



150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet IL 60432

**Media Release**

Contact: Katie Smith 815.724.3730

[ksmith@jolietcity.org](mailto:ksmith@jolietcity.org)

April 10, 2018

### **Joliet Gateway Center Open to the Public on Wed., April 11**

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 the Joliet Gateway Center will open its doors to the public. In an effort to show appreciation to the commuters for their patience during the construction period, City officials and staff will be on-site between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 11 a.m to personally thank commuters and offer free coffee and doughnuts.

The Joliet Gateway Center is a major regional transit hub. The new 10,000 square foot two story train station building has Metra and Amtrak ticket offices, indoor waiting areas on both the first and second floor, elevator and stair access to the new Metra Rock Island platform and the new Heritage Corridor platform. Track realignments were included in the scope of work which helped eliminate a freight bottle neck and increased train passenger safety.

Hours of operation for the Joliet Gateway Center Train Station 4:30 a.m. -10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7a.m. -3p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Public Private partnership led by the Illinois Department of Transportation, in conjunction with Amtrak, Metra, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF), Union Pacific Railroad (UP), and the City of Joliet worked to make this project a reality.

The Joliet Gateway Center is a key part of the revitalization of downtown Joliet. The new station facilities provide a first class transit amenity for the travelling public. Joliet will also be a stop along the new Chicago to St. Louis high speed rail corridor, which is expected to provide more convenience and additional train service for regional travelers.

“I am very pleased to announce the opening of the new transportation center,” said Joliet Mayor, Bob O’Dekirk. “This project took a long time to complete, but the final results are outstanding. I would like to thank all of our commuters who have been patient throughout this process.”

**Media Inquiries:**

Kendall Jackson, Director of Community Development  
815-724-4040

**David A. Hales**  
City Manager

The City of Joliet is the third largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 149,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit [www.cityofjoliet.info](http://www.cityofjoliet.info) or call 815-724-4000. The City of Joliet's Media Releases are always available on our website.