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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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ONE MILLION DOLLARS APPROVED FOR KANSAS ROADS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole learned late this afternoon that approval had been given to authorization of \$500,000 for road improvements in the vicinity of Melvern and Pomona Lakes in Osage County and \$500,000 for similar improvements to FAS route 1208 near Tuttle Creek Lake in Pottawatomie County.

The action came during a Senate-House Conference on the 1973 Water Resources Act.

"Osage County is the only county in the nation with two major federal lakes," Dole said. "Many thousands of visitors come to these lakes each year for recreation and enjoyment. This has placed severe strains on the local roads, bridges, and highways which were never meant to handle the traffic of so many visitors. Major traffic hazards, inconvenience and concern have resulted from this situation. Local government does not have the resources to make the necessary improvements, so the federal government should step in to help. Similar problems have developed around Tuttle Creek Lake in Pottawatomie County."

The conference also approved Senator Dole's provision to authorize construction of a new bridge on the Vermillion River in Pottawatomie County. The bridge on FAS route 1343 is part of the Onaga Lake project and will be built in advance of the start of work on the lake to avoid unnecessary county expense and inconvenience to local citizens.