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Capitol Drive project completed on time and on budget



Officials gather for a press conference to reopen Capitol Drive. From left, Alderman Jim Bohl, Alderman Michael Murphy, Mayor Tom Barrett, City Engineer Jeff Polenske, Curt Denevan of RCB Awards, Elvis, and Mr. & Mrs. Butch Rydz of Kitt's.

City of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin officials were joined by local business representatives, the project construction team, members of the media and the public at an event to officially reopen Capitol Drive and celebrate the reconstruction project being completed on time and on budget.

Kitt's Custard hosted the November 19, 2012, event where attendees proved it's never too early to bid a fond farewell to construction trucks, barricades and orange barrels and it's never too late for a cone or a Sundae. Mayor Barrett thanked businesses for their patience during construction and noted the street looked beautiful. Aldermen Bohl and Murphy concurred and thanked Zignego, construction crews, and City DPW staff for their hard work. They also called out Cecilia Gilbert and the Support for Business Program for assuring issues and concerns of business owners were addressed in a timely manner.

This is the final issue of the news update. Thanks to the wonderful businesses, residents and organizations who were part of making this project a success. The investment in infrastructure should serve you well for the next 40 years.

Capitol Drive Reconstruction Fun Facts! DID YOU KNOW . . .

- 2,000 truck loads (40,000 tons) of recycled crushed gravel was used as a base layer for paving, and kept out of landfills;
- 2,219 truck loads of concrete were poured for 82,880 square yards of roadway pavement and 50,000 square feet of new sidewalk;
- 76,500 lineal feet of conduit was installed for street lighting and communications. End to end the conduit would extend 14.5 miles and reach from the Capitol Drive project to General Mitchell International Airport;
- 15,000 square yards of sod, or the equivalent of 2.5 football fields was installed;
- The project provided family-supporting jobs with more than 37,500 work hours logged, or an equivalent of 18 years of work. More than 21% of those work hours were performed by minorities;
- The State of Wisconsin goal for participation by minority and women owned subcontracting firms was 15%. The project exceeded this goal by achieving a 33% participation level;
- The project was valued at \$5,531,000 and was completed in seven months;
- Approximately 34,000 vehicles a day are expected to use Capitol Drive, a number that could increase when the Zoo Interchange project is under construction;

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