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TO THE COMPLETION OF AUTOROUTE 30

The 30 – the largest jobsite in the Montérégie

Everyone in the Montérégie knows that, once completed, autoroute 30 will become an essential tool in terms of economic development, traffic, and the safety of people and goods. In keeping with the recommendations put forth by the BAPE, the initiatives undertaken by the Government of Québec and the Ministère des Transports (MTQ) over the past two years have led us to the point where, following numerous studies, we have finally moved into the construction phase.

The completion of this highway link, which has remained unfinished for far too long, has been made a priority. Achieving the construction of an infrastructure of this magnitude while respecting the interests of everyone involved presents an imposing challenge, but we have risen to the occasion.

Unprecedented efforts have been deployed in order to design this infrastructure in such a way as to reduce its impact on every aspect of the environment. My colleague, Mr. Michel Després, the Minister of Transport, has also made this project a priority.

Today, all of the partners are joining forces to applaud the construction of autoroute 30, which is an important achievement in the economic development of the Greater Montréal area. The Montérégie is enjoying a unique demographic boom in Québec, and boasts strong entrepreneurial dynamism and an enviable geographic position at the crossroads of markets. The completion of autoroute 30 will enable the entire Montérégie region to better exploit its strengths, to venture further in its business relationships with foreign markets, and to attract numerous investments and structuring projects for the creation of jobs and wealth within its territory.

On October 21, I had the privilege of joining Mr. Després for the groundbreaking for work on the eastern section at autoroute 15 in Candiac. As the minister responsible for this great region, and like everyone else who participated in this event, I now know what it feels like to build the future.

Jean-Marc Fournier
Minister for Education, Recreation and Sport,
and Minister responsible for the Montérégie region



In the usual order: Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport, and Minister responsible for the Montérégie region, Jean-Marc Fournier; Member for La Prairie, Jean Dubuc; Member for Soulanges, Lucie Charlebois; Member for La Pinière, Fatima Houda-Pépin; and Québec Transportation Minister and Minister responsible for the National Capital Region, Michel Després.

The Canada-Québec Agreement

Phase 1

This Agreement constitutes the first phase of the agreement respecting the financial contribution to the completion of autoroute 30. Its purpose is to enable the parties involved, the government of Québec and of Canada, to jointly finance the studies, the request for tender documents, and the preparatory work involving rights-of-way.

Phase 1 of the Agreement covers the period from the time of the joint announcement to the planned signing of a contractual agreement with the private developer. The amount allocated for Phase 1, which was signed on May 21, 2004, is \$21 M. The official Agreement document is available at the MTQ Web site:

The western section: working to clear the right-of-way!

In order to build the missing sections of autoroute 30, it is first necessary to clear the right-of-way that is required for its construction. This initiative is under way. Evaluators from the Direction de l'Ouest-de-la-Montérégie must ensure that the construction work is able to begin in accordance with the established schedule.

Construction has also started on the western section, after the issue of acquisition orders made it possible to launch the process several months ago.

In addition, the federal government recently adopted an act that allows the St. Lawrence River and the Beauharnois Canal to be crossed.



The Minister of Education, Recreation and Sport, and Minister responsible for the Montérégie region, Jean-Marc Fournier, and Québec Transportation Minister and Minister responsible for the National Capital Region, Michel Després, surrounded by regional elected representatives at the official groundbreaking.

The eastern section: the jobsite is open!

The initial construction work on autoroute 30 began when ministers Michel Després and Jean-Marc Fournier took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the eastern section, to the south of Candiac, Delson, and Saint-Constant. The MTQ began construction of the overpass in anticipation of the construction of the 15/30 interchange in Candiac. This overpass will clear the way for autoroute 30 to travel from the west to join autoroute 15 North. This work will take place between October 2005 and June 2006.

Preparatory work on the overpass, which is the first phase of the work, will enable the MTQ to issue a request for tenders in the spring. Once all of the necessary authorizations have been

obtained, the MTQ can begin construction of the new 15/30 interchange starting in the summer of 2006. This second stage of the work will extend over a period of approximately one year.

The overpass is not part of the Jean-Leman section, which is currently the focus of environmental studies. Therefore, the conclusions reached by the BAPE will have no impact on its construction.

The cost of work on the overpass is estimated at \$1.6 M, and is in keeping with the overall budget allocated for the construction of the eastern section of autoroute 30, which should open to traffic by the end of 2008.

Autoroute 30: off and running!

Highlights from the western section:

- 32% of the necessary rights-of-way now belong to the MTQ;
- 22% of the necessary rights-of-way are clear of all obstructions, and are prepared for work to begin;
- A number of auctions and building relocations have taken place in recent weeks;
- The MTQ expects to obtain all of the necessary rights-of-way in the coming months.



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