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KANSAS FUNDS LEFT INTACT IN TRANSPORTATION BILL; \$6.86 MILLION FOR KANSAS

Washington, D.C. -- Funding for several Kansas projects totaling \$6.86 million will be included in the FY1990 Transportation Appropriation bill, Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today. The House-Senate conference report, to be adopted by both houses, includes several projects Dole had strongly backed throughout—the appropriations process—to receive full funding.

"I'm glad these projects got the funding that they needed. Congress understands the needs of Kansas," said Dole. "With the tight budget crunch on, we have to pick and choose the priority projects."

Included in the bill is \$1.15 million for three instrument landing systems that will go to three Kansas airports. Olathe Executive Airport will receive \$500,000, and the airports in Lawrence and Great Bend will receive \$250,000 and \$400,000 respectively.

\$3.21 million has been appropriated for the Kansas River Bridge in Manhattan. The funds will be used for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the bridge.

Also included in the conference report is \$400,000 to provide acceleration and deceleration lanes along two exits of U.S. 77 in Junction City.

\$2 million will be funded for a Institute for Aviation Research study to be done at Wichita State University. The study will focus on aging aircraft and human factors relating to safety, crash worthiness, and software reliability.

A feasibility and environmental study for K-96 will also be funded. \$100,000 is slated for this project.