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Traffic proposal would be a 'disaster' for Trapelo Road

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idea was the city did not want to have traffic from Lexington coming down to Trapelo Road."

The parking lot was intended to obstruct the parkway with a circuitous route, which would discourage Lexington drivers from using it as a shortcut to Trapelo Road, Ching said.

"(The DCR) is concerned with the impact of a golf course, but apparently doesn't mind traffic," said Ward 1 Councilor Robert S. Kelly, a golf course advocate.

Kelly called the agency's announcement a "bullying tactic," and said he plans to ask DCR project manager Dan

Driscoll, who made the Tuesday announcement, to come before the City Council.

Councilor at large Kathleen B. McMenimen, who lives on Trapelo Road, expressed surprise that Driscoll had not mentioned the state's plans for the parkway when he spoke to the City Council last month to announce the results of the environmental study.

"We're concerned that this roadway would become basically a thoroughfare," said McMenimen. "I live right there, too. We'll all be impacted."

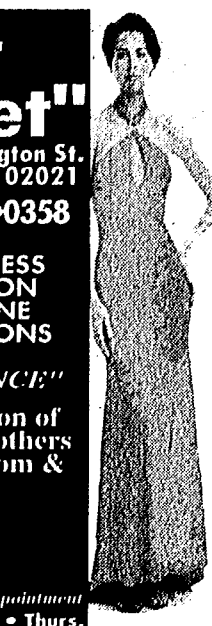
Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy said she is pursuing funding for the parking lot, and will seek to build it, even if

the state completes the parkway first. In that case, the traffic impact would be temporary.

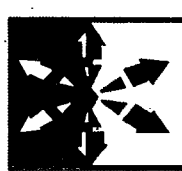
However, McCarthy said a traffic signal she plans to install at the intersection of Trapelo Road and Forest Street, where the two roads meet the state parkway, is more important than the parking lot. She said the planned signal will address other issues at the intersection, as well.

"Getting out of that end of Forest Street is treacherous," she said.

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