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DOLE'S HIGHWAY PROJECTS APPROVED BY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE; \$7.56 MILLION FOR KANSAS PROJECTS IN OVERLAND PARK, SALINA, AND SOUTHEAST KANSAS

WASHINGTON - Funding for the construction of three major Kansas highway projects backed by Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) was approved today as a House/Senate conference committee completed action on the FY92 Transportation Appropriations bill. The Dole projects won \$7.6 million in 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 faces final approval in both Houses, and then will be sent to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased that these worthwhile projects have received major Congressional support. These are top priority highway initiatives which will improve our state's infrastructure, providing many Kansans with topgrade transportation services," said Dole.

The Dole projects funded by the conference committee are:

1-435 AND NALL AVENUE, OVERLAND PARK -- \$3.6 MILLION

The committee agreed to provide \$3.6 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 -- \$2.584 MILLION

The committee agreed to provide \$2.584 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 -- \$1.376 MILLION

The committee agreed to provide \$1.376 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.