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LaHood Returns for Complete Streets Ribbon-Cutting

DUBUQUE, Iowa – U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood will return to Dubuque Friday for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the “Complete Streets” Project in the Historic Millwork District. Dubuque Mayor Roy D. Buol and the City Council will host the event at 10:30 a.m. near the intersection of 10th and Washington Streets. LaHood will be the featured speaker.

The \$7.7 million project was funded in part through a \$5.6 million U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant.. LaHood toured Dubuque’s Millwork District in September 2009 as part of a national “Livable Communities Tour” along with U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Shawn Donovan and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson.

“Transportation is critical to the economic success of any community and the Historic Millwork District is a model for a smart growth projects around the country,” said Secretary LaHood.

The Complete Streets pilot project in the Historic Millwork District in downtown Dubuque involves the design of streets to facilitate use by a broad range of users, including drivers, public transportation vehicles and riders, pedestrians, bicyclists, older people, children, and people with disabilities. The project included the reconstruction of Washington Street, Jackson Street, Elm Street, 9th Street, and 10th Street in the district as well as street connections to the central business district, Port of Dubuque, and the Washington Neighborhood. It also included the reconstruction of underground utilities, and the installation of concrete sidewalks, pervious pavers in some of the parking areas, and re-use of existing brick pavers in streetscape areas. New curbs and bumpouts were added to improve pedestrian crossings, and new energy-efficient historic street lights were installed, along with locally designed and manufactured benches, bike racks, and receptacles.

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