Spring has arrived, and the Ministère des Transports is finally prepared to kick off the first major season of work on the completion of autoroute 30!

Development... transportation... market access...

In addition to reducing the congestion on the South Shore bridges, the completion of your autoroute 30 will also relieve pressure on Montréal's main arteries and the existing local highways, especially route 132. Aside from its primary vocation, which is to provide a bypass route around the metropolis, the opening of these 55 kilometres of autoroute should contribute to the economic vitality of the Montérégie region, offering a new avenue for development, transportation, and improved access to markets.

These are the reasons why, day after day, the Bureau de projet de l'autoroute 30, the Direction de l'Ouest-de-la-Montérégie and the Bureau de la mise en œuvre du partenariat public-privé, are proud to be working in cooperation with all of our other partners in order to deliver autoroute 30 to its future users.

This summer, watch us work for you! We are expecting a tremendous work season for all employees, and for everyone else who is contributing - from near or far - to the completion of autoroute 30!

Paul-André Fournier Director of the Bureau de projet de l'autoroute 30

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF AUTOROUTE 30

Cooperation is our priority

For several months now, representatives of the Direction de l'Ouest-de-la-Montérégie and the Bureau de projet de l'autoroute 30 have been touring the municipalities that will host autoroute 30 on their territory.

The primary purpose of these meetings is to notify the cities and the Regional County Municipalities invol-

ved of the progress that we are making on the Western section of the project to complete autoroute 30, and to provide details of the publicprivate partnership. During these meetings, the professionals from the MTQ make it their duty to accurately describe the trajectory of autoroute 30 on the territory of its host cities, and to clearly answer all questions asked by municipal representatives. Our experts then explain the terms of the partnership that will be created in terms of the financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of autoroute 30.

The MTQ is currently working on drafting the Request for Qualifications and the Request for Proposals in connection with the public-private partnership. In doing so, it must take into consideration municipal constraints, which will become



Picture extracted from the visual simulation of the Western section of autoroute 30, showing the bridge over the Beauharnois Canal.

obligations for the future bidders. These meetings allow the MTQ to obtain the information required to draft the Request for Qualifications and the Request for Proposals, and to elicit comments concerning the project from each city. The information that is obtained will allow future bidders to properly evaluate their obligations.

In light of this, municipalities are responsible for supplying the information and documents that will provide a complete portrait of their territories. Land use plans, zoning bylaws, municipal noise by-laws, heavy vehicle traffic, locations authorized by the city for work sites, plans indicating public services, and the emergency procedures plan for the city are all elements that will be taken into consideration in preparing the various contract documents.

Spring thaw means the start of work!

Work, work, and more work!





Work on the overpass started during the summer of 2005.

Finalization of the overpass

Teams are already busily working on the overpass that will allow for vehicle traffic from the west of autoroute 30 to autoroute 15 North. The frame of the structure is already visible from autoroute 15. This is where the Eastern section of autoroute 30 will cross autoroute 15, approximately 2 km south of the existing autoroute 30.

The future 15/30 interchange

In addition to the overpass, work on the 15/30 interchange will start this summer. In order for work on the site to begin as early as August, the MTQ will proceed as quickly as possible with a Call for Tenders for this work, which is estimated at slightly more than \$15 M. The interchange should be completed by the fall of 2007.

You can consult Inforoutière at any time in order to obtain more information concerning autoroute 30 work sites, or any other work sites in Québec.



A video of autoroute 30!

A visual simulation has been produced to illustrate the major components of the Western section of autoroute 30, between Vaudreuil-Dorion and Châteauguay. Among other things, this video, which is approximately 12 minutes long, presents an overview of the 20/30/540 interchange in Vaudreuil-Dorion and the bridge over the Beauharnois Canal.

You can view this presentation on the autoroute 30 website: www.autoroute30.qc.ca.

Other preparatory work

The relocation of public utility facilities is also continuing along the projected trajectory of autoroute 30. The majority of the Hydro-Québec TransÉnergie and Distribution work was carried out last year, and other public utilities should be relocated this summer. Bell, Vidéotron, and Gaz Métropolitain are expected to begin or continue with the relocation of their facilities, as the case may be.

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