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IROQUIOS – With the demolition phase complete, the \$1.1 million Iroquois Plaza sidewalk and canopy revitalization project is now in the building phase, which will see 1,000 lineal feet of metal clad wooden canopy built along the existing store fronts, over 15,000 square feet of paving stones that will make up the new sidewalk.

“It’s a big mall,” says Jim Annable, project manager for Chevron Construction, the company hired to complete the project.

Although the site superintendent Jeff Burnham has been at the plaza preparing for the project longer, Annable estimates that site work physically started around mid July. He expects the project will be completed by November 1, 2009.

Annable partially credits the quick progress through the demolition phase to the company sub-contracted to remove the old metal canopy from the Iroquois Plaza.

“We hired Eastern Ontario Millwrighting (EOM) our of Morrisburg for the demolition of the canopy. They put on a night shift which worked from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.,” says Annable. “Then the Chevron crew would come in and work from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., so for a few weeks, we had two crews working on the project.”

He said, with the importance of keeping the businesses open and accessible to customers throughout the project, the night time demolition made it easier to ensure that there was no danger to store customers from the work being completed.

While the daytime digging and installations are being completed Chevron has ensured that the entrances to the stores stay clear and that if there is work going on that may hinder customers, Chevron has workers dedicated to helping the customers get safely into the stores.



A rendering of the completed Iroquois Plaza sidewalk and canopy renovation.

“The merchants have all been wonderful to deal with,” said Annable.

“There has been a lot of dialogue between us and the merchants, and I think that has been a really big part of the process running smoothly.”

According to Annable, once the project is complete, patrons of the Iroquois Plaza should notice more controlled traffic flow, which will include two way traffic passing in front of the stores. The area will be much better lit, as one light in the centre of the parking lot will be replaced by 12 lights on the new parking lot islands. There will be about 100 smaller nautical style lights under the canopy.

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The older, larger trees that were in the plaza, according to Annable, had to be removed as their location would have complicated the canopy construction process, and if left in place, would cause damage to the new canopy.