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Media Invited to MSA Thruway Opening

After two years of digging beneath Route 228, the MSA Thruway is almost set to open.

Media are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 14 at the southern entrance to the Thruway past the Marriott and Courtyard by Marriott hotels. ***This event is not open to the public.***

The MSA Thruway connects Interstate 79 to Cranberry Springs, as well as Cranberry Springs to Cranberry Woods. It utilizes roundabouts on each side to keep traffic moving, taking up to 1,350 vehicles off I-79 and 700 vehicles off Route 228 during peak times.

It's not just about traffic, however. The project eliminates the "weave" merge from I-79 to Route 228, as motorists no longer need to cross four lanes of traffic to get to Cranberry Springs, creating a safer commute.

The Thruway, paid for using minimal local funds to leverage federal and state funding, is named after MSA Safety, a longtime business staple in the Township. The company donated much of the land on which the Thruway traverses.

Featuring bike and pedestrian lanes, the project also makes the Route 228 corridor a walkable business center. With that increased connectivity for both motorists and pedestrians, it plans for the anticipated additional growth in the undeveloped area north of Route 228 and the potential creation of thousands of full-time jobs.

The ribbon-cutting event will feature guest speakers from MSA Safety, Allegheny Excavating, and the Township's Board of Supervisors. Photo and video opportunities include the first passage through the tunnel with participants of the event escorted by the Township's police, fire, and EMS.

Media parking is available at the roundabout. Please follow entrance signs.