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ST. CHARLES COUNTY TRAFFIC PROGRAM IN NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Gateway Green Light (GGL), a cooperative effort to improve the coordination of traffic signals throughout St. Charles County, is getting national attention from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). The program is a topic of conversation this week at ITE’s annual convention being held in Toronto, ON, Canada.

St. Charles County Manager of Roads and Bridges Amanda Brauer is communicating the program’s benefits to hundreds of engineers, public works directors, transportation managers and other related industries from across the country. Her message is that, through collaboration with multiple municipalities, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and St. Charles County, the program is improving traffic signal operations throughout the county. It has proven to keep traffic flowing and drivers happy.

Construction on the GGL project started in 2013 with the installation of more than 120 miles of fiber optic cable linking signals, road sensors and observation cameras. Hardware and equipment on all 337 stoplights in the county were upgraded, and in 2015, the program became operational. Through the use of the central software, observation cameras, and time-space diagrams of traffic, the program is proactive in identifying concerns. What all that means is that now traffic signals are managed and monitored in “real time,” improving traffic flow and reducing delays and emissions that contribute to ozone pollution.

“I am pleased to be able to share our success with Gateway Green Light with so many of my peers in the transportation and traffic arena,” Brauer says. “This not only gives us an opportunity to promote St. Charles County, but also to assist others who may be facing the issues we faced prior to the initiation of GGL. And,” she continued, “I am learning about other programs and gathering ideas to bring back to St. Charles County for our consideration.”

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Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state’s third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit www.sccmo.org.