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I-55 and Weber Road Improvement Project Moving Forward



Romeoville Mayor John Noak welcomed Governor Pat Quinn and other Illinois and Will County officials this morning for an official ground breaking ceremony for the \$69.2 million improvement project of I-55 and Weber Road. "As our region has grown here in Northern Will County and Romeoville, so has the traffic at this site. Our residents continue to bear that burden daily, so we are eagerly anticipating the

progression of this important project to allow residents and commuters to travel safely," said Mayor Noak.

"A reconstructed interchange and upgrades to Weber Road will accommodate increased traffic and business development in the south suburbs," Governor Quinn said. "Ensuring the people of Will County have a 21st century infrastructure will help create jobs and drive the entire region's economy forward."

The project will include widening Weber Road to six lanes between 119th and 135th streets and building a new "diverging diamond" interchange with interstate 55 that will allow motorists faster access to and from the Interstate. The stretch of I-55 through Romeoville is the busiest in Will County and the Weber Road interchange currently serves more than 40,000 vehicles per day. This project will make traffic flow more freely and safely while improving access to homes and businesses in the area.

"Improving the interchange at I-55 and Weber Road is one of Will County's highest priority highway projects," said Will County Executive Larry M. Walsh. The State of Illinois and Will County are sharing the cost of the project, with the state's share coming from Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program. Of the \$69.2 million cost, the state will pay \$32.7 million and Will County will pay \$36.5 million. The main construction contracts are tentatively scheduled to be awarded next summer.