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DOLE'S HIGHWAY PROJECTS GET FULL SENATE APPROVAL; $9.43 MILLION FOR KANSAS PROJECTS IN OVERLAND PARK, SALINA, AND SOUTHEAST KANSAS INCLUDED IN HIGHWAY FUNDING BILL

WASHINGTON - $9.43 million in funding sought by Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) for the construction of three major Kansas highway projects cleared one more hurdle today as the full Senate approved the FY92 Transportation Appropriations bill. The Dole projects provide funding for an interchange at I-435 and Nall Avenue in Overland Park, an interchange at I-135 and Magnolia Road in Salina, and a five-mile highway addition to the Southeast Kansas Corridor route. The bill now goes to a joint House/Senate conference committee. Upon final approval by both Houses, the bill is then sent to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased to see these projects have received the full support of the Senate. These are top priority highway initiatives which will provide many Kansans with the transportation upgrades they need. I'll keep looking for ways to improve our state's infrastructure, which is critical to economic vitality across Kansas," said Dole.

The Dole projects are:

I-435 AND NALL AVENUE, OVERLAND PARK -- $4.5 MILLION
    Dole's amendment will provide $4.5 million to fund the construction of a split diamond interchange at I-435 and Nall Avenue. Total cost of the project is $20,246,000.

I-35 AND MAGNOLIA ROAD, SALINA -- $3.23 MILLION
    Dole's amendment will provide $3.23 million for an interchange at I-135 and Magnolia Road. Total cost of the project is $4,132,000.

SOUTHEAST KANSAS CORRIDOR ROUTE, RIVERTON, KS -- $1.7 MILLION
    Dole's amendment will provide $1.7 million for preliminary engineering and right-of-way purchase for a five mile highway connecting Riverton, Kansas, to I-44 in Missouri, as part of the Southeast Kansas Corridor route. When completed, the route will provide two-lane roads between Wichita, Ks, and Joplin, Mo. Total cost of the five mile stretch project is $27,630,000.

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