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## DOLE ANNOUNCES K.C.'S I-35 AND 75th ST.

### QUALIFIES FOR \$13.8 MILLION IN FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole (R-Kan.) announced today that the Department of Transportation has determined that the I-35 and 75th St. intersection has qualified for \$13.8 million in federal interstate construction funds.

Until today, renovation of the busy interchange, described by one Kansas legislator as "the worst in the state," had been delayed by the lack of federal and state funds.

At the request of Senator Dole, Darrell Trent, Undersecretary of Transportation, visited the Kansas City site on December 29, 1982 for a firsthand look at the intersection. From that inspection, Trent determined the huge project could qualify for interstate construction funds.

According to Dole, without the DOT determination, only \$2.5 million in federal funds would have been available, leaving the revenue-strapped state to try to fund the remainder of the project.

Kansas will now have to come-up with 10% of the \$13.8 million.

"We've known this intersection has been in serious need of funds for quite some time. Frankly, until passage of the gas tax, there were simply too many projects and too little money. This is but one of a series of necessary repairs that we hope to see in Kansas and other states," Dole said.

Dole noted that the I-35 intersection was originally built in the 1950's.

"Because of the federal funding, instead of merely rehabilitating an antiquated roadway, the interchange will be completely rebuilt and redesigned -- this is good news for the 140,000 vehicles which pass over this key intersection every day," Dole concluded.