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City of Joliet Essington Road & Hennepin Drive Intersection Re-construction Project to Start Mid-March

A \$2 million grant funded renovation project

Beginning Mid -March 2010, the City of Joliet will be undergoing a federal grant funded road construction project at the intersection of Essington Road & Hennepin Drive.

The project will involve three stages of reconstruction to the intersection:

The first stage will begin mid-march and last four weeks with traffic being detoured for Essington Road utilizing Caton Farm Road and US Route 30. The remaining two stages will only involve minimal traffic delays due to construction vehicles. Please visit www.cityofjoliet.info and click on the Essington/Hennepin Project Link to view a detour map and up to date information on the project status.

The City of Joliet received a \$2 million grant as part of the federally funded Surface Transportation Program (STP) to conduct this reconstruction project. Following Federal guidelines for engineering, the City contracted with Civiltech Engineering to complete preparation, design and construction management phases of the project. The total estimated cost for all phases of engineering is \$770,000.00. The City of Joliet has funded the engineering and will fund the balance of the construction costs above the \$2 million grant using local Motor Fuel Tax funds.

The comprehensive reconstruction project will create a northbound exclusive right-turn lane and two exclusive left-turn lanes for westbound Hennepin Drive and one exclusive left-turn lane for eastbound Hennepin Drive. The project will also replace the existing traffic signals at Essington Road and Hennepin Drive and install new traffic signals at Essington Road and the Ring Road, just north of Hennepin Drive. Additionally, the project will replace the 30+ year old existing corrugated steel arch culverts that cross Essington Road south of Hennepin Drive with new concrete box culvert sections.

For Additional Details & Assistance or questions please contact Russell A. Lubash, P.E., City of Joliet Traffic Engineer at 815.724.4200 publicworks@jolietcity.org. Throughout the project, Civiltech Engineering will be available at all times during

construction. A field office will be provided prior to the start of the project, at which time a phone number will be established for the project.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 152,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.visitjoliet.org or call 815.724.4000.

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