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### PRESS RELEASE

## STEARNS ROAD BRIDGE CORRIDOR AWARDED FOR "PROJECT EXCELLENCE" BY APWA CHICAGO

At its March 24, 2011 Awards Luncheon, the American Public Works Association Chicago Metropolitan Chapter awarded the "Project Excellence Award" to Kane County for the Stearns Road Bridge Corridor Project.

Each year, the winner of the Project Excellence Award is selected from a list of award-winning projects in various project categories. The purpose of the award is to choose the Chicago Metro Project of the Year that defines excellence and the advancement of the profession of public works by the following criteria:

- Greatest impact on the future of public works
- Best innovative application of an existing or new technology
- On time, safe completion
- Best example of advancing the field of public works.

Director of Transportation, Carl Schoedel and his staff accepted the award on behalf of Kane County, noting:

"This project has been a labor of love for Kane County for the last two decades. It is very rewarding to be part of the team that finally opened this project to traffic last December. It's also gratifying to know that Kane County brought many needed jobs to the local economy at a time when jobs were very hard to come by. Kane County was ahead of the curve on 'Context Sensitive Solutions' before that phrase had even been coined – not only for our consideration of natural environmental features, but also the simpler things, such as the aesthetic details on the main bridge over the Fox River. With this project, more than 200 acres is set aside for open space or for environmental purposes. Much of that land will become Kane County Forest Preserve and will be an amenity for the community to enjoy in the future."

The APWA Chicago Metro Chapter has also nominated Stearns Road Bridge Corridor for the Project of the Year Award at the national level. A designated representative of the public agency, contractor, and consultant are presented a plaque at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition, and winners are featured in APWA publications.

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## **SCHOEDEL WINS APWA CHICAGO 2011 TOP TEN PUBLIC WORKS LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

At its March 24, 2011 Awards Luncheon, the American Public Works Association Chicago Metropolitan Chapter awarded the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award to Kane County Director of Transportation, Carl Schoedel.

The Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year program seeks to inspire excellence and dedication in public service by recognizing the outstanding career service achievements of individual public works professionals and officials, from both the public and private sectors. The primary focus of the award is on career service to the public works profession rather than on any one single event or project. This award recognizes career service accomplishments of public works professionals; candidates with a minimum of 10 years qualifying experience may be nominated and an individual can only receive the award once in his or her career.

Schoedel credited the both Kane County Board and his staff for the honor:

“Public Works is not an individual sport. The Board has been very forward thinking and has not shied away from monumental challenges, like the recently completed Stearns Road Bridge Corridor,” he said. Schoedel added, “I have been blessed to serve with a dedicated team. These people are my co-workers, my friends, and my mentors. They make my life easier every day.”

The APWA Chicago Metro Chapter has also nominated Mr. Schoedel for the Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award at the national level. The national award winners are presented with a plaque and recognized during the APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition which will be held in Denver, Colorado in September.