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Much-anticipated, reconstructed and modernized service plazas re-open on the Ohio Turnpike

May 23, 2013 – New Springfield, OH – The Ohio Turnpike officially re-opened the Mahoning Valley and Glacier Hills Service Plazas at Milepost 237.2 in Mahoning County on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. The re-opening of these plazas is a welcome sight for motorists traveling into the state in search of a convenient place to relax and refuel.

The Mahoning Valley and Glacier Hills Service Plazas offer excellent food choices for guests, including Panera Bread, which is now open for customers, and a Dairy Queen Grill and Chill (slated to open in early June). Customers can also find Ohio souvenirs, along with snacks and beverages for their trip at the Sunoco APlus convenience store.

Much like the other modernized service plazas along the roadway, the Mahoning County service plazas will operate 24-hours a day, every day of the year. They offer more seating for customers, expanded restrooms (including a family restroom), larger fueling areas for truckers and those traveling in automobiles, a truckers' lounge with showers and washer/dryer, vending machines, ATM, and several other accommodating features.

Executive Director Rick Hodges was Master of Ceremonies for an event this morning at the westbound plaza, Mahoning Valley, where he recognized the employees, vendors and contractors who have worked diligently to make sure that these sites were open to travelers before the Memorial Day weekend. Nearly 75 guests attended the grand re-opening event, which included Mahoning Valley business & community leaders.

Hodges stated, “We are pleased that the concept of the new service plazas has been so well received. They are certainly more modern than the original structures that previously served customers for nearly 60 years. These facilities are spacious enough to host the large number of customers we expect to pass through these doors and the amenities to meet their needs.”

He added, “I could not be more impressed with how everyone has forged ahead to make sure that these plazas were meticulously completed and ready to do business for this busy summer travel season.”

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