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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CONCERNING
THE COMPLETION OF AUTOROUTE 30

At work on the western section!

On May 1, I attended an event organized by the *Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Châteauguay (CCIC)* along with my colleague, Mr. Jean-Marc Fournier, member for Châteauguay, Minister of Education, Recreation, and Sports, and Minister responsible for the Montérégie, as well as regional elected officials and members of the CCIC. On this occasion, I was proud to announce the start of work on the western section of the site with a view to completing autoroute 30 between Châteauguay and Vaudreuil-Dorion.

The event was attended by partners who are highly committed to this major project and to the region's development. Mayors, municipal councillors, business people, merchants, and members of the general public, and in fact all of those who are focused on the development of the Montérégie, are pleased to see the project to complete autoroute 30 come to fruition!

The June edition of *Junction 30* will enable you to learn more about the work that is scheduled to begin this summer on the western section, and about progress made in the eastern section.

It is important to keep in mind the fact that the government's commitment with regard to transportation infrastructures is now \$5.3 billion over four years. This is the first time that the government has announced, three years in advance, a three-year plan for road budgets, thereby making it possible for us to announce development projects for autoroutes 25, 50, 175, 185 and, of course, the completion of autoroute 30!

Michel Després
Québec Minister of Transport
and Minister responsible for
the National Capital Region



Mr. Michel Després, Minister of Transport and Minister Responsible for the National Capital Region, accompanied by Denis Barbeau, President of the *Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Châteauguay (CCIC)*, Mr. Jean-Marc Fournier, Minister of Education, Recreation, and Sports, and Minister responsible for the Montérégie, surrounded by the members of the CCIC Board of Directors.

Work scheduled in Châteauguay this summer!

At a speech before the *Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Châteauguay* on May 1, the Minister of Transport announced that work will be carried out starting this summer on the western section of autoroute 30, between Châteauguay and Vaudreuil-Dorion!

The work site will head the relocation of chemin de la Haute-Rivière in Châteauguay, and the construction of the stratification bridge connecting it to the future autoroute 30. This work, carried out in preparation for the construction of the bridge over the Châteauguay River, must begin now, both in order to succeed with

the consolidation of sensitive clay in this sector, and to avoid constraints to those who use the route. The consolidation of the existing clay will translate into significant savings, specifically by eliminating the need for light fill, which is far more expensive than conventional fill.

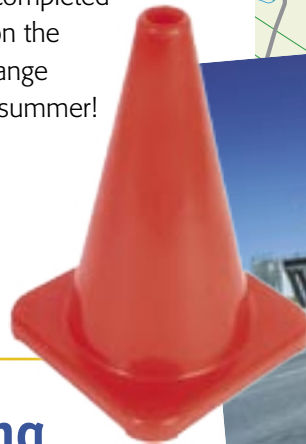
The work, with a total estimated cost of \$15 M, was the subject of a call for tenders last May. It will be completed in the fall of 2007, just in time to enable private partners to pursue the construction of the 42 km that will constitute the western section of autoroute 30.

Eastern section south of Candiac, Delson and Saint-Constant Expropriation orders have all been obtained

Back in April, the Québec government contributed the missing piece that was necessary to be able to prepare the eastern section south of Candiac, Delson, and Saint-Constant. This entailed adopting the three final expropriation orders necessary for this section.

The acquisition process, which had already begun on the territory covered by the first two orders, can now continue.

We must keep in mind the fact that the work on the eastern section began last fall with the stratification bridge for the H ramp, which will be completed shortly. Work on the 15/30 interchange will begin this summer!



Studies with interesting conclusions!

Once autoroute 30 is completed, travel time will be significantly reduced, thereby generating annual time savings valued at \$161 M!

| Origin | Destination | Without A-30 (current situation) | With A-30 (anticipated situation) |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Vaudreuil-Dorion | Candiac | 62 minutes | 43 minutes |
| Vaudreuil-Dorion | Châteauguay | 54 minutes | 32 minutes |
| Vaudreuil-Dorion | Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville | 74 minutes | 57 minutes |
| Candiac | Salaberry-de-Valleyfield | 55 minutes | 38 minutes |

“The completion of autoroute 30 will position Montérégie at the heart of the trade corridor between Québec City and North-American markets. This makes it a valuable development asset that will help in the creation and exploitation of new business opportunities.”

- Michel Després, Minister of Transport and Minister responsible for the National Capital Region

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