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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR WICHITA MASS TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate today gave final approval to Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request for a \$2.6 million grant earmarked for a Wichita mass transit maintenance facility.

"These funds will help with the construction of a centrally located Storage, Administration and Maintenance Facility, which is replacing a 30-year old operations facility," Dole said.

"This project makes good economic sense. It will contribute to continuing efforts to revitalize downtown Wichita, by bringing jobs and consumers into in the area," Dole added. "The City will also save money on labor and fuel by housing the buses closer to their routes' point of origin."

The project was included in the 1995 Transportation Bill, which now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law. The \$2.6 million earmarked grant will bring the total of federal funding to \$5 million for the bus maintenance facility. The FY 1993 Transportation Report included Senator Dole's original request of \$3.4 million for the project.