

Reconstruction of College Avenue bridge in Appleton earns awards from American Concrete Pavement Association, Wisconsin Builder/Daily Reporter

APPLETON — Appleton's new College Avenue bridge is attracting state and national recognition, including recent honors as local and national project of the year from the American Public Works Association.

"This acknowledgement of the collaborative efforts of our city team with the state and the private sector is an honor," said Public Works Director Paula Vandehey. "We're appreciative of the efforts of all those involved in these projects, and to be recognized in this manner."

The \$21.85 million project was completed and the bridge opened on Oct. 30, after 14 months of work.

The bridge was designed by the state [Department of Transportation](#) in cooperation with the city, Omni Associates of Appleton and the College Avenue Bridge Design Committee, which included Appleton residents. Edward Kraemer & Sons, of Plain, constructed the bridge, which features four 11-foot-wide lanes, two 5-foot wide bike lanes and two 8-foot-wide sidewalks.

The Wisconsin Builder/ Daily Reporter selected the project as a 2009 top project of the year in an industry-wide competition against other multimillion dollar projects.

The project won two awards from the DOT for 2009 under the state structure design and outstanding highway [construction](#), large structure categories.

In addition, the DOT recognized associated work on College Avenue at either end of the bridge with its local program award for excellence in concrete pavement. That work was done by Vinton construction.

The street project will be considered later this year for a national award from the American Concrete Pavement Association.
