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ASCE names "Route 36 Highlands Bridge Project of the Year"

The New Jersey Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Board of Directors has voted to name NJDOT's "Route 36 Highlands Bridge over the Shrewsbury River" as the ASCE Section 2011 Project of the Year.

The award will be presented to NJDOT in May.

This \$124 million project replaced the existing double leaf bascule Route 36 bridge over the Shrewsbury River with a high level fixed structure that was constructed with a slight shift in the alignment to the south at the channel but meets the existing alignment at the east and west abutments in Highlands and Sea Bright Boroughs in Monmouth County. The new structure eliminated or reduced many substandard features such as bridge structural deficiencies, substandard design features, vehicle and marine traffic conflicts. The bridge deck was also widened to provide for a center median and shoulders.

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Route 36
Highlands Bridge

NJDOT Salutes Women's History Month

Tawakul Karman, Yemen

A 32-year-old mother of three and current Chair of Women Journalists Without Chains — a group that defends human rights and freedom of expression.

Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma



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Known as "the Lady", Suu Kyi has been the foremost leader in the effort to democratize Myanmar (formerly Burma) as well as a courageous advocate for human rights and peaceful revolution.

Golda Meir, Israel

Best known as Israel's Prime Minister during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Meir made her mark on the revolutionary Zionist movement during the pre-state period.

Susan B. Anthony, U.S.

In 1851, she met fellow women's-rights advocate Elizabeth Cady Stanton at the Seneca Falls Convention, and the outspoken duo began touring the country arguing the case for women's suffrage. In 1868 Anthony first published *The*

Anthony



Revolution, a women's-rights newspaper, and a year later she founded the National Woman's Suffrage Association.

Harriet Tubman, U.S.

An escaped slave, she was the first woman to lead a military expedition during the Civil War, liberating more than 700 slaves in South Carolina. Tubman ended her life of activism fighting for women's suffrage in New York.



Tubman

Milestone is reached in project to eliminate Marlton Circle

Route 73 overpass opened to northbound traffic

The New Jersey Department of Transportation recently announced a milestone has been reached in the ongoing Marlton Circle elimination project in Evesham, Burlington County.

The new Route 73 overpass that carries traffic over Route 70 opened to northbound traffic on Friday, March 18.

In addition, the left turn lane from Route 70 eastbound to Route 73 northbound was eliminated and replaced with a new traffic pattern using the right lane exit ramp to Route 73 northbound. Route 73 southbound will remain in the current traffic pattern.

The \$63 million interchange improvement project is eliminating the existing traffic circle and replacing it with a new overpass that elevates Route 73 over Route 70. The



Route 73 overpass, Evesham, Burlington County

two highways will be connected with new local exit and entrance ramps. The Marlton Circle elimination

project began in April 2009 and remains on schedule for completion in winter 2011.

Two NJDOTers take the Polar Plunge

Kurt McCoy, Regional Operations, took part in the Annual Polar Plunge in Seaside on February 26 to help raise money for the Special Olympics. Kurt's team theme was Alice in Wonderland.

Pete Horensky, Commissioner's office, also took part. He's been doing the event for the past 12 years. 3000 people raised \$1.5 million.



Kurt McCoy (kneeling) along with members of his yacht team.

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Construction began in 2008.

The project team included:

Dave Lambert, Program Manager;
Pankesh Patel, Project Manager; **Bob**

Kopf, Team Leader; **Greg Maryak**,
Field Manager; **David Wallis**,
Resident Engineer
The American Society of Civil

Engineers represents more than 140,000 civil engineers worldwide with 4,100 in New Jersey, and is America's oldest national engineering society.

Local author visits NJDOT

On February 23, 2011 Trenton-born author Sylvia Brown-Roberts visited the Department to sign her book and chat with the NJDOT Book Group who had chosen to read Brown-Roberts book for that month. *Behind Church Doors* was published in January 2010 and is a work of fiction, although many elements and characters portrayed in the novel are drawn from Brown-Roberts upbringing and experiences



Brown-Roberts and development of the protagonist in the story and a robust discussion ensued.

growing up in the church.

Everyone present at the gathering had questions for Brown-Roberts regarding the craft of writing

Everyone is looking forward to Brown-Roberts' second book which will be a continuation of the story which began in *Behind Church Doors* and revolves around the central figure of NikkiMac, a single, forty-year old, female Christian employed as an elementary school teacher. Brown-Roberts told the book group that her next book will be published in early 2012.

Obituaries

Retiree **Irwin F. Lawler** passed away on February 16, 2011. He was a Highway Foreman for 37 years until retiring in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann; his two nieces, Carol and Joyce; and a nephew, Howard.

Retiree **Charles L. Melillo** passed away on February 26, 2011. He was an Area Supervisor for Region 1, Maintenance and Construction Unit in Netcong. He retired in 1993, but remained active in the CWA Retirees Association and Friends of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Heritage Center. He is survived by his wife, Ann; his son, Michael; his daughter, Annette; and his grandchildren, Sarah and Michael.

Retiree **William J. Ehnot** passed away on February 27, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Elia; his son Michael; and his grandchildren Michael, Lauren and Ryan.

Employee **Susanta Datta** passed away on February 27, 2011. He was a Principal Engineer in Project Development. He is survived by his wife, Sharmila and his two children, Sanqita and Shounak.

Retiree **Vivian Vernon Higgins** passed away on March 2, 2011. She was a Principal Clerk. She is survived by her two sons, Frank and William, her seven grandchildren and her four great-grandchildren.

PEDI holds a Mentor/Mentee Training - Save the Date

On Monday, April 11, the Personal Exploration and Development Initiative (PEDI) will hold an informative program for Mentors and Mentees. If you are interested, in learning about mentoring, becoming a mentee, or just want to learn more about PEDI, join us with your brown bag lunch and enjoy some light snacks. Mark your calendar for the Multipurpose Room from 12 - 1 pm. Contact **Cora Sue Santopietro** for more information.