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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 24 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole and U.S. Representatives Garner E. Shriver and Joe Skubitz today announced they sent a joint letter to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe requesting early consideration for the approval of two additional Wichita area highway projects. The letter concerned the specific construction projects of a 2.2 mile elevated section of Interstate 35W within the Wichita city limits and of the surfacing of 8.1 miles of Highway 54 south of El Dorado in Butler County.

Dole said it was learned from discussions with John R. Provan of the Federal Highway Administration that monies are still available from a special fund set aside for highway projects in areas experiencing high or persistent unemployment.

The Administration assured the four members of the Kansas delegation that funds would be tentatively reserved until such time as these proposals could be received and reviewed in Washington.