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**DOLE SECURES FUNDING FOR
KCK'S TURNER DIAGONAL BRIDGE PROJECT;
CLEARS FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL,
READY FOR PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE**

WASHINGTON - Funding for a major Kansas City, Kansas, highway improvement project requested by Senator Bob Dole, won final Congressional approval today as the Senate passed the conference report to the FY1993 Transportation Appropriations bill. Dole secured \$2.9 million in initial funding for the Turner Diagonal Bridge project during conference committee action. The measure now goes to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased that Congress has agreed with me on the importance of this highway improvement initiative. Wyandotte County's existing two-lane Turner Bridge leading to the area's industrial parks has proved inadequate for the increasing traffic flow. I'm certain that many residents of KCK have experienced the congestion on the bridge and would welcome a little relief," said Dole.

"The city plans to replace the entire two lane corridor with a four-lane roadway and two parallel two-lane bridges. It's important to support projects that will strengthen the area's economy. This project will bring construction jobs to the area and promote the growth and stability of the industrial parks by supporting this vital highway upgrade," said Dole.

The \$2.9 million will be used for preliminary engineering, design and right-of-way acquisition for the project. Total cost is estimated at \$39 million.

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