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PRESS RELEASE

STEARNS ROAD BRIDGE CORRIDOR AWARDED FOR "PROJECT EXCELLENCE" BY APWA CHICAGO

At its March 24, 2011 Awards Luncheon, the American Public Works Association Chicago Metropolitan Chapter awarded the "Project Excellence Award" to Kane County for the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Project.

Each year, the winner of the Project Excellence Award is selected from a list of award-winning projects in various project categories. The purpose of the award is to choose the Chicago Metro Project of the Year that defines excellence and the advancement of the profession of public works by the following criteria:

- Greatest impact on the future of public works
- Best innovative application of an existing or new technology
- On time, safe completion
- Best example of advancing the field of public works.

Director of Transportation, Carl Schoedel and his staff accepted the award on behalf of Kane County, noting:

"This project has been a labor of love for Kane County for the last two decades. It is very rewarding to be part of the team that finally opened this project to traffic last December. It's also gratifying to know that Kane County brought many needed jobs to the local economy at a time when jobs were very hard to come by. Kane County was ahead of the curve on 'Context Sensitive Solutions' before that phrase had even been coined – not only for our consideration of natural environmental features, but also the simpler things, such as the aesthetic details on the main bridge over the Fox River. With this project, more than 200 acres is set aside for open space or for environmental purposes. Much of that land will become Kane County Forest Preserve and will be an amenity for the community to enjoy in the future."

The APWA Chicago Metro Chapter has also nominated Stearns Road Bridge Corridor for the Project of the Year Award at the national level. A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition, and winners are featured in APWA publications.