

Upcoming Milestones

Ice or Snow? Take It Slow!

MoDOT has released a public service announcement video, asking drivers to obey posted speed limits and to drive safely in the kcICON Project work zone—especially in winter weather. The video is available for viewing on the project's YouTube channel or at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WzOnMqLgQY&feature=sub>

Top O' the Pylon

Our project is 63% complete to date. One of the big milestones for this project will be completion of The Christopher S. Bond Bridge delta-shaped pylon—which is scheduled to add the final piece at the beginning of March 2010. The kcICON Project Team hopes to celebrate this event. Watch for announcements as we get closer to this memorable date.

Inside the Work Zone

Front Street Bridge Crew

Drivers who listened closely in January, may have heard sounds of progress at Front Street and I-29/35. Foreman John Jaranson, and Chris Wilson, an apprentice with the On-The-Job Training program with Carpenters' Local 485, helped the Front Street Bridge Crew break the single-day production record for the kcICON Project for pile driving. In the large hole where Interstate 29/35 used to be at Front Street, the Crew battled December weather to drive seven piles in one day. Each concrete pile weighing 12,000 pounds is driven into the ground with over 900 blows of a 6,000 pound pile-hammer.

After installation, each concrete pile has a capacity of approximately half-a-million pounds to support the massive weight of the new bridge. The new bridge will carry mainline traffic over the relocated Front Street alignment and is scheduled to be open to interstate traffic in late summer of 2010.

Crew of the Quarter Award

The Quality Crew of the Quarter Award is based on MoDOT Auditor and PCC Quality Staff review. Dennis Sipes and his Bridge Crew have embraced the quality process since they started work on the kcICON Project. They have overcome several obstacles from the south viaduct area to Front Street. Their most recent Front Street Pile Driving and South Viaduct Final Acceptance helped them capture the award. Their overall attention to detail and superior efforts put them over the top. Congratulations Dennis and Crew for exemplifying great quality! Enjoy your PCC cargo backpacks; you deserve them!



Smile everyone! You are the Crew of the Quarter!

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