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Cumberland Marks National Road Bicentennial

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CUMBERLAND, Md. (AP) — The city of Cumberland is holding a parade to mark the 200th birthday of the nation's first federally funded interstate highway.

The National Road Bicentennial parade is set for 1 p.m. Saturday.

The event includes a caravan of antique wagons and [vehicles](#) arriving from Vandalia, Ill.

The parade will culminate in the groundbreaking for commemorative marker.

Fireworks will follow in the evening. On Sunday, a time capsule will be sealed.

The National Road ran from Cumberland to Vandalia, Ill. along a route largely followed today by U.S. 40.

It connected in Cumberland to the National Pike, leading to Baltimore.

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