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Kreuser, Battle and Steinbrink join Governor for announcement

With Milwaukee's Mitchell Interchange looming in the background, Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser, Todd Battle, Kenosha Area Business Alliance president, and State Rep. John Steinbrink, D-Pleasant Prairie, were among the more than 70 people who joined Gov. Jim Doyle as he announced the start of I-94 North-South Freeway Project today.

Doyle kicked off the project that will modernize and expand the corridor to eight lanes. About \$1.9 billion in improvements are planned for the North-South Freeway which runs from the Illinois-Wisconsin state border to Milwaukee. The project is expected to create more than 2,300 jobs and be complete in 2016.

Battle spoke at the event held at the Southwest College Ave. Park and Ride. He thanked Doyle and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi for their leadership on the I-94 project. He also thanked Steinbrink, who chairs the Assembly's Transportation Committee, and who has been a strong proponent of Southeast Wisconsin's Economic Development.

"As the most heavily traveled gateway into the State of Wisconsin, I-94 serves as a critical piece of infrastructure for the state, its businesses, workers and residents," Battle said.

"In Kenosha County, we have worked hard to improve the I-94 corridor as the front door to the State of Wisconsin. Currently under construction at the first interchange on this side of the Stateline is a corporate campus that will serve as the Headquarters for Uline and one of its major distribution hubs. This project will result in approximately 1,000 new jobs for the state of Wisconsin by the time it is completed. Just across STH 165 is a 485 acre campus that has been assembled by Abbott Laboratories to accommodate future growth.

“We are extremely excited about these and numerous other economic development opportunities. The Governor’s announcement today helps to get our State’s economy on the Road to Recovery,” Battle said.

After the event, Kreuser called the I-94 Reconstruction Project one that will “put people back to work and keep our infrastructure safe so that we can continue to attract companies like Uline.

“Infrastructure leads to economic development, which leads to jobs,” Kreuser said.

Kreuser also thanked Gov. Doyle and Rep. Steinbrink for their leadership in bringing the project to fruition.

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