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**The American Concrete Institute Honors the
Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project with an Award**

JEFFERSON, La. – At a ceremony on February 19, 2010 The American Concrete Institute Louisiana Chapter presented the Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project with an Award of Excellence. The award was given in recognition of outstanding and innovative use of concrete products in Phase I – main support (piers) widening.

The main objective of Phase I was to widen the bridge substructure to accommodate for the attachment and addition of truss panels as well as 43-feet of bridge deck on each side of the existing structure. The substructure was modified and widened using reinforcing steel and concrete encasement around the four existing Mississippi River piers and one land pier. In the end, an estimated 16,544 cubic yards of concrete were used enough to fill five Olympic size pools.

The Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project is a TIMED (Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development) Program project. The TIMED Program was created by Act 16 of the 1989 Louisiana Legislature, was voted for by the people and is the single largest transportation program in state history. The \$5.2 billion improvement program includes widening 536 miles of state highways, new construction or improvements to three major bridges projects and the improvements to both the Port of New Orleans and the Louis Armstrong International Airport. The Program is designed to enhance economic development in Louisiana through an investment in transportation projects.



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As one of 16 TIMED projects, the completed Huey P. Long Bridge Widening Project will include three 11-foot lanes in each direction, along with new inside and outside shoulders across the bridge. The project also will include construction of new roadway approaches that will provide signalized intersections at Bridge City Avenue and Jefferson Highway. The entire project is scheduled to be complete by 2013.

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