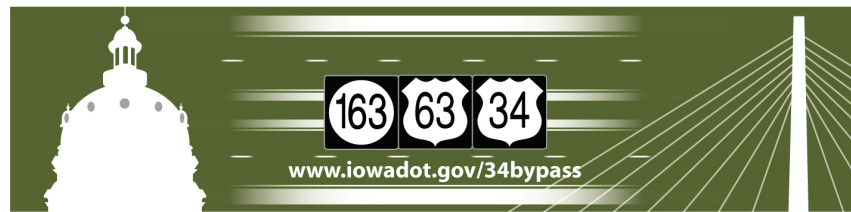


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Iowa 163/U.S. 63/U.S. 34 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Fairfield Nov. 12

FAIRFIELD, Iowa- Oct 30, 2008 – A celebration to commemorate completion of the Des Moines to Burlington corridor utilizing Iowa 163/U.S. 63 and U.S. 34 will be held November 12 in Fairfield. The ribbon cutting ceremony presented by The Schemmer Associates will begin at 10 a.m. at the new Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 North Main Street, in downtown Fairfield and move to the site of the U.S. 34/Iowa 1 interchange in Fairfield for ceremonies and remarks from dignitaries. An invitation lunch at the Arts & Convention Center will follow the program.

The event, which will celebrate the completion of the 165-mile, \$476 million, four-lane corridor connecting two of Iowa's major cities, also marks the completion of the last of six "priority corridors" identified for four-lane conversion by the Iowa Transportation Commission in 1996.

"The completion of the Des Moines to Burlington corridor, a part of the state's Commercial and Industrial Network, will provide a vital link for services and the movement of raw materials and consumer goods within and through Iowa," said Nancy J. Richardson, Director of the Iowa DOT. "It's not just important to Southeast Iowa, it's also important to all of Iowa and the region."

Confirmed speakers for the Nov. 12 event include Congressman Dave Loebsack, DOT Director Richardson, local and regional dignitaries, as well as representatives from the offices of Senator Charles Grassley, Senator Tom Harkin and Governor Chet Culver.

Ceremony co-chair Brent Willett said the significance of the ribbon cutting lies beyond pomp and ceremony. “We’re proud to be positioned to celebrate in Fairfield the completion of this crucial piece of transportation infrastructure which stands to provide Southeast Iowa with the sorts of economic development capabilities never realized in our region before. We’re cutting the ribbon on a roadway, certainly, but what we really feel we’re doing is opening a new chapter of progress for Fairfield and the rest of the region.”

Fairfield Mayor Ed Malloy added, “Fairfield is honored to be the ‘closing link’ in the state’s newest economic and transportation corridor connecting Southeast and Central Iowa. This important infrastructure addition to our state transportation system will serve the economic opportunities that our communities will enjoy for many years to come.”

For more information on the event, visit the web site at www.iowadot.gov/34bypass or contact Brent Willett at 641-472-2111 or bwillett@fairfieldiowa.com or Rustin Lippincott at 641-472-2828 or rlippincott@travelfairfieldiowa.com.