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October 14, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Freedom Parkway ribbon cutting and subsequent opening will take place tomorrow, October 15, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the intersection of Cummings and Freedom Parkway in Washington, IL. Guests may park on Freedom Parkway.

Mayor Gary Manier, community leaders, elected officials, and project leaders will be in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony. The public is also welcome to attend.

Background:

The concept for Freedom Parkway began in 2005, around the same time as the completion of the newly constructed Walmart building. The project saw renewed activity again in 2012 when additional infrastructure improvements began to take place. The City of Washington applied for several grant opportunities for which they received a grant of approximately \$2.14 million from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

The area around Freedom Parkway saw a rejuvenated interest once again when several businesses relocated to the area, including M4 Steel and Core & Main. The privately-owned land near Freedom Parkway is zoned both Multi-Family Residential and Light Industrial, making it a desirable location to attract new businesses that can potentially stimulate the economy and create jobs for the City of Washington.

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