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Cook County Announces Opening of Final Roselle Road Interchange Project Ramp in Schaumburg

A new westbound entrance ramp onto the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Roselle Road opened to drivers yesterday. It is the final portion of the Roselle Road Interchange Project, designed to improve mobility and foster continued economic opportunity for the region. The new, full-access interchange now provides access at Roselle Road to westbound I-90 and from eastbound I-90.

The Roselle Road Interchange Project is a collaboration between the Cook County Department of Transportation (DoTH), the Illinois Tollway and the Village of Schaumburg. DoTH constructed the new westbound entrance ramp onto I-90 at the interchange and also reconstructed a portion of Central Road.

"Our investments in the County's transportation infrastructure are a critical foundation for current and future economic growth and prosperity," Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said. "It is vital that we continue to undertake initiatives that address the needs of our communities and ensure we remain a regional and national transportation hub."

"We are so pleased to provide the residents of the northwest suburbs and the region greater ease of access to the amenities they use, their places of business and their homes," said DoTH Superintendent John Yonan. "This is a great example of how vital our public sector partnerships are. We could not accomplish this for the people in our region without the cooperation of our partners."

"The Illinois Tollway is pleased to see the final piece of the new, now full-access Roselle Road Interchange completed making it easier for drivers to travel to their homes or jobs," said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. "This project shows that by working with Cook County and other local partners we can improve access to our system, promote business development and create new jobs." "The Village of Schaumburg is pleased to partner with the Illinois Tollway and Cook County on this long-awaited transportation improvement," said Schaumburg Village President Al Larson. "Westbound access to I-90 at Roselle Road has been part of Schaumburg's long-term vision, and the completion of this full interchange will provide motorists with greater convenience and accessibility to Schaumburg, adjacent communities and the entire region. It will also make Schaumburg even more attractive to potential businesses, investors and residents who may be interested in capitalizing on new opportunities, including the bold redevelopment being proposed in the 90 North District."

The project began in 2014 with the Tollway's reconstruction of the Roselle Road bridge to accommodate the rebuilding and widening of I-90. Additional Roselle Road improvements include a bike and pedestrian path on the west side of the bridge, reconstruction of the existing eastbound entrance and westbound exit ramps as well as lighting.

The total cost of the project was \$52 million. Cook County's investment in the project was \$16.2 million.

Cook County's investment in the Roselle Road Interchange Project is consistent with the strategic focus of Connecting Cook County, the County's Long-Range Transportation Plan. For more information about Connecting Cook County, visit <u>www.connectingcookcounty.org</u>.

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