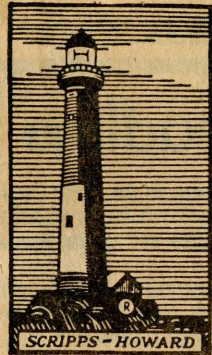


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## Adams Rejects I-40 Park Plan

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Secretary of State Brock Adams has formally rejected the State of Tennessee's plan to build Interstate 40 through Overton Park, Rep. Harold Ford, D-Memphis, said this afternoon.

Ford received a letter from Adams, with an enclosed copy of a letter to Gov. Ray Blanton, who is in Europe. Adams was to make a public announcement later today.

Adams said in his letter to Blanton that as secretary of transporta-

tion, "I have reviewed in detail the proposal of the State of Tennessee to complete I-40. As you know, I have met with proponents and opponents of this project, and have personally examined the park and have reviewed the record.

"It is my decision as Secretary of Transportation to reject the proposal of the State of Tennessee to route I-40 through the Park. This proposal does not meet the standards required by the Supreme Court in the case of the Citizens to Preserve Overton Park vs. Secretary John Volpe."