as well as a no-build alternative.

Although he would not comment on the study's findings, Shaw said it was found the partially depressed TBT plan would destroy very few trees.