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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR INDUSTRIAL ROAD

Boone County, Kentucky, August 24, 2007 – Today Boone County Judge Executive Gary W. Moore welcomed U.S. Senator Jim Bunning to the area for the ground breaking on the Industrial Road (KY1829) widening project.



Industrial Road was originally built in 1961 and today carries more than 17,000 vehicles a day, but has been largely overlooked in regards to repairs and improvements. Judge/Executive Moore said that, "In order for this area to prosper and thrive in the way we envision more had to be done along this important stretch of roadway, and Senator Bunning has been instrumental in helping Boone County address these needs."



Sen. Bunning helped get \$10 million in federal funds for this project. He obtained the federal money for the project from excess funds from other Kentucky projects. But, when Sen. Bunning heard about the needs of Industrial Road from Judge/Executive Moore, he decided to direct the money toward improving this vital stretch of roadway.

Senator Bunning said that, "Industrial Park is home to over 200 businesses and 14,000 employees, there is no question that this is a key component in growth for Northern Kentucky. Widening Industrial Road will not only ease traffic congestion, but it will help continue to fuel the economic growth in the area." The improved road will have a total of five lanes; a continuous turning lane with two south and northbound lanes, curb, bike trail, gutter and sidewalks. The 1.6 mile section will go from US 42 in Florence to US 25. "We're going to put sidewalks on both sides and a bike path, which are essential to this road," said Boone County Judge/Executive Gary Moore. "Many employees there take the bus and have to walk on the gravel or grass once they're dropped off to get to work. Safety is a very big concern."

The anticipated completion date for this project is November 2008.

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