

# Crosstown

## Motorists

### In a Jam

Morning rush-hour motorists apparently "discovered" Crosstown Expressway today.

The expressway has been used extensively since it opened last month but for some reason it was the scene of a bumper-to-bumper traffic jam today.

The cause wasn't accidents or slow drivers—just a mass of cars.

The usual 10 or 15-minute drive from the eastern end of the expressway to downtown, during the morning rush, suddenly extended to 45 minutes.

**CITY TRAFFIC** officials suspect the Crosstown may have carried more cars during the morning rush than the Broken Arrow Expressway and a traffic count has been ordered to verify that suspicion.

The last traffic count, taken about two weeks ago, showed Crosstown carrying about 26,000 cars per day and Broken Arrow about 30,000 per day.

Although all westbound lanes of the Crosstown were full, traffic moved smoothly and close to the speed limit—until the traffic dumped onto Admiral Place. That's where the trouble began, with the biggest problem developing in the area west of Pe-  
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Orioles won, 9-3, to take  
lead in the best-of-seven series. Char-  
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Peoria Avenue and where Admiral  
connects with First Street.

A FIVE-MINUTE wait at each  
light was the rule, until Peoria.  
A detour sign placed across one  
lane of Admiral Place, blocking  
construction at Madison and  
forcing three lanes of cars to  
squeeze into one—an impossible  
task. Fortunately, most drivers  
reacted to the problem and  
Peoria was not blocked during  
light changes.

Highway officials said the pos-  
sibility of opening the blocked  
lane will be studied, but said  
paving on the blocked lane be-  
hind the barrier is in poor con-  
dition because of construction  
traffic.