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kcICON in National Spotlight

Project Selected as Top Road and Top 10 Bridge Project of 2010

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The kcICON project has been selected as the top road project and the fifth best bridge project of 2010 by Roads and Bridges, a national transportation-industry magazine.

Each year, the magazine sponsors a Top 10 Roads and a Top 10 Bridges competition. Nominee road or bridge projects must be in the design or construction phases within the past 18 months to be considered. Winners are determined by the magazine’s editorial staff.

Roads and Bridges praised the design-build process for giving the project the flexibility necessary to modernize the downtown corridor that was “pinched in an urban/industrial environment ... while still abiding by a fiscally strict \$245 million budget.”

Construction of the \$245 million kcICON project is well under way. The project entails the reconstruction/rehabilitation of 4.7 miles of Interstate 29/35 from just north of Route 210/Armour Road in North Kansas City into the northeast corner of the downtown Kansas City, Mo. freeway loop. It also includes improving outdated interchanges and the construction of the Christopher S. Bond Bridge - a new landmark, cable-stay Missouri River bridge.

“From Day 1, we have listened to what Kansas Citians have had to say and modified our processes based on their input,” said kcICON Project Director Brian Kidwell. “We’re thrilled our new model for design-build has resulted in an award-winning project that reflects our community’s desires and provides a legacy that will benefit future generations.”

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In September, MoDOT held a ribbon-cutting ceremony in celebration of the work on the kcICON project. During the event, Missouri Department of Transportation Interim Director Kevin Keith announced that all Interstate 29/35 lanes and ramps on the kcICON Project will be open by the end of the year – six months ahead of schedule. The bridge was opened to its first lane of northbound traffic a few hours later.

Paseo Corridor Constructors, a joint-venture partnership of Clarkson Construction Company, Massman Construction Co. and Kiewit Construction Co., is building the project. It was designed by Parsons and TranSystems.

kcICON and the nine other Top 10 Roads are featured in the October issue of Roads and Bridges magazine, which can be viewed at www.roadsbridges.com. The new Christopher S. Bond Bridge will be featured in the November issue for ranking fifth in the Top 10 Bridges competition. Additional information is available on the project's Web site: www.kcicon.com or by searching "kcICON Project" on facebook.com.

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