

Crosstown Dedication Plan Ready

The first segment of the Crosstown Expressway, opened to traffic last month, will be officially dedicated at 3:30 p.m. Monday by Gov. Bartlett and a group of city and other state dignitaries.

Following Bartlett's remarks at the dedication site, the dignitaries will drive through a ribbon at the Delaware Avenue entrance to give the seven-mile segment an official opening.

The officials will then go to the state Highway Department's new division headquarters building at 4002 N. Mingo Valley Expressway for another ceremony dedicating that new facility.

IN THE CARAVAN with Bartlett will be Mayor LaFortune, Street Commissioner Joseph Coleman, County Commission Chairman Robert S. Newhouse, Metropolitan Tulsa Chamber of

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Commerce President Don Turner, Tulsa Highway Commissioner William Bell, other state highway commissioners, state Highway Director Truman Branscum and E. A. Sparks of Oklahoma City, division engineer for the Federal Highway Administration.

The highway commissioners will come here directly from their regular monthly meeting in Oklahoma City.

The completed Crosstown (I-244) section runs from Delaware Avenue east more than seven miles to a connection with Skelly Drive at 145th East Ave.

CONSTRUCTION on the segment began in November 1965 and total cost of the more than seven miles was \$20.8 million.

It was opened to traffic on the Labor Day weekend, as was a one-mile segment of the Gilcrease Expressway, which links the Crosstown with Tulsa International Airport.

A contract on paving of the Crosstown section from Delaware into the Northeast Interchange of the Inner Dispersal Loop is scheduled for letting early next year.