

Upcoming Milestones

A 15-ton Gallion 150P hydraulic crane is now on a platform atop the river bridge pylon cap. This crane will be used for stay cable installation support, and other tasks, freeing up the Manitowoc 7000 ringer crane for additional work. This smaller crane, in this high location, will provide the reach needed for the stay cable installation and other “higher” tasks. Photos will be posted to the kcICON Project Facebook page when available.

The state of Missouri’s single widest concrete bridge deck pour will be happening in early spring. The north approach on the north bank of the Missouri River extending south, to the river bridge pylon is approximately 134 feet wide. Missouri Department of Transportation Director Pete Rahn will visit the site April 9 to preview this activity.

Paseo Boulevard bridge work continues on the south end of the kcICON Project. As the weather warms, the grading and fill work will finish, and the ramp bridge infrastructure work will become visible to passing motorists.

The Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) construction at I-29/35 and Front St. continued through the winter months and significant stages in the substructure work have been completed. Mainline interstate traffic will be restored above this work on the new SPUI bridge in mid-2010, and the temporary shoo-fly ramps will disappear. Work will continue at this interchange through 2010.

Inside the Work Zone

kcICON Project Pavement Recycling Effort Attracts International Interest

Visitors from the Czech Republic visited the kcICON Project March 7 to observe how implementing green solutions can save some green.

Visitors from Prague came to see the Resonant Machine on the kcICON Project. This machine allows the kcICON Project team to recycle and reuse the broken pavement as rock fill in other areas of the project. This is also a cost-effective measure, as a two-man team with a resonant machine can break up to one mile of pavement in one day. Local Kansas City company Resonant Machines (RMI) manufactures these highly specialized machines. With 11 total machines in their fleet, RMI has done work from Canada to Argentina, and all over eastern Europe—garnering interest from Prague. The resonant pavement breaker is a highly specialized device with a vibrating beam on the front of the machine measuring between 18- to 26-inches wide. This breaker vibrates up and down only $\frac{3}{4}$ of one inch, but hits the pavement 44 times per second. The high frequency, low amplitude machine successfully breaks the concrete, separating it from the rebar underneath. Because the machine doesn’t go deeply into the substructure, underground utilities are not damaged. “Partnering with the Paseo Corridor Constructors has allowed Resonant Machines the opportunity to provide fast and efficient concrete recycling while allowing us to showcase our environmentally-friendly technology in our hometown,” said RMI President John Mueller.

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With the resonant machine in the background, RMI representatives and Czech Republic visitors inspect what was pavement, and is now rock fill on the kcICON Project.

Crew of the Quarter Award

The Quality Crew of the Quarter Award is based on MoDOT Auditor and PCC Quality Staff review. Rick Parrott's grading crew has embraced the Quality process since they started work on the kcICON project. They have overcome several weather events that created less than desirable working conditions. Their most recent strategic efforts for deconstructing and reconstructing a retaining wall on the north end of the project helped put them over the top for this award. Rick also schedules and completes several construction activities on the project that require Quality Control management, including erosion control; "Safe to Open" checklist items for roads and ramps, pavement striping, pipe excavation, and traffic control. This team's consistent Quality Control documentation and overall Quality Organization efforts also helped them capture this award. Congratulations Rick, and crew members, for exemplifying great quality! Enjoy your PCC BBQ Grilling Utensils, You deserve them! Keep up the great work.



Rick Parrott, on far right, with his grading crew.

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