

T-Expressway Crosstown

Sign Troubles to Delay

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Opening of Crosstown

The state Highway Department confirmed Wednesday that opening of the first segment of the Crosstown Expressway will be delayed at least until the latter part of August.

Aug. 1 and Aug. 10 had been earlier target dates for putting traffic on the seven-mile section running from Delaware Avenue to Skelly Drive.

Assistant Division Engineer Bob Green, said the new trouble is the installation of signs.

GREEN SAID THE CONTRACTOR, Interstate Sign Erectors, of Little Rock, lacks aluminum material needed for fabrication of signs.

Except for the sign installation problems, the engineer said the

rest of the work for the first Crosstown section should be finished up early in August. Surfacing has been completed.

Green gave this rundown on the sign project:

FOOTINGS (SIGN MOUNTS) are about 90 per cent complete. A large number of posts are up, but some of the hardware for overhead trusses is lacking.

Basic signs, such as exit signs, speed zone signs and interstate markers, have not been received on the job.

"We're trying to get the basic signs ordered on a priority basis, so that we can open the Crosstown at the earliest possible date," Green said.

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