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# X-Way Airing

## On Sept. 14-15

The public hearing on the routing of Interstate 40 through Overton Park has been set tentatively for two all-day sessions Sept. 14-15 in the City Council chamber and will be broadcast, it was learned today.

The hearing will be conducted by the Tennessee Highway Department and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

J. Alan Hanover, lawyer for the state highway department, said the dates were tentative because last-minute legal problems could delay the proceeding but that Sept. 14-15 would probably be final. He said the highway department and the U.S. Department of Transportation were arranging to have the proceeding broadcast on radio to reach a wide segment of the public.

The hearing was ordered after federal Chief Judge Bailey Brown remanded the Overton Park routing case to John Volpe, U.S. secretary of transportation.

In his remand order, Brown said Volpe had not made a "corrective legal determination" that the Overton Park route was the only feasible and prudent location. This decision meant that the case would have to meet requirements of the new National Environmental Protection Act of 1970. NEPA requires that environmental policy statements must be made and circulated for comment to other interested federal agencies and that a public hearing must be held before any park land, wild life reservation or historical area may be taken for use as a highway.

The public hearing would be one of the last stages under NEPA, since environmental policy statements are now being circulated to interested agencies. Following those agencies' evaluations and the hearing, Volpe will make a new determination

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