



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE, KANSAS DELEGATION URGE EPA APPROVAL OF KANSAS TURNPIKE IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today that he and the six other members of the Kansas congressional delegation have joined forces in an effort to aid the Kansas Turnpike Authority.

Dole solicited the support of the Kansas delegation in urging the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to actively support a Kansas Turnpike Authority application for \$500,000 in construction monies. The grant is needed to finance necessary improvements in the Turnpike Authority's sewage treatment capacity in six turnpike service areas. The facilities are located at: Wellington, Lawrence, Topeka, Emporia, Matfield Green and Towanda.

"The real question here is whether Kansas is getting fair and even-handed treatment," Dole said. "I have been advised that at least one similar turnpike authority in New York has received construction grants of this type."

Dole also expressed concern that almost nine months had elapsed since the legal issues were presented. "The potential costs of continued delay are substantial, as construction costs increase sharply," he said.

Dole arranged a meeting earlier this week in his Washington office with representatives of the Kansas Turnpike Authority, where the assistance of the delegation was procured.

"I hope that our joint efforts can elicit a prompt response from EPA," Dole said.