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THE PROJECT

The 5.5-mile "missing link" of Interstate 78 opened today cost \$111 million and took less than four years to build.

The new link connects the 18.8-mile piece from Springfield east to New York (Holland Tunnel) and the 38.3-mile section from Berkeley Heights west to Still Valley, near the Pennsylvania border where the last segment of the Interstate in New Jersey is under construction. The road consists of three 12-foot lanes with a 12-foot right shoulder and a 10-foot left shoulder in each direction, separated by a concrete median barrier.

The project is unique in the DOT's history in that it includes more environmental safeguards than any other road construction project ever undertaken in New Jersey.

Where it goes through the Watchung Reservation, the road was constructed in a cut below ground level, and in four locations special "cut-and-cover" structures were built to provide landscaped crossovers across the highway and connect the bridle paths and hiking trails that wind through the park.

All noise barriers, embankment and retainer walls and other structural safety features are designed to blend with the natural cover and colors of the reservation.

New stables were built in the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside to replace the old stables in Summit.



THE PROGRAM

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

I-78

Glenside Avenue Interchange

Summit, New Jersey

10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 13, 1986

Invocation

Dr. Riley E. Jensen
Central Presbyterian Church

Welcome

Robert J. Hartlaub
Mayor, City of Summit

Guest Speakers

Thomas H. Kean
Governor

Hazel Frank Gluck
Commissioner of Transportation

State, County and Local Officials

Mistress of Ceremonies

Carolyn S. McCallum

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State of New Jersey

Thomas H. Kean, Governor

Department of Transportation

Hazel Frank Gluck, Commissioner
Michael F. Barrett, Deputy Commissioner
Jack Freidenrich, Assistant Commissioner
Roger E. Nutt, Assistant Commissioner
James A. Crawford, Assistant Commissioner

22nd Legislative District

Senator Donald DiFrancesco
Assemblyman Robert D. Franks
Assemblywoman Maureen B. Ogden

21st Legislative District

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Assemblyman Peter J. Genova
Assemblyman Chuck Hardwick

17th Legislative District

Senator John A. Lynch
Assemblyman David C. Schwartz
Assemblyman Robert G. Smith

16th Legislative District

Senator John H. Ewing
Assemblyman Walter J. Kavanaugh
Assemblyman John Penn

Transportation Trust Fund Authority

Hazel Frank Gluck, Chairperson; Alfred C. DeCotiis,
Vice Chairperson; Feather O'Connor, Bruce Coe, T. Joseph Semrod

Federal Highway Administration

John J. Kessler, Jr., Division Administrator

Contractor

Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc., Yonkers, NY
Schiavone Construction Company, Secaucus, NJ

Consultant

U.R.S. Madigan-Praeger, New York, NY