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Continued Recognition

This issue highlights yet another project award for the I-80 Widening at Meander Reservoir Project, as well as an update on some interesting project news from our Columbus, Ohio, office.

Roads & Bridges Recognizes Two Gannett Fleming Projects

Roads & Bridges magazine ranked the I-80 Widening at Meander Reservoir Project as #4 and the New Jersey Route 18, Sections 2F, 7E, and 11H Project as #8 in its Top 10 Roads 2010 awards program. This awards program recognizes the best in road construction for 2010. Gannett Fleming served as the lead designer and engineer-of-record on both of these projects. The Top 10 Roads is published in the October 2010 issue of *Roads & Bridges* magazine.

The I-80 Widening Project at Meander Reservoir transformed 4.5 miles of I-80 from a four-lane to a six-lane highway and replaced the twin bridges over the Meander Reservoir. Gannett Fleming designed an innovative spill containment system for the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) District 4 project that protects the drinking water supply for 220,000 people. Gannett Fleming worked collaboratively with ODOT, District 4, Anthony Allega Cement Contractor, and Great Lakes Construction Company to complete this multiple award winning project.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation's \$215 million reconstruction of New Jersey's Route 18 in the city of New Brunswick, N.J., improved safety and operations for regional travel, provided much needed multi-modal service improvements, and local access to downtown New Brunswick and various neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor.

The #8-ranked, multi-interchange project involved the total reconstruction and widening of 2.1 miles of Route

18 within the city and consisted of four new grade-separated interchanges that allowed for the separation of local traffic from express traffic.

Columbus Office Inspection Team Free Climbs While Inspecting Bridge

As part of the Maryland Statewide Physical On-Site Inspection of Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Facilities, the Columbus office performed the inspection of the 12 truss spans of the William J. Hatem Memorial Bridge in Maryland. Access for this inspection work involved using a 120-foot barge mounted manlift and significant free climbing. The bridge carries state Route 40 traffic on 58 spans over the Susquehanna River. The teams inspected the main through-truss spans by climbing the lower chord above traffic. Dan Kent and Eric Dues from our Columbus office; Brad Bell from our Orlando, Fla., office; and James Costello based in our New York City office were the key staff supported by a rigging contractor.



Gannett Fleming's inspection team free climbing the main through-truss spans



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Updated 2010 ENR National Rankings

In our June issue, we provided the Transportation, Water, Pure Designers, and the Top 500 Design Firm rankings by *Engineering News-Record's* (ENR's) rankings for Gannett Fleming. The completed list of ENR's 2010 rankings is now available. Gannett Fleming is honored to be recognized among the nation's top engineering firms.

2010 Rank*	ENR CATEGORY
#11	Top 20 in Mass Transit and Rail
#14	Top 25 in Bridges
#16	Top 50 in Transportation
#17	Top 25 in Highways
#17	Top 20 in Water
#17	Top 25 in Water Supply
#19	Top 20 in Wastewater Treatment Plants
#27	Top 100 "Pure" Designers
#36	Top 100 Green Design Firms
#47	Top 500 Design Firms
#73	Top 200 Environmental Firms
#94	Top 150 Global Design Firms

*Based on 2009 revenues.

Milestone Achievement for DART Blue Line Design-Build

As part of a design-build team, Gannett Fleming is providing design services for Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) Blue Line Light Rail Transit Expansion from the downtown Garland Station to the city of Rowlett, Texas. The DART Blue Line Extension is a \$188 million design-build light rail project that includes 4.75 miles of light rail system. Gannett Fleming is responsible for the design of the seven bridges and the systems design, including track work, overhead catenary systems, and traction power.

George Avalos, the project manager for the DART Blue Line Extension, signed the Rowlett Creek Bridge foundations package as released for construction. The

Rowlett Creek Bridge is a one-half mile long bridge, and one of seven structures that Gannett Fleming is designing. This signing represents the first of more than 100 design packages to be released.

Gannett Fleming employees from across the country contributed a significant amount of extra effort on this project, including Eric Dues, Geoff Kramer, Nick Mandic, Wendy Binckley, and Paul Coblenz from Columbus; Terry Shantz and Mike Hearn from Valley Forge, Pa.; Jason Wieszek from Newport News, Va.; and Mark Stark, who is based in the Phoenix, Ariz., office, and works on-site in Dallas, Texas.

INSIDE THE INDUSTRY

Recent Analysis Reflects Need for Transportation Investment

On Oct. 12, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Council of Economic Advisers released an analysis of the economic benefits of transportation infrastructure investment. Among the findings:

- Now is an optimal time to increase transportation infrastructure investment because it would generate jobs for workers that were displaced because of the housing bubble
- Construction costs are currently low because of underutilized resources
- Americans support increasing infrastructure investment, as evidenced by consistent support for local investments on ballot initiatives
- Establishing a National Infrastructure Bank would create conditions for greater private sector co-investment in infrastructure projects and support projects that yield the greatest returns on investment
- Any increase in investment should be coupled with broad-based reform to select infrastructure projects more wisely.

Inadequate transportation infrastructure imposes hundreds of billions of dollars in unnecessary costs on the U.S. economy through wasted fuel, delayed shipments and tragic accidents and injuries. Contact your local officials urging support and passage of a new highway and transit bill.

