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**T**he work that is being carried out between Candiac and Saint-Constant by the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) using the conventional approach is in full swing. Exemplary teamwork has ensured continuity on the sites in the Eastern section.

These sites include the 30/730 interchange, which is visible from the existing Autoroute 30. The work at this site consists of constructing a 1.1-km stretch of highway, three ramps, and three overpasses, which will be completed as planned this fall. It also involves constructing a section between the 30/730 interchange and Chemin Agritex, which includes three overpasses and four bridges. Completion of this work is planned for the fall of 2010. Finally, there is the redesign of Autoroute 15, including the construction of highway lanes, completion of the interchange, construction of collector lanes, a bridge, a railway bridge, and an overpass. All of these works should also be completed in the fall of 2010.

Proposals were opened on September 9, 2009 for the Jean-Leman section, which involves a 3.5-km section of highway with five overpasses and one railway bridge. Work is expected to begin this fall, with the commissioning of this section planned for 2012.

The Direction de l'Ouest-de-la-Montérégie is very proud of the success of this project, and expects to open the road between the 30/730 interchange and Autoroute 15 by late fall in 2010 (with the exception of the Jean-Leman section).

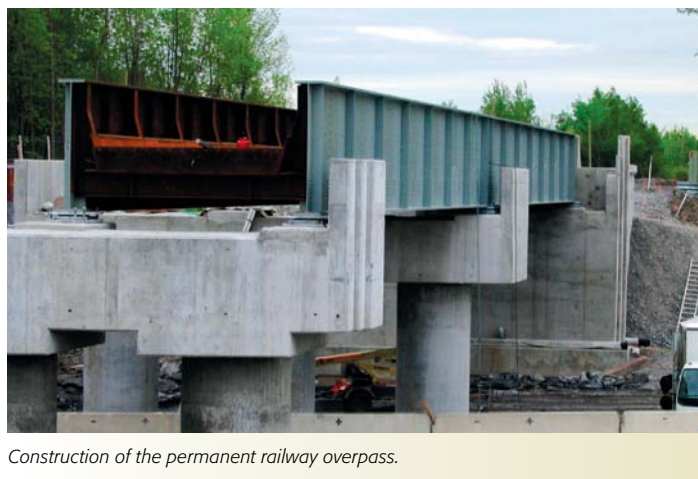


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## Construction of the permanent CP bridge



Construction of the permanent railway overpass.

Over the past few months, the MTQ completed construction of a railway overpass over Autoroute 15 in Candiac. A temporary overpass was built during the last year so that the structure could be completely rebuilt. The new overpass includes six distinct sections and two tracks. The last track was installed on September 8, 2009, which completed the structure, and Canadian Pacific has installed the rails. The temporary line was demolished in September after the new overpass was opened to traffic.



Placing a slab on the permanent CP railway overpass.

## Archaeological works in the Western section

Last summer, an archaeological project was undertaken in the Western section of Autoroute 30. A team of archaeologists and masons dismantled two stone water intakes that belonged to the old Beauharnois canal.

These structures were erected between 1842 and 1845 as part of the construction of the canal. The canal was intended to replace the St. Lawrence system, which had certain shortcomings, and thereby promote trade in the region. Over the years, the canal underwent several renovations, until it was finally closed to navigation in the early 1900s. Today, the old Beauharnois canal constitutes an historic structure of great value. In fact, some segments of the canal have been classified as monuments or historic sites by the Ministère de la Culture, des Communications et de la Condition féminine.

The two intakes were dismantled for the purpose of preserving their heritage. Before proceeding with the work, the specialists drafted a drawing of these two structures so that they could be rebuilt as faithfully as possible. The watercourse was then drained in order to assess the state of the culverts. During the dismantling operation, each stone was meticulously numbered so that it could be compared to the drawing and then reconstructed at a later date.



*Water intake belonging to the old Beauharnois canal.*



*Dismantling the water intakes.*

## Work is progressing in the Western section

Work on the Western section of Autoroute 30 has been carried out through a public-private partnership with Nouvelle Autoroute 30 s.e.n.c. This consortium was also responsible

for construction of the Autoroute between Vaudreuil-Dorion and Châteauguay. For more information concerning this work, please visit consortium's Website: [www.na30.ca](http://www.na30.ca).



*Overpass crossing Autoroute 30 at Montée Bellevue.*

## Reconstruction completed!

Reconstruction of the intersection of Route 132 and Rang Sainte-Marie in Beauharnois was completed on September 9, 2009 with the marking of the roads. The MTQ installed a new traffic light in response to the increase in traffic caused by construction in the Western section. This project also included widening the road, constructing a median, and installing left-turn lanes on Route 132.

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