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### Joppa Road/Cowenton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Receives 'Best of 2007' Award

**Baltimore, MD** – The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is pleased to announce the Joppa Road/Cowenton Avenue Bridge Replacement Project as the recipient of Mid-Atlantic Construction Magazine's 'Best of 2007' Bridge Award of Merit. The Joppa/Cowenton Bridge Replacement was the first contract to begin construction as part of the I-95 Express Toll Lanes<sup>SM</sup> (ETLs<sup>SM</sup>) Project.

The project was one of a record number of entries from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia. It stood out due to partnering among the contractor, construction inspection staff, designers and management; the competence exhibited by the contractor's supervision and workforce; and the safe and efficient implementation of maintenance of traffic and on-site safety practices throughout the life of the project.

"This project exemplifies a successful partnering effort," said Authority Executive Secretary Ronald L. Freeland. "I congratulate those individuals who built this quality project within budget and on schedule."

Work for the Joppa/Cowenton Bridge Replacement Project involves the complete removal and replacement of the Joppa Road Bridge and the Cowenton Avenue Bridge over I-95. Along with MDTA staff, team members included RK&K/URS – Joint Venture, GEC Partners (STV/Wilbur Smith/Parsons Brinkerhoff), G2C-Joint Venture (Gannett Fleming/Gleenman Pedersen/Construction Dynamics Group) and prime contractor Joseph B. Fay Company of Russellton, Pa., who utilized 25 subcontractors.

'Best of 2007' award recipients will be honored in the Winter 2007 issue of Mid-Atlantic Construction Magazine and during an awards ceremony on Dec. 14, 2007, in Baltimore, Md.

The I-95 ETLs Project spans from the I-95/I-895 split in northeast Baltimore to just north of MD 43 in White Marsh. Once complete, it will result in a total of two new ETLs and four general-purpose lanes in each direction that are accommodated by bridge and interchange improvements. Motorists will have the option of using the general-purpose lanes at no cost or paying a toll to use the ETLs, which will be managed to maintain relatively congestion-free traffic flow.

Find additional information, detour maps, live traffic images and the ETLs Project video at [www.I-95ExpressTollLanes.com](http://www.I-95ExpressTollLanes.com).

*The Maryland Transportation Authority is an independent State agency that finances, owns and operates the State's seven toll facilities. The Authority's eight Members, appointed by the Governor with consent of the State Senate, serve as the agency's policy-setting and governing body. Maryland's Secretary of Transportation serves as Authority Chairman.*

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