

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 54 MODERNIZATION PROJECT  
WINS SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate late yesterday approved legislation including Kansas Senator Bob Dole's provision instructing the Veterans Administration to convey property necessary for the modernization of U.S. Highway 54 in Wichita, Kansas.

"In my view, this solution strikes an ideal balance between providing critical structural improvements for U.S. 54 and preserving quality services for our veterans," Dole said.

"No doubt about it, expanding Highway 54 makes economic sense. Basic structural improvements are necessary to accommodate future traffic growth along this major route. But as a longstanding advocate for veterans' interests, I am also pleased that federal and local officials cooperated in accommodating the concerns of the veterans," Dole added.

Under the proposal, roughly six acres along the south edge of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center in Wichita will go toward widening and improving U.S. 54. The City of Wichita will provide replacement facilities for the displaced Veterans' buildings. The project language is included in the 1996 VA/HUD Appropriations Bill, which now heads to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed in the House.

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