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CHANNAHON HOSTS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW NW FRONTAGE ROAD

CHANNAHON, ILLINOIS – On May 4, 2016, Mayor Missey Moorman Schumacher of the Village of Channahon cut the ceremonial ribbon, along with members of Novak Construction, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Thorntons, Manhard Consulting, Martin Cement, Thomas Engineering, Village staff and Village Trustees, officially opening the new Interstate 55 NW Frontage Road north of US Route 6. The new roadway was constructed by Thorntons, Inc. who is constructing a state of the art fuel center as part of a 15 acre development. Plans for the remainder of the property include 2 outlots for restaurant uses and a third lot that can be utilized for the construction of a hotel.

"This has been a long time coming and truly represents an evolution in the Village of Channahon", stated Mayor Moorman Schumacher. "I'd like to recognize current and previous elected officials, staff, IDOT, members of the construction trades and those of the business and development community for their diligence and perseverance in making this project a reality. We believe this development along with the interchange reconstruction will be the catalyst in transforming the Route 6/I-55 interchange into a destination point for retail and commercial development that will serve not only the Village but the region as a whole".

The relocation and reconstruction of the NW Frontage Road is in conjunction with the \$22 million dollar investment currently being undertaken by the State of Illinois. IDOT is currently reconstructing and expanding the bridge deck over I-55 along with reconstructing and relocating the on/off ramps. Phase 2 and 3 of the project will include the relocation and reconstruction of the northeast and southeast frontage roads resulting a much more efficient design that will better handle current and future traffic demands. Completion of these improvements is expected to be finalized in the summer of 2017.

Thank you to everyone who attended the ribbon cutting ceremony: Stephen Bykowski, Greg Terwilliger, Mimi Novak, Karen Rugh, Patrick Moriarity, Lynn Horton and Trevor Stoltz from Novak Construction, Tony Rubino from Thorntons, Tony Quigley, Sami Daniel and Paul Gregoire from IDOT, Dennis Martin from Martin Cement, Troy Paionk from Mandhard Consulting, Stephen Vandever from Thomas Engineering Group, and Scott Slocum, Debbie Militello, and Mark Scaggs, Village Trustees.

For more information regarding the Thorntons development or the Interchange improvements, please visit the village website at www.channahon.org or contact the village hall at 815-467-6644.