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A new role for the BPA-30

Since the signing of the partnership agreement between the *ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ)* and the *Nouvelle Autoroute 30 SENC (NA30)* consortium in September 2008, the BPA-30 is now in the process of putting this agreement into operation.

As the "Minister's representative" for the partnership agreement specific to Autoroute 30, it is my role, along with the BPA's team, to ensure compliance with requirement and serve as the official communications channel with NA30, the private partner.

The MTQ continues to be involved in the follow-up on various NA30 activities, but under the terms of the agreement signed with the government, the NA30 is now responsible for the financing, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair and compliance with the schedule.

The mandate of the MTQ and its representatives will ensure that the private partner complies with the requirements of the agreement, primarily through audits.

Have a great first season working with the PPP!



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Autoroute 30 PPP designated the "North American PPP Deal of the Year"

The completion of Autoroute 30 as a public-private partnership was designated "North American PPP Deal of the Year 2008" at the Project Finance Awards held in New York on March 5.

Organized by Project Finance, a Euromoney Group publication, the Project Finance Awards underscore innovation, the best practices, risk management, added value, speed of execution, and the duplication effect of transactions related to the financing of infrastructure projects.

According to Project Finance, "several of the best transactions in 2008, including those involving Autoroute 30, were carried out in a difficult financial environment, and can serve as an example for the international project financing community by setting an example for governments, lenders, tenderers, and their advisors on how to adapt to overcome today's challenges."

First meeting of the MTQ, the NA30 and municipal partners

The very first official meeting of the MTQ, the NA30, and the municipal partners on the Western Section of Autoroute 30 took place in January.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish initial contact and enable the NA30 to present its structure and main responsibilities, as well as a preliminary work schedule.

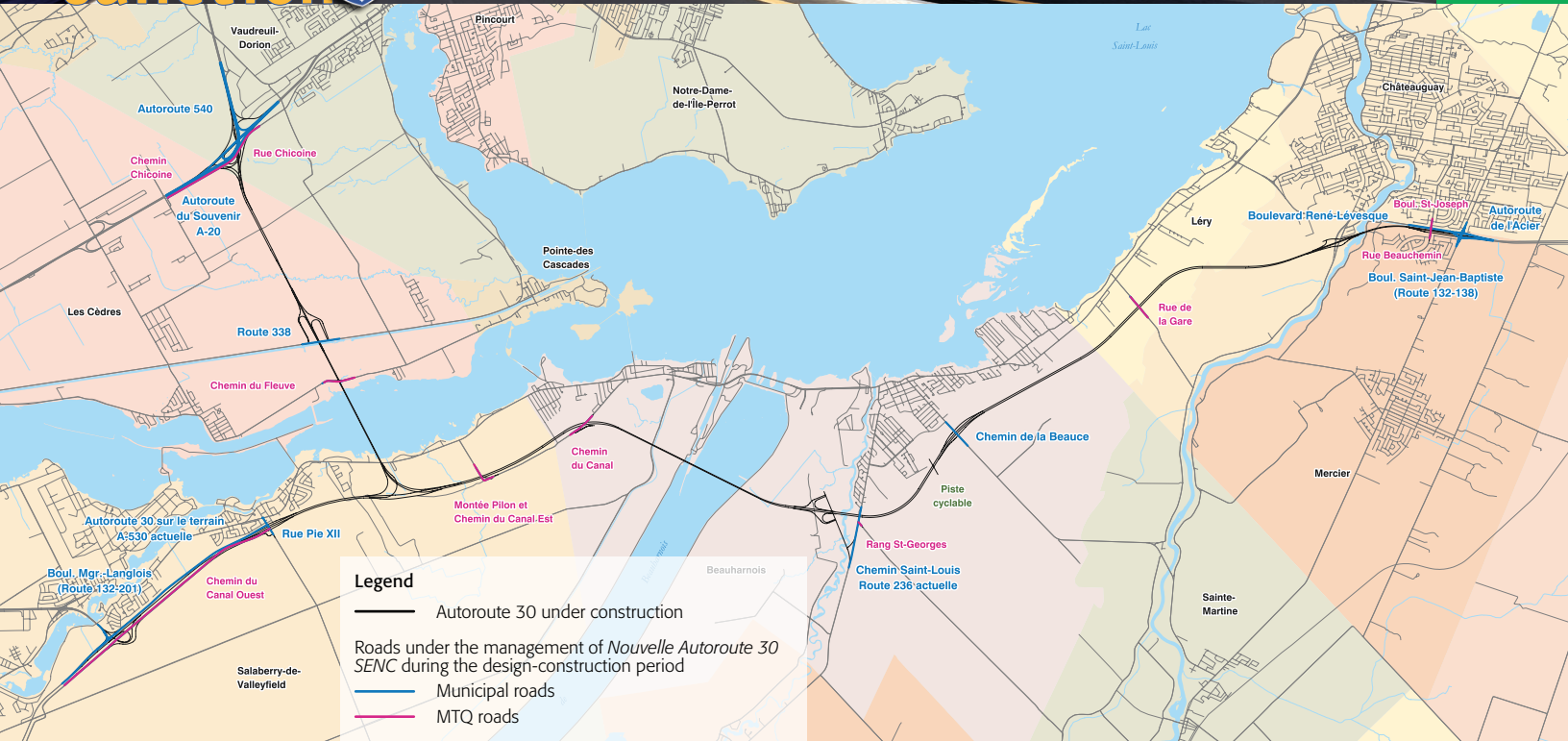
NA30 demonstrated its willingness to get to work as quickly as possible on the segment

from Châteauguay to Vaudreuil-Dorion. Priority work sites will be those with critical schedules, for instance, the bridge spanning the Beauharnois Canal. Work on the bridge is slated to begin in May in order to be completed within the stipulated timeframe.

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The Committee is composed mainly of representatives of Nouvelle Autoroute 30, the MTQ, and representatives of the regional county municipalities located along Autoroute 30.





PPP Agreement: Transfer of various road segments to the private partner

The PPP Agreement between the MTQ and NA30 was signed on September 25, 2008.

This agreement alters the management of certain road segments for the next 35 years. It makes the consortium solely responsible for the activities involving the financing, design, construction, maintenance and repair of all rights-of-way for Autoroute 30 being built between Châteauguay and Vaudreuil-Dorion.

The Agreement also covers complementary segments of the existing road system that are necessary during the construction of the infrastructure, which is expected to last four years. For example, the work in progress on the 20/540 interchange in Vaudreuil-Dorion is part of the segments transferred to the private partner during Autoroute completion work.

The map shown above illustrates infrastructures whose management is now the responsibility of the private partner.

This means that any request concerning the aforementioned activities (financing, design, construction, maintenance, operation, and repair) must be addressed directly to the private partner.

To contact the NA30, go to www.na30.ca or call 514 981-7330.

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Coordination among the partners is essential to the smooth execution of the project, and communication will be a key factor in the successful completion of a work site the size of Autoroute 30. For this reason, a committee was established to facilitate the numerous interactions involved in obtaining, most notably, the authorizations required for construction.

This meeting provided a preview of the cooperation that will prevail among all stakeholders, not only over the coming months, but over the next four years of construction as well.

The signage is now visible along the segments transferred to NA30 during the construction of the Western Section of Autoroute 30.

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