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DOLE SECURES \$9.43 MILLION FOR THREE KANSAS PROJECTS
IN OVERLAND PARK, SALINA, AND SOUTHEAST KANSAS

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today that a key subcommittee has approved \$9.43 million for construction of three major Kansas highway projects. The Dole amendments provide funding for an interchange at I-435 and Nall Avenue in Overland Park, an interchange at I-135 and Magnolia Road in Salina, and a five-mile highway addition to the Southeast Kansas Corridor route. The Transportation Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee agreed to the Dole amendments during mark-up of the FY92 Transportation Appropriations bill today.

I-435 AND NALL AVENUE, OVERLAND PARK -- \$4.5 MILLION

Dole's amendment will provide \$4.5 million to fund the construction of a split diamond interchange at I-435 and Nall Avenue. Total cost of the project is \$20,246,000.

"This area is expanding quickly and this interchange is needed to handle the additional traffic. A major corporate laboratory and office complex will soon be located nearby so it's important to establish adequate transportation services to keep up with economic development," said Dole.

I-35 AND MAGNOLIA ROAD, SALINA -- \$3.23 MILLION

Dole's amendment will provide \$3.23 million for an interchange at I-135 and Magnolia Road. Total cost of the project is \$4,132,000.

"This interchange is needed to keep up with Salina's rapidly growing industrial and commercial areas. The project will also provide access to Kansas State University's newly established Salina campus," said Dole. "I'm pleased the committee agreed with me on this top priority project."

SOUTHEAST KANSAS CORRIDOR ROUTE, RIVERTON, KS -- \$1.7 MILLION

Dole's amendment will provide \$1.7 million for preliminary engineering and right-of-way purchase for a five mile highway connecting Riverton, Kansas, to I-44 in Missouri, as part of the Southeast Kansas Corridor route. When completed, the route will provide two-lane roads between Wichita, Ks, and Joplin, Mo. Total cost of the five mile stretch project is \$27,630,000.

"This highway addition will be a big boost to many travelers in Southeast Kansas. Transportation is vital to the Southeast Kansas economy, and this funding will help get this major upgrade under way," said Dole.

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