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Paseo Corridor Constructors Selected for \$245 Million Landmark Bridge Project *Paseo Bridge to remain open during construction*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission today selected Paseo Corridor Constructors as the design-build contractor for the Interstate 29/35 corridor improvement project. The \$245 million kcICON project features a landmark cable-stay Christopher S. Bond Missouri River bridge, and will upgrade Interstate 29/35 to six lanes from north of the Route 210/Armour Road interchange to Independence Ave. It also adds a southbound lane from the northeast corner of the Central Business District loop to Oak Street.

“Both design-build teams competing for this project submitted excellent proposals, including two incredible landmark river bridge designs,” said kcICON Project Director Brian Kidwell. “Paseo Corridor Constructors committed to keep the Paseo Bridge open to traffic during construction and provide more roadway improvements.”

Paseo Corridor Constructors is comprised of the following companies:

Joint Venture Partners

- Clarkson Construction Company, Kansas City, Mo.
- Massman Construction Company, Kansas City, Mo.
- Kiewit Construction Co., Omaha, Neb.

Major Participants

- Parsons, USA
- TranSystems Corporation, Kansas City, Mo.

Construction will begin in spring 2008. The Paseo Bridge will remain open to traffic for the duration of the project. Paseo Corridor Constructors will provide access to Interstate 29/35 at all times by maintaining two northbound and two southbound lanes of traffic during peak morning and evening travel times, and at least one northbound and one southbound lane of traffic outside of peak travel times.

“While the interstate will remain open to traffic at all times, these lanes will be narrow. Intermittent interchange and ramp closures will require numerous detours,” said Kidwell.

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“We strongly urge motorists who use this corridor as a through route to consider using alternate routes during construction.” MoDOT will collaborate with its community partners in an effort to ease construction-related traffic during construction.

Full service to all lanes will be restored by June 1, 2011 and final construction completed by July 31, 2011, beating the project goal by three months. The project will feature the following improvements:

- three northbound and three southbound lanes of interstate expandable to eight total lanes;
- a landmark cable-stay Missouri River bridge expandable to eight lanes and capable of accommodating a future bicycle/pedestrian facility once connectivity is established;
- a reconstructed interchange at Route 210/Armour Road with improved ramps and auxiliary lanes;
- a half-diamond interchange at 16th Street that will eliminate the low-speed loop ramp for exiting northbound traffic;
- a split-diamond interchange at Bedford Avenue/Levee Road that provides local street access and connectivity between Levee Road and Bedford Avenue;
- a single-point urban interchange at Front Street.

The design-build delivery method was selected as a way to save time and money. Compared to the more “traditional” design-bid-build method where the design work is completed in its entirety before contractors bid on the job and then order materials and perform the work, the design-build method streamlines the process by enabling construction to begin before design work is complete. This helps minimize price escalation from rising material and labor costs, and facilitates faster project completion to help minimize inconveniences to the public.

“The competition driven by Missouri’s innovative design-build method of project delivery has provided our customers with the best value for every dollar available for this project,” said MoDOT Director Pete Rahn. “In addition to improving safety and reducing congestion throughout this corridor, we’re able to quickly deliver a stunning landmark river bridge that will benefit future generations.”

Bridge photos, corridor animation and additional information are available on the project’s Web site: www.kcicon.org.

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