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Capitol Drive Reconstruction – 60th to 84th Streets

The reconstruction of West Capitol Drive from 60th Street to 84th Street began April 23, 2012. The improvements include removal of the existing pavement, and construction of new concrete pavement, curbs gutters, sidewalks and driveway approaches. Construction was scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving 2012, a deadline that has been met.

This is a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) construction contract, awarded to Zignego Company, Inc. as the prime contractor for this project. The City of Milwaukee's Department of Public Works performed construction management and inspection on behalf of WisDOT. The project valued at \$5,531,000 was completed on time and on budget.

The goal set by the State for participation by minority- and women-owned subcontracting firms was 15%. The project exceeded this goal by achieving a 33% participation level.

Most importantly, this Capitol Drive infrastructure investment provided family-supporting jobs. More than 37,500 work hours were logged, or an equivalent of 18 years of work (2,080 work hours in a year). Of those work hours, more than 21% were performed by minorities.

The Department of Public Works' Support for Business Program played an important role in the Capitol Drive project. Staff worked with area business owners to create "Open for Business" and way-finding signage to help customers access these organizations during construction. DPW staff were also available as a resource for business owners should any problems arise.

By the numbers:

40,000 tons (2,000 truck loads) of *recycled* crushed gravel used as a base layer for paving, and kept out of landfills.

2,219 truck loads of concrete poured as:
82,880 square yards of roadway pavement
50,000 square feet of new sidewalk

76,500 total lineal feet of conduit, if laid end to end, would measure 14.5 miles, or from here to General Mitchell International Airport

27,500 lineal feet of street lighting
49,000 lineal feet of communications line

15,000 square yards of sod, or 2.5 football fields

17,000 feet of pavement markings

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