



ODOT Recipient of Prestigious National Pavement Awards and State Bridge Award FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Five recent Oklahoma Department of Transportation projects received national and state recognition for project excellence. Four of the awards were Excellence in Concrete Pavement Awards presented to ODOT by the American Concrete Pavement Association and the fifth award was the 2012 Pharaoh Award, presented by the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors.

The four concrete pavement awards were presented at the ACPA's 23rd annual "Excellence in Concrete Pavement" awards. The national pavement awards, which recognize companies and agencies for safe, efficient and durable concrete pavements, were presented at the closing banquet ceremony as part of ACPA's 49th Annual Meeting on November 30.

The National Excellence in Concrete Pavement award is the concrete pavement industry's highest and most prestigious recognition. The awards are sponsored jointly by ACPA and Concrete Construction Magazine and distinguish projects for quality, efficiency, smoothness, reduced costs and minimizing road-user delays.

Of the 30 awards given nationally this year, four were awarded to projects in Oklahoma. Two projects received gold awards, the highest honor in each category, and two additional projects received silver awards.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation received the gold award in the divided highways (urban) category for the final sections of the I-40 Crosstown project. The overall \$680 million project to replace the nearly 50 year old elevated bridge in downtown Oklahoma City was a massive cooperative effort between ODOT, the Federal Highway Administration, City of Oklahoma City and construction contractors. The new I-40 Crosstown officially opened to the public ahead of schedule on January 5, 2012. While multiple projects made up the new expressway, the project consisting of the three final tie-in sections of the Crosstown received the gold award from ACPA. The project was designed by Poe and Associates Engineering of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company of Edmond.

The second award ODOT received was the gold award in the highway overlay category for a project on I-35 near Marietta in Love Co. This \$13 million project involved reconstruction and resurfacing nearly six miles of I-35 on the multi-lane roadway. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation included a financial incentive for the contractor to finish the pavement replacement project early to avoid traffic congestion and delays on the OU/Texas football game weekend. This project was designed by ODOT and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company of Edmond.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation also received the silver award in the divided highways (rural) category for the reconstruction of I-40 at Webbers Falls in Muskogee County. The \$34 million project involved reconstructing more than 6 miles of I-40 between Warner and the Arkansas River including improving intersections with two busy highways and the Muskogee Turnpike as well as reconstructing one bridge. Through careful planning and execution, the contractor maintained access on 12 different ramps throughout the project, which included environmentally friendly and cost saving plans to recycle and reuse parts of the old roadway. The project was designed by Grossman & Keith Engineering of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company.

The second silver award received by ODOT was in the industrial and special paving category for the construction of the new I-35 Port of Entry facility in Kay County.

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The nearly \$11 million project for the new state-of-the-art inspection station on I-35 near the Kansas border was the first of nine facilities planned for the state. Once fully equipped, these state-of-the-art stations will help protect the traveling public and Oklahoma's highways and bridges by ensuring that commercial trucks entering the state meet size and weight regulations and safety measures. The project was designed by The Benham Company of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company.

The 2012 Pharaoh Award was given to ODOT's El Reno Residency for innovative and quality bridge construction and management on the Interstate-40/Morgan Rd. bridge and interchange project in Canadian County. Constructed via partnership with Allen Contracting, the project built Oklahoma's first Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). The new interchange features protected left and dedicated right turn movements for Morgan Rd. traffic exiting and entering I-40. The Pharaoh Award is presented by AGC-Oklahoma for the highest quality bridge structure built in the state of Oklahoma in the past year. The award is offered as a tribute to the Pharaoh family of Henryetta, who were pioneers in the bridge construction industry.

J.O. Pharaoh Sr. was one of the original seven board members of AGC-Oklahoma, chartered in 1936. J.O. Pharaoh Jr. served as association president in 1955 and 1956. Kent Pharaoh served as president of the association in 1976 and as district one transportation commissioner from 1991 to 1995.

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Oklahoma Department of Transportation El Reno Resident Engineer Cole Vonfeldt displays the 2012 Pharaoh Award given to ODOT's El Reno Residency for innovative and quality bridge construction and management on the I-40/Morgan Rd. bridge and interchange project in Canadian County. Constructed via partnership with Allen Contracting, the project built Oklahoma's first Single Point Urban Interchange. The new interchange features protected left and dedicated right turn movements for Morgan Rd. traffic exiting and entering I-40. The Pharaoh Award is presented by Association of Oklahoma General Contractors for the highest quality bridge structure built in Oklahoma in the past year. Pictured left to right are David Burrage, Oklahoma Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman; Jeff Allen, Allen Construction; Vonfeldt; Bobby Stem, AGC-Oklahoma; Shawn Davis, ODOT El Reno Residency; Paul Green, ODOT Division 4 Engineer, Gary Evans, ODOT Chief Engineer/Deputy Director and Gary Ridley, ODOT Director/Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.



The Oklahoma Department of Transportation was awarded the American Concrete Pavement Association's Silver Award for Industrial and Special Paving for the construction of the new I-35 Port of Entry facility in Kay County. The nearly \$11 million project for the new state-of-the-art inspection station on I-35 near the Kansas border was the first of nine facilities planned for the state. The project was designed by The Benham Company of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company. Pictured left to right are David Burrage, Oklahoma Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman; Ron Weltzheimer, Benham Companies; John Jones, Duit Construction; Gary Evans, ODOT Chief Engineer/Deputy Director, Craig Sims, ODOT Perry Residency; Brent Burwell, ACPA Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter; Paul Green, ODOT Division 4 Engineer; Jim Duit, Duit Construction and Gary Ridley, ODOT Director/Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.



Oklahoma Department of Transportation Sallisaw Resident Engineer Carl Edwards displays the American Concrete Pavement Association's Silver Award in the divided highways (rural) category for the reconstruction of I-40 at Webbers Falls in Muskogee County. The \$34 million project involved reconstructing more than six miles of I-40 between Warner and the Arkansas River including improving intersections with two busy highways and the Muskogee Turnpike as well as reconstructing one bridge. The project was designed by Grossman & Keith Engineering of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company. Pictured left to right are David Burrage, Oklahoma Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman; Gary Evans, ODOT Chief Engineer/Deputy Director; John Jones, Duit Construction; John Johnson, Grossman & Keith Engineering; Edwards; Brent Burwell, ACPA Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter; Darren Saliba, ODOT Division 1 Engineer; Jim Duit, Duit Construction and Gary Ridley, ODOT Director/Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.



Representatives from the Oklahoma Transportation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, American Concrete Pavement Association, Duit Construction and Poe and Associates Engineering display the ACPA Gold Award for divided highways(urban) honoring ODOT for the final sections of the I-40 Crosstown project. The new I-40 Crosstown officially opened to the public ahead of schedule on Jan. 5, 2012. While multiple projects made up the new expressway, the project consisting of the three final tie-in sections of the Crosstown received the gold award from ACPA. The project was designed by Poe and Associates Engineering of Oklahoma City and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company of Edmond. Pictured left to right are David Burrage, Oklahoma Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman; Taylor Barnes, Cobb Engineering; Tim Duit, TTK Construction; Cole Vonfeldt, ODOT El Reno Resident Engineer; Jim Benson, Poe and Associates; Jerry Edgin, Poe and Associates; Shawn Davis, El Reno Asst. Resident Engineer; Brent Burwell, ACPA Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter; Paul Green, ODOT Div. 4 Engineer; Gary Evans, ODOT Chief Engineer/Deputy Director and Gary Ridley, ODOT Director/Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.



Oklahoma Department of Transportation Ardmore Resident Engineer Jay Earp displays American Concrete Pavement Association's Gold Award for Overlays-Highways, awarded to ODOT for a project on I-35 near Marietta in Love Co. This \$13 million project involved reconstruction and resurfacing nearly six miles of I-35 on the multi-lane roadway. The project was designed by ODOT and constructed by Duit Construction/TTK Construction Company of Edmond. Pictured left to right are David Burrage, Oklahoma Transportation Commission Vice-Chairman; Gary Evans, ODOT Chief Engineer/Deputy Director; John Jones, Duit Construction; Brent Burwell, ACPA Oklahoma/Arkansas Chapter; Earp; Tim Tegeler, ODOT Roadway Design; Bob Rose, ODOT Div. 7 Engineer; Jim Duit, Duit Construction and Gary Ridley, ODOT Director/Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation.