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GM TO BUILD NEW FAIRFAX PLANT IN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole received official word this morning that General Motors has made a final decision to go ahead with plans to construct a \$750 million plant in the Fairfax Industrial District of Kansas City, Kansas.

"GM will continue operating the old plant until the new facility is ready to go," said Senator Dole. "Therefore, they don't anticipate any layoffs during the transition."

The long-awaited General Motors decision came after months of lobbying and negotiating with local, state, and federal officials. Representative Jan Meyers, Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Governor John Carlin, and Mayor Jack Reardon are among the public officials who have joined Dole in working to convince GM to locate the plant in Kansas City.

Dole has held a series of meetings with GM officials, including GM Chairman Roger Smith. A top-level staff meeting with GM officials in Senator Dole's Washington office yesterday ended on an optimistic note about Kansas City's chances for the new plant.

The 2.3 million square foot auto assembly plant will be finished in time to produce 1988 GM-10 mid-size models, and will be managed by the C-P-C group (Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada). The expected date of opening is late summer, 1987.

"We are obviously delighted that all of the final obstacles were overcome," said Senator Dole. Dole had been working to alleviate possible environmental problems at the site.

"The overall economic impact of this decision is good news for the Kansas City area," said Dole.