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WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 6, 1971 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced that the Arkansas River Bridge on U.S. Highway 281 south of Great Bend will be replaced.

The Senators said that bridge will be replaced through the authority of the Federal Highway Act of 1970. Cost of replacement will be \$1,230,000. The Federal government will pay 75% and Kansas 25%. Date of construction has not yet been announced. The existing bridge did not meet the minimum standards of the Bridge Reconstruction and Replacement law.