



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## KANSAS CITY TO DENVER AMTRAK ROUTE ANNOUNCEMENT IMMINENT, SAYS DOLE

Washington, D. C. — Efforts by Senator Bob Dole that go back almost two years culminated today in an announcement by Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar that a Kansas City to Denver passenger train route is being designated as an AMTRAK experimental line.

Through his Washington office Dole expressed satisfaction at the announcement saying that, "I've j with many Kansans over the past several months in working to obtain this designation. Because it links two major and growing population centers, because it provides good connections to other passenger lines, and because it promises reliable, high-speed transportation across Kansas — a useful alternative form of transportation in these days when gasoline costs and supply are a problem — this route has always made a lot of sense to me."

Under the law, the Secretary of Transportation may designate experimental routes which are operated by AMTRAK for a period of two years. At the end of that two-year period, an evaluation is conducted to determine whether there is sufficient ridership to continue the route as part of AMTRAK's regular service.

"I am confident that this route will prove a highly successful one," Dole said. Brinegar's announcement indicated the major population center stops of the designated route will be Kansas City, Topeka and Denver. Designation of intermediate stops between Kansas City and Denver must await announcement by AMTRAK which will also make final decisions with respect to scheduling. The Kansas City-Denver portion of the route will be the last leg of a new train originating in Washington, D. C.

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