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AMTRAK DECISION EXPECTED WITHIN TEN DAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In a conversation late yesterday with Department of Transportation officials, Senator Bob Dole pressed for information about the long-awaited announcement concerning the proposed Kansas City to Denver Amtrak experimental route. John Burnam, Undersecretary of Transportation told Dole that a decision would be made within the next ten days. Dole has been working since last November for the Amtrak experimental route to be designated in Kansas.

In this latest discussion with Department of Transportation officials, Dole was again told that, while no decision has yet been reached, the Kansas City to Denver route is still being considered.

Designation of the Kansas City to Denver route as an Amtrak experimental line would relieve Kansas from assuming any financial responsibility during the first two years of operation. Instead, any financial losses would be the responsibility of Amtrak.