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Joliet Welcomes High Speed Rail

Governor Quinn announces construction of the Chicago –St. Louis line

The City of Joliet welcomes the State of Illinois' recent announcement awarding the development of a High Speed Rail line to begin in September. The line running from Chicago to St. Louis will visit the City of Joliet as its first stop out of Chicago's Union Station.

This Stimulus funded project has been credited for not only acting as a quicker and more efficient mode of transportation between key cities, but will also serving as a key economic development tool to create hundreds of construction related jobs in the project's span.

This announcement keys on the City of Joliet's continued partnership with the State of Illinois, as well as both regional and industry stakeholders to develop the Joliet Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center in downtown Joliet.

The Joliet Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Center will be a vital component in the city's "Central Area Plan and Implementation Strategy" for the redevelopment of downtown. The center will act as a transportation hub to serve local, regional, interstate, state, and national needs, thus servicing south and southwest of the greater Chicagoland area.

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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