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## Beard Scores Handling Of I-40, Park Decision

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WASHINGTON — Rep. Robin Beard (R-Tenn.) Monday sharply criticized Transportation Secretary Brock Adams for failing to give members of the Tennessee congressional delegation advance notice of Adams' decision last Friday rejecting Tennessee's proposal to complete Interstate 40 through Overton Park in Memphis.

In a letter to Adams, Beard said he was not only disappointed in Adams' decision but was "especially concerned about the manner in which the announcement of the decision was handled."

Beard recounted that he called Adams' office Sept. 22 and was told by an Adams aide that "no such decision was imminent."

Beard said he called Adams after Gov. Ray Blanton of Tennessee had called him and requested him to try to check out a report the state's proposal had been rejected.

"Both my staff and myself were led to believe that no such action was contemplated in the near future and certainly not in only a week's time," Beard's letter stated.