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Wayne County Grosse Ile Bridge project wins state award

The Wayne County Grosse Ile Bridge rehabilitation project has been selected project of the year in the category "Structures \$5 Million to \$10 Million" by the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

In May of 2007, the Grosse Ile Bridge underwent major rehabilitation on the bridge deck. The \$5.7 million project included:

- New bridge deck
- New sidewalk, curbing, and guardrails
- Extensive work on structural steel below bridge deck
- Sandblasting and painting (new pieces)
- New parapet walls and aesthetic rails
- New concrete on the swing span and approaches to bridge
- Extensive electrical work
- Underwater inspection of the substructure was completed in October of 2008

The Engineering Division of the county Department of Public Services designed and oversaw the project.

"Wayne County personnel, contractors, and Grosse Ile Township all pulled together to complete this important project," said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "We are glad that the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works has acknowledged all the hard work."

The award will be presented at the APWA Annual State Conference on May 21, 2009 at Boyne Mountain Resort. The project is now eligible for the APWA National Awards competition with a recommendation from the Michigan Chapter.

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