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Washington, D.C., November 20, 1969 - Authority to build a new two lane road from Custer Hill to Camp Forsyth at Fort Riley was given yesterday by the Congress, according to a joint announcement from Senators James B. Pearson and Robert Dole and Representative Chester Mize.

A House-Senate Conference on legislation to authorize military construction projects for fiscal 1970 accepted an amendment to include the project introduced by Pearson and Dole on November 11. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,023,000.

These funds have not yet been appropriated, but have been requested by the Army for action this year by the Congress.

Responding to yesterday's decision Pearson said: "Approval of the road is an encouraging step, it means the Army will have authority to deal with the congested traffic situation at Fort Riley, making travel there safer for both civilians and military personnel."

Dole said, "This is great news for Fort Riley area residents and will be a giant step forward in traffic safety for area residents."

Pearson and Dole expressed the urgency of this project by letter to Senator Henry Jackson, Chairman of the Military Construction Subcommittee, before the bill went to conference with the House.