

- Bedford Avenue off-ramp from northbound I-29/35 (Opened early October)

Macon Street will open shortly from Levee Road to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Macon is no longer a through-street, as the distribution ramps being built between Levee Road and Bedford Avenue have eliminated the need for Macon to reach Bedford. Macon Street now ends in a detention pond, which is beneficial to the low-lying area. For many years, this area has struggled with standing water after heavy rains. The addition of a detention pond should assist businesses in the Paseo Industrial District near Macon Street.

Levee Road on-ramp to northbound I-29/35 will open in December 2009.



*Macon Street to open soon.*



#### ***Armour Road***

Lane drops will continue on Armour Road until the deck widening work above the road is complete. Grading work continues in the area. However, the new loop on-ramp from Armour Rd. to southbound I-29/35 will not open until 2010.

#### ***Upcoming Milestones***

The Paseo ramp bridge will be demolished before the end of the year. We hope to get a few photos, and will post them to our Facebook page and Web site to share with those who enjoy demolition.

#### ***Inside the Work Zone: Greg Quigley***

Greg Quigley, Bridge Foreman for the kcICON Project from the beginning, recently retired. We caught up with Greg during a fishing tournament in Alabama at Lake Wilson, where he was catching Bluecat, a particular breed of channel catfish.

**Q:** How does it feel to be retired?

**A:** It feels pretty good. Pretty comfortable. For the first time in 13 years I don't have a cell phone in my back pocket, or get calls in the middle of the night. I slept in until 8 a.m. the

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other day, and it feels good. Hang on just a sec...I've got something on the line...

[Greg stops to catch a 2.5 lb fish.]

**Q:** When did you start working in construction?

**A:** I have been a carpenter almost 26 years.

**Q:** How was working on the kcICON Project different from other projects?

**A:** The inspection teams-Kiewit and MoDOT both-that was different. There was more overall paperwork on this job. As long as you get to it each day and make it part of your routine, it was easy enough to stay on top of it. I like to finish projects. With the wet summer, I wasn't able to see the work on Armour Road to its finish before I retired. The bridge at Armour was nicer than most. I heard it was one of the widest in Kansas City, and maybe in Missouri. We poured 67 feet total across. [MoDOT confirmed that it is a rare event to pour 67 feet at one time.]

**Q:** What other great projects have you been a part of over the years?

**A:** Oh, I have worked everywhere. Junction City, Salina, I worked on the Triangle. We did the I-635 northbound and southbound lanes over the Kaw River—all redecking there. I did jobs where it was all joyces and plywood. You build it all up then take it all down. It's a lot of work. With Clarkson, everything had to be done ASAP. That's why we take so many incentive projects. Jump in and knock it out. At Clarkson, we are always looking ahead, never behind. That's why they leave so many other companies in the dust. We already have the job finished by the time others get around to thinking about it.

**Q:** What advice do you have for those just starting out in construction on this project?

**A:** Show up everyday. Work hard. The more you work, the more work you can get. If you use your head someday you can run your own crew. There is nothing like being in charge of a project and seeing it through to the finish.

### **Crew of the Quarter Award**

The Quality Crew of the Quarter Award is based on MoDOT Auditor and Paseo Corridor Constructors Quality Staff review. Greg Quigley's Bridge Crew has embraced the Quality Process since they started work on the kcICON project. Their most recent deck pours at I-29/35 and Armour/210, and the I-29/35 and 16<sup>th</sup> Street bridge construction helped them capture the award. The Quality Control Documentation and overall Quality Organization efforts helped capture this award. Congratulations Greg and crew members for exemplifying great quality!



*In this photo (L to R): George Clevenger, Jorge Vera, Wayne Partridge, Lindsey Cox, Reggie Naylor, and Greg Quigley.*

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