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DOLE WELCOMES FUNDING APPROVAL FOR HISTORIC RAIL REHABILITATION

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) welcomed today's approval by the Federal Railroad Administration of discretionary funding of \$1 million for restoration of the historic Dodge City-Ford-Bucklin rail line. The 25.37-mile line will provide freight and passenger service between Dodge City and Bucklin.

"I was pleased to be of assistance in getting this project included in last year's transportation bill," said Dole. "I'm glad that the funding for the railroad became available."

The 1987 Transportation Department Sec. 803 Local Rail Service Assistance appropriations called for funds remaining from previously earmarked projects under the department's Sec. 505 Redeemable Preference Share Program to go to the Ford County Historical Railroad Preservation Foundation project. The project is to be funded on a 70-30, federal/non-federal split, with the non-federal share of the project being \$428,572.

Solicitations for bids from contractors are expected to begin immediately.