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TOPEKA FLOOD PROTECTION

TOPEKA FLOOD PROTECTION STUDY GETS FINAL CONGRESSIONAL OK

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate has given final approval to his request for \$225,000 for a reconnaissance study of flood protection for Topeka, Kansas. The Topeka study funding is included in the 1994 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, which now goes to the President for his signature.

"We've been working with Topeka officials for several months on this important funding. The City has been seeking this funding to promote adequate flood protection, a need which has been underscored by this year's flooding and heavy rains in Kansas," said Dole. "With the construction of the Oakland Expressway, the eastern portion of the city will soon be developing and expanding. Adequate flood protection is key to that expansion, and I will continue to work with Topeka officials in their flood protection efforts," Dole added.

During the preliminary design of the Oakland Expressway, the City of Topeka and the Kansas Highway Department discovered that the 1958 Corps design of the levee system did not correspond to later Federal Emergency Management Administration studies. The study phase of the highway project indicated that the level of flood protection for Topeka may be much lower than originally planned.

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