

# Junction



## Completion of Autoroute 30 A momentous achievement for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Québec

**T**he completion of Autoroute 30 is a priority project for Québec and the metropolitan region. In the upcoming work seasons, several sites will emerge over a total of 55 km. This highway project, one of the biggest in Québec, will satisfy the highest possible environmental standards and rise to major technical challenges with the construction, among other things, of two bridges, a major interchange, and a tunnel.

Further to its effect on the quality of the roads system and user safety, the site will create jobs and generate major economic spin-offs for Montérégie and the metropolitan region.

With the completion of Autoroute 30, we are building the Québec of today while also enabling future generations to benefit from top-performing infrastructures, which constitute the driving force behind our economic development.



**Julie Boulet**  
Québec Minister for Transport  
and Minister Responsible for the  
Mauricie Region

## Congratulations to the initiators of the PPP process

Last month, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Canadian Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities; along with Mrs. Julie Boulet; the Minister of Finance and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, Mrs. Monique Jérôme-Forget; and the Minister of Revenue, government parliamentary leader, and Minister responsible for the Montérégie region, Mr. Jean-Marc Fournier, announced by means of a press release, their choice of the candidate they selected in order to ratify the Government of Québec's second public-private partnership agreement.

This was a long-awaited conclusion to a very demanding process for the members of the different evaluation committees. This process was effectively completed thanks to the expertise of people working at the Autoroute 30 project office and the PPP implementation office, and made it possible to select, from among three excellent proposals, the one that will offer Quebecers the best project at the lowest cost.

## Completion of Autoroute 30 as a public-private partnership: one candidate selected

*On June 19, the governments of Canada and Québec announced the selection of Nouvelle Autoroute 30, S.E.N.C., with a view to signing a 35-year partnership agreement for the design, construction, financing, operation, maintenance, and repair of A-30.*

Nouvelle Autoroute 30, S.E.N.C., is composed of the following companies:

- Acciona Concessions Canada inc.
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- Dragados Canada inc.
- S.I.C.E.
- Arup Canada inc.
- Construction DJL inc.
- Verreault inc.

These companies are already working on major road infrastructure projects.

"Once again, the partnership between the governments of Canada and Québec for the completion of the western section of the A-30 has produced concrete results," declared the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon. "This project, which will reduce road congestion by offering a bypass route around the Island of Montréal, is a priority for the Government of Canada. Since it is a major public-private partnership, it also ensures for Canadians that their funds are being well invested."  
*(continued overleaf)*

## One candidate selected (cont'd)

The Québec Minister of Transport and Minister Responsible for the Mauricie region, Mrs. Julie Boulet, reminded those present that “this new infrastructure will generate 18,900 direct and indirect jobs for the duration of the construction work. This infrastructure will make a significant contribution to the Québec economy, in addition to enabling the Island of Montréal to be bypassed in a smooth and safe manner. The announcement of the selected consortium constitutes an additional step in the completion of this major project for the greater metropolitan region”.

The Minister of Finance and Chair of the Conseil du trésor, Mrs. Monique Jérôme-Forget, underscored the benefits of the public-private partnership for this major project: “The completion of this project as a PPP will ensure for us that the work is carried out within the stipulated timeframe without incurring cost overruns. This completion method will enable Quebecers to generate savings; this is a formula that has been proven with regard to the thoroughness of the process, respect for deadlines, and generated savings.”

## Maintenance of the additional segments entrusted to the private partner

The maintenance, operation, and repair of approximately 32 additional kilometres of the A-30, constructed according to a conventional method, will also be entrusted to the private partner over the same period, specifically 35 years, because the Ministère has deemed that the candidate’s proposal is beneficial.

In all, the private partner will be responsible for maintaining the A-30 from boulevard de la Cité-des-Jeunes, in Vaudreuil-Dorion, to boulevard Matte, in Longueuil. It will also be responsible for the segment towards Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, which will be called autoroute 530.

The Minister of Revenue, Government House Leader, and Minister responsible for the Montréal region, Mr. Jean-Marc Fournier, is of the view that a critical step has been reached in the implementation of this major work site. “We are all anxiously looking forward to the completion of this major project that has been long-awaited in the region of Montréal and Montréalie. The completion of Autoroute 30 will have a major and beneficial impact on the entire operation of the roads system. It will bolster trade with our partners in Ontario and the United States, and will lead to the emergence of structuring economic projects for the Montréalie region.”

The signing of the new partnership agreement is slated for September 2008. Until then, the Québec Minister for Transport and the selected candidate will work on finalizing the financial transaction.

According to the schedule, the infrastructure will be operating in 2012.

## A new interchange under construction in the Eastern section

On June 3, the work site was erected for the new interchange of the future A-30 with the existing A-30 near Kahnawake territory in Saint-Constant.

The preparatory work entails the construction of accesses to the main site, located near the montée Saint-Régis overpass. The work also includes landscaping, drainage and culverts, the foundation of the roadway, the flexible coating, and traffic maintenance.

This site will be responsible for erecting the overpass bridges for the interchange, which will allow traffic flow in all directions between the existing A-30 and the future A-30.

The work is estimated at \$17.5 M, with completion expected in July 2009.

It is important to note that it is expected that the Eastern section will be open to traffic in 2010.

### Did you know...?

The section of the existing A-30 between this new 30/30 interchange and Route 132, in Sainte-Catherine, will be called Autoroute 730 as soon as the new section south of Candiac, Delson, and Saint-Constant is opened.



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