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Love's Travel Stop Breaks Ground in Rochelle
Retail project will encourage south side development

ROCHELLE, IL...The Rochelle Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rochelle hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking to formally announce the Start of construction of a new Love's Travel Stop at I-88 & Illinois Route 251. The 11,000 Square-foot facility will also feature a Hardee's Restaurant for locals and travelers to enjoy and bring approximately 60-70 new jobs to the area.

"Rochelle will be a great location for us because of its proximity along Interstate 88 between Rockford, Peoria, and Bloomington", said Rick Shuffield, Vice President of Real Estate for Love's. He added, "We are also in a great position to serve customers going to and from the Rochelle Municipal Airport located at the same exit".

The store will offer fountain drinks, fresh coffee, name-brand snacks, drinks, travel merchandise, electronics accessories, showers, laundry facilities, and more. Professional truck drivers can take advantage of a Love's Truck Tire Care facility and 95 truck parking spaces. The travel stop expects to open in spring 2019.

"The extension of utilities, installation of traffic signals, intersection improvements, and the widening of Steward Road will open the area to additional commercial and retail opportunities and bring mobility and restaurant services to the south side of Rochelle, said Peggy Friday, City of Rochelle Commercial & Retail Development Coordinator and Executive Director of the Rochelle Chamber. "We appreciate the investment Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores is making in our community.

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About Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores

Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores (Love's) is the nation's industry-leading travel stop network with more than 460 locations in 41 states. Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the company remains family-owned and operated and employs more than 21,000 people. Love's provides professional truck drivers and motorists with 24-hour access to clean, and safe places to purchase gasoline, diesel fuel, fresh coffee,

restaurant offerings, and more. Love's has more than 250 on-site Truck Tire Care centers and 52 Speedco locations, which is the largest oil change and preventative maintenance nationwide network on the road today. Love's is committed to providing customers with "Clean Places, Friendly Faces" at every stop. To learn more, visit www.loves.com.