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City of Milwaukee Welcomes Federal Highway Administration's Victor Mendez

Mendez, City officials to tour the Juneau Avenue bridge site on September 28, 2012

Mayor Tom Barrett and the City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner Ghassan Korban will join the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Administrator Victor Mendez and tour the Juneau Avenue bridge construction site on Friday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. During the tour Mr. Mendez, a professional engineer and bridge enthusiast, will meet and talk with the project contractor, construction workers, and area businesspeople that have been affected by the bridge project.

The Juneau Avenue bridge project, together with the recently-completed Wisconsin Avenue bridge replacement, is partially funded by a \$21.5 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant administered through the FHWA and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). Another \$2.3 million of the project budget was funded through the WisDOT bridge program, and \$1.2 million in City capital funds completed the budget.

The Juneau Avenue bridge is scheduled to open to traffic in November 2012. For more information on the bridge project, please see the attached fact sheet.

Media members are welcome to accompany the Mendez group.

WHAT: Tour of the Juneau Avenue bridge project

WHO: Federal Highway Administration Administrator Victor Mendez
Mayor Tom Barrett
DPW Commissioner Ghassan Korban
WisDOT Southeast Region Director DeWayne Johnson (invited)

WHEN: Friday, September 28, 2012
Tour begins at 10:00 a.m.; briefing at 10:30 a.m. on the east side of the bridge (Edison St.)

WHERE: Juneau Ave. bridge – meet at the west end at N. Old World Third Street. Proceeding to east side of the bridge via the Riverwalk and Highland Ave. pedestrian bridge.

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