Reconstruction of Monroe Street (STH 29) in Green Bay is Recipient of National Excellence in Concrete Pavement Award

Madison, WI. (January 4, 2016) – The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) has named recipients of its 26th Annual “Excellence in Concrete Pavements” awards, which recognize quality concrete pavements constructed in the United States and Canada.

The awards program encourages high-quality workmanship in concrete pavement projects, and serves as way to share information about challenging and highly successful projects. Projects are evaluated and voted on by judges from across the country and represent various stakeholder groups in the transportation-construction community. The program recognizes contractors, engineers, and project owners who completed outstanding projects.

The awards fall into 13 categories applicable to construction and preservation of highways, roadways, airports, and industrial pavement facilities. The program requires projects to be completed in the calendar year prior to judging (2014).

The reconstruction of Monroe Avenue (STH 29) by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Green Bay received the Gold Award in the Category of Municipal Streets and Intersections (greater than 30,000 square yards). The award ceremony was held on December 6, 2015 at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the ACPA in Bonita Springs, Florida. “This project was awarded the 2014 concrete paveing award by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and it is the tradition of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association to send the state award winners to the national award program. The Vinton Construction Company, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Mead and Hunt, McMahon and the City of Green Bay should all be congratulated for delivering this project on time and with excellent quality construction. It is always an honor to have the top state award win the national award”, said Kevin McMullen, President of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association. “WCPA was honored to join Mead and Hunt and McMahon to accept the award on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Green Bay who could not attend the award ceremony in Florida. We look forward to honoring the entire project team in the very near future”, he further added.
Highlights from the ACPA press release on the project are as follows:

**Municipal Streets & Intersections (>30,000 SY)**

**Gold Award Recipient**
Project: Monroe Avenue Reconstruction City of Green Bay, Wisc.
Contractor: Vinton Construction Company
Owner: Wisconsin Department of Transportation and City of Green Bay
Engineer: McMahon and Mead and Hunt

This $5.2 million dollar construction project involved reconstructing a 1.0 mile urban segment of Monroe Avenue which carries portions of three main state highways as a principal arterial on the National Highway System.

The existing 4-lane roadway was constructed in 1948 and had never been resurfaced. Vinton opted to use five phases of construction instead of two to better accommodate the 38 businesses, schools, churches, and other facilities as well as the traffic at the 13 intersections located along the route.

The project called for 15 pavement gaps, but Vinton was able to reduce the actual gaps to two, with one-on-one coordination with businesses. Careful staging was incorporated to account not only for vehicular traffic, but pedestrian traffic as well, and colored crosswalks were poured at several major intersections. This was a pilot project for the FHWA Every Day Counts Initiative which helped reduce utility conflicts and resulted in completion ahead of schedule.

**About the Excellence Awards**
This year the awards represent 13 categories of construction and preservation of concrete pavements used for highways, roadways, airports, and industrial pavement facilities. In all, 31 awards were presented to 25 contractors.

The ACPA Excellence in Concrete Pavements awards are made possible, in large measure, because of the generous time commitment of independent judges from across the United States and Canada. The judges each spend many hours reviewing executive summaries, project details, photographs, and other details and aspects of project submittals.
ACPA presents awards in both gold and silver levels. Judging is based on a point system, with independent judges awarding points for quality construction, addressing unique and unusual challenges, innovation, traffic management, and other criteria. In the case of ties, award judges present awards to co-winners.

**About the ACPA and WCPA**

The ACPA is the national trade association for the concrete pavement industry. The Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association (WCPA) is ACPA’s local affiliated organization. ACPA and WCPA represent members in marketing/promotion, government affairs, and research/technical support associated with concrete pavements used for highways, airports, streets, and roads.

ACPA’s and WCPA’s members include paving contractors, cement companies, equipment manufacturers, material and service suppliers, ready-mixed concrete producers, allied associations/organizations, bonding and insurance companies, consulting firms, and other allied organizations and individuals.


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High resolution photos of award winners and projects are available on request.