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PROPOSED KANSAS CITY-DENVER AMTRAK ROUTE TO UNDERGO FEASIBILITY STUDY

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Bob Dole met today for an hour with Amtrak President Roger Lewis and Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman George Stafford. Dole had called the meeting to discuss the proposed Kansas City to Denver Amtrak route and other Amtrak proposals related to Kansas.

Lewis agreed to immediately initiate a feasibility study to determine possible revenue and costs that might be incurred with the establishment of such a route through western Kansas.

Concerning the proposal, Dole said, "I stressed to Mr. Lewis the important contribution this route would make to Kansas mass transportation systems. We also discussed the wide support for such a route as evidenced by communications I have had with Mayors and Chambers of Commerce in cities that would be served."

Dole said he will stay in touch with Amtrak officials in an effort to seek avenues for establishment of the route.