

## News from Senator

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### DOLE WINS \$10.9 MILLION FOR KELLOGG-DUGAN INTERCHANGE! LONG-TIME "WISH LIST" PROJECT CLOSER TO REALITY

During a rare Saturday session, the United States Senate agreed to an amendment authored by Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole which provides \$10.9 million to construct an interchange on Kellogg (U.S. Route 54) at Dugan Road. The amendment was added to the Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1991, which begins October 1, 1990.

"Anyone who has had to sit in the maddening traffic jams on Kellogg will be cheering Senate approval of this major highway breakthrough", Dole said. "This project has been at the top of my priority list for Wichita and I have a feeling it's at the top of the wish list for Wichita motorists, too."

The Dole Kellogg-Dugan Amendment now goes to a House-Senate conference to work out a final bill acceptable to both sides of Congress.

"The House has failed to include this priority Kansas project in its bill. Let's hope they recognize how critical this is to Wichita - perhaps a trip down Kellogg during rush hour would convince them.

Over the past twenty years, several studies have been conducted on ways to alleviate east-west traffic in Wichita. These studies have identified Kellogg as the only major east-west artery capable of being upgraded to a six lane freeway. However, urban-type interchanges would be needed to help reduce congestion. Funds provided for in the Dole Amendment would get the job done by constructing the interchange at Dugan Road.

The west side of Wichita was the fastest growing residential area in the city during the past decade, and Kellogg will have an estimated 74,000 vehicles per day by the year 2010.

"This long overdue highway improvement will go hand-in-hand with the on-going efforts to revitalize the downtown area and to speed connections to Mid-continent Airport."

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