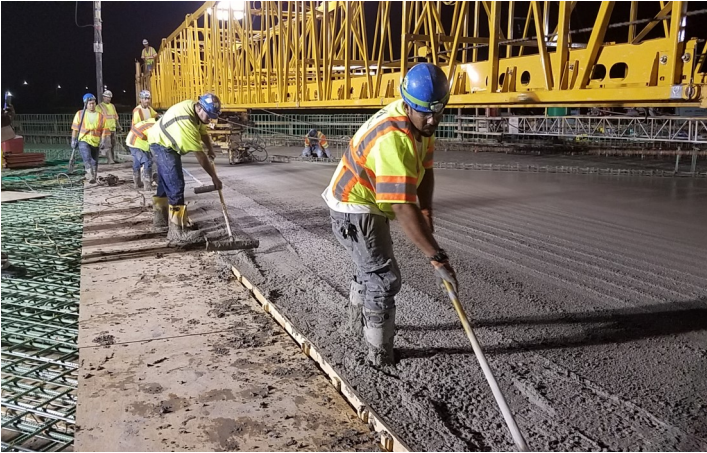




I-94 MODERNIZATION PROJECT E-UPDATE

Welcome to the I-94 e-Update. Every month, we send you the latest happenings on the I-94 project. We'd love to hear from you, too!

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Jumping back in time, construction workers pour concrete for the now-complete side of Gratiot Avenue bridge.



One side of Gratiot Avenue bridge is open for traffic and the other is demolished and ready for construction.

Halfway There!

Within a 24-hour period between July 26 and 27, the construction team completed and opened up the new portion of Gratiot Avenue bridge and tore down what remained of the old structure. Pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists can enjoy the new pavement while the crew zeroes in on completing the bridge.

The Chene Street team focused on splicing together and placing steel beams. The beams were assembled and set to accommodate the new bridge both now and in the future, when the freeway will be shifted 50 feet north of its current alignment.



Workers install steel beams at the Chene Street bridge.

SBE Trainees in the Field

The new class of MDOT's Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Training Program for Construction is now working in the I-94 project office and on the Chene Street and Gratiot Avenue bridges. This hands-on training will advance their skills in construction engineering and inspection as they cover topics such as how an independent Dispute Resolution Board (DRB) evaluates problems and recommends solutions to help MDOT and contractors finish projects on time and within the specified quality.



SBE trainees Jon Kolbasa and Sai Modini of Value Engineering (third row) at the Chene Street bridge's construction site with SBE instructor (and photographer) Victor Judnic, HNTB; Bonnie Yu, assistant I-94 project manager, MDOT; Randy Van Portfliet, DRB chairman; Chris Bradshaw, HNTB; John Friend, DRB member; Tasin Malik, HNTB; Zak Underwood, CA Hull (project contractor); and Heather Hendges, DRB member.

I-94 Corridor Community Champions

Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance

What They Do: Affordable housing, economic and commercial development, community action, spirituality, anti-racism training, an Urban Parish Coalition, Epiphany Education center and a program for seniors called The Senior Network.

Outstanding Achievement: Investing more than \$18.6 million in a 22-square-block area of the Gratiot Woods community since 2006.

Learn more: Visit the Alliance's website at www.dcpasite.com.



The completed rehabilitation of 5903 McClellan Avenue, one of four residential properties purchased by the Alliance. The home already has residents. Image courtesy of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance.



The Alliance's current project and its largest yet. The building at 9100 Gratiot Avenue will boast more than 35 residential units and 12,000 square feet of commercial space. It's set to open in early 2019. Image courtesy of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance.



A before picture of 5903 McClellan Avenue. It is located near the Nativity of Our Lord Church. Image courtesy of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance.

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