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DOLE ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDS FOR DODGE CITY-FORD-BUCKLIN RAILROAD

Washington, D.C. -- The old Dodge City-Ford-Bucklin Railroad will receive more than \$86,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for rehabilitation of the historic line, Senator Bob Dole announced today.

In announcing the funding, Sen. Dole said, "This is hopefully just a first step toward rejuvenating a project that preserves a piece of history while serving modern commercial needs too."

The project would provide tourist access to the the Boot Hill area in Dodge City, Dole said, "retracing that portion of the Rock Island Line that stretched through Bucklin, Ford and Dodge City in the days of Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp.

"Not only could the line serve to increase tourism," noted Sen. Dole, "but its commercial capabilities are equally important. The railroad would be used to haul grain and other freight, linking a major freight line in Bucklin."

The funds, totaling \$86,647, are being made available as a grant from unused funds in the Local Railroads Assistance program.