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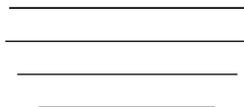
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Welcome to Concrete Matters, the monthly newsletter from the Southwest Concrete Pavement Association. This monthly newsletter contains the latest news and information of interest to the concrete pavement industry in California and Nevada. Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to others who may be interested in long lasting pavements.



Teichert Construction Finished Northbound CRCP Paving Early; District Director Tours Project

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Amarjeet Benipal PE, acting director for District 10, toured the construction site of Teichert Construction and Flatiron West south of Merced on Aug. 29. The new six-lane project entails six miles of new alignment of CA99 east of the old alignment. Several culverts, overpasses, access ramps, and 81,000 cubic yards of CRC pavement and 16,000 cubic yards of plain jointed concrete shoulder, will be built during the two-year project. Teichert started paving the northbound lanes July 2 and finished before the end of August. Northbound traffic will begin using the new concrete pavement in October. The traffic shift will allow for removal of existing pavement and construction



Upcoming Events:

Sept. 17 - SWCPA Membership Meeting and Board Meeting. All are invited. Guest speakers: Jerry Voigt of ACPA and Will Kempton of Transportation

California. Lunch provided.
1029 J Street, Sacramento.
Contact Craig to register.

Sept. 25 - Caltrans / Industry Concrete Repair Meeting, Geotech conference room at Translab. Teleconference available at 10 a.m..
Translab Sacramento.

Oct. 10 - Caltrans / Industry Concrete Task Group Meeting. Translab Sacramento 10 a.m.

Oct. 20-24 - ACI Fall Convention, Phoenix

Nov. 5 - Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference, Reno

Nov. 7 - Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference, Las Vegas

of the southbound lanes.

SWCPA member Flatiron West of San Marcos is building the structures, and SWCPA member CMC Rebar of Stockton is placing the bar reinforcement for the pavement.



From left to right: Bob Johnson, Amarjeet Benipal, Laura Gordon, Kewal Virk.

Amarjeet toured the project with Laura Gordon, a Division of Construction supervisor for District 10 and Saeid Mehrtash, Resident Engineer. District 10 is headquartered in Stockton and includes San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced counties and six smaller counties in the foothills. Amerjeet was impressed with the progress to date, the quality of the work and the cooperation of the land owners around the project. State biologists have been onsite to make sure habitats for native species are being preserved.

[New East Span of the SF Oakland Bay Bridge Opens Sept. 2](#)



A small-scale event was held to commemorate the opening of the new East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. After an opening program at the Bridge Yard, a traditional chain cutting ceremony was held at the Toll Plaza, followed by the inaugural procession of vehicles across the new bridge. After years of controversy and threats of longer delays, the bridge was opened on schedule.

The concrete and steel structure will carry more than 280,000 vehicles per day into and out of San Francisco. The most iconic element of the new East Span is the self-anchored suspension bridge - the largest such structure in the world at 2,047 feet. The bridge has a single 525-foot-tall tower. The concrete and steel structure took 11 years to design and build.



Caltrans Adding Lanes to Northbound Stretch of I-805

San Diego Daily Transcript: Since the concrete pavement was built in 1975, traffic along the Interstate 805 corridor has increased 300 percent and today the freeway has daily traffic that averages between 160,000 to 260,000 vehicles. It functions as a critical artery connecting the South Bay and to key commercial areas in eastern San Diego, UTC and Sorrento Valley -- areas where estimated population and employment growth will lead to a projected 330,000 vehicles by 2030 on it lanes.

Caltrans plans to add carpool lanes that will alleviate traffic along key stretches. The first phase of construction, for which a design-build contract was awarded in 2012 to Skanska Civil West, began this spring and will be completed in 2015, with a budget of \$86 million. It will focus on roughly four miles.

Sincerely,

Craig Hennings

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