

City, state officials announce completion of I-94, 9th Street/ Veterans Boulevard interchange project

(Fargo, N.D.) – The North Dakota Department of Transportation and officials from the cities of Fargo and West Fargo announced completion of the Interstate-94 and 9th Street East/Veterans Boulevard interchange project in West Fargo at a ribbon cutting ceremony today. Motorists began using the interchange ramps Thursday afternoon. The bridge over I-94 has been open since August 21.

Officials celebrated completion of the project Thursday morning at the Urban Plains Center.

Several officials participated in the event including West Fargo Mayor Rich Mattern, Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker and NDDOT Director Francis Zeigler. Representatives for the state's congressional delegation included Jolene Garty for Sen. Kent Conrad, Ryan Aasheim for Sen. Byron Dorgan, and Joan Carlson for Congressman Earl Pomeroy. VFW representative Jim Hapala, Kent Campbell of the West Fargo Chamber of Commerce, Jim Parsons of the Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce, Paul Diederich of Industrial Builders, Inc., and NDDOT Fargo District Assistant Engineer Kevin Gorder also participated in the dedication.

This \$28 million project brings a welcomed artery in the West Fargo and Fargo areas north and south of I-94. The NDDOT worked together with the cities of Fargo and West Fargo to attain funding and get the project completed in 2009.

"This project could not have been completed without the help and support of the Congressional delegation, Governor Hoeven, the cities of Fargo and West Fargo, and community residents," said NDDOT Director Francis Ziegler. "This project is a true example of how working together in partnership can get projects done. It would not have been completed without the men and women who worked so hard to get this project done."

Contractors and project designers include:

- Industrial Builders, Inc.
- Riley Brothers
- Strata Corporation
- AJ Construction, Inc.
- Dakota Fence
- Dormark Construction Co.
- Edling Electric, Inc.
- Gowan Construction, Inc.
- Monster Lawn Hydroseeding & Landscaping
- Newman Signs, Inc.
- Northern Geotextiles, Inc.
- Northern Improvement Co., Inc.
- NorthStar Safety, Inc.
- Penhall Company
- Rainbow, Inc.
- Sellin Brothers, Inc.
- Superior Contracting, Inc.
- 3D Specialties, Inc.
- CPM, Inc.
- Moore Engineering, Inc.
- SRF Consulting

Work will continue into October to complete aesthetical elements such as landscaping, signal light work and other final elements of the project.

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