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Florida Department of Transportation’s I-4 Ultimate P3 Improvement Project Earns Envision® Platinum Sustainable Infrastructure Rating

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 11, 2017 – The I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project in central Florida earned the prestigious Envision Platinum recognition from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) for its sustainability efforts of environmental, social and economic impact on the community and the 21-mile I-4 reconstruction project. This is the first project in Florida to receive recognition from ISI’s Envision sustainable infrastructure rating system.

“We are so excited to receive the Envision Platinum recognition for the efforts of the entire I-4 Ultimate Improvement team to protect the environment from water to wildlife to air quality, while creating a signature corridor for the entire region,” said I-4 Ultimate Construction Program Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Loreen Bobo, P.E. “The Envision award shows that sustainability goals are achievable alongside other primary missions of our agency to enhance the economic prosperity and preserve the quality of our environment and communities.”

The I-4 Mobility Partners (I-4MP), the public-private partnership (P3) rebuilding Interstate 4 through Central Florida, earned the Envision Platinum award for its ongoing programs to minimize environmental impacts, including relocating protected wildlife, using efficient machinery, controlling stormwater runoff, planting non-invasive vegetation, and recycling 99 percent of the concrete and steel removed from roads and bridges. The project also facilitates the use of alternative transportation by integrating rail projects and improving pedestrian crossings and connections with bike trails.

The I-4 Ultimate Project involves the reconstruction of 21 miles of roadway infrastructure from west of Kirkman Road in Orange County through Downtown Orlando, extending to the east of State Road 434 in Seminole County. The project is expected to transform the region by better connecting communities, improving the local economy and enhancing livability for residents. One of the most important benefits will be the improvement of traffic flow by easing congestion with the addition of four new variable toll express lanes and the reconstruction of 15 major interchanges, which includes widening 13 bridges, replacing 74 bridges and adding 53 new bridges, along with a pedestrian overpass on Kirkman Road and a signature pedestrian bridge at Maitland interchange. When complete, the project will provide a visually appealing signature corridor with bold landscaping, accent lighting, enhanced bridge architecture and other aesthetic features.
Several industry leaders formed the I-4MP team to design, build, finance and operate the project through a 40-year P3 concession agreement with a total design and construction cost of $2.32 billion dollars.

The members of the I-4MP team include:
- Skanska Infrastructure Development (Equity Member)
- John Laing Investments Limited (Equity Member)
- SGL Constructors (SGL) - Construction Joint Venture – Skanska (Lead Joint Venture Partner) Granite Construction Company and the Lane Construction Corporation
- Design Joint Venture – HDR and Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.
- Infrastructure Corporation of America (Lead Operations and Maintenance Firm)

“Since day one, our entire team has been committed to achieving the highest standards for sustainable infrastructure under Envision,” said Sal Taddeo, Chief Operating Officer East, Skanska USA Civil. “Our goal is to deliver one of the country’s most complex roadway projects, while reaching a top level of sustainable infrastructure performance that can serve as a role model for other projects of its kind.”

With this recognition, I-4 Ultimate stands to be one of the largest Envision-verified projects. “I-4 Ultimate’s successful implementation of the Envision system proves that building sustainable roadway projects can create significant benefits for the environment and our communities, while serving as a step forward for future infrastructure projects in the nation and beyond,” CEO of I4MP, Wim De Smet added.

Created in 2012 through collaboration between ISI and the Zofnass Program for Sustainable Infrastructure at Harvard University Graduate School of Design, the Envision system rates the impact of sustainable infrastructure projects as a whole. The system measures sustainability in five categories: Quality of Life, Leadership, Natural World, Resource Allocation, and Climate and Risk. These key areas contribute to the positive social, economic and environmental impacts on a community.

“Designing sustainable infrastructure is not achieved by accident. It cannot be an afterthought, especially on a project as complex and far-reaching as I-4 Ultimate,” said Charles O’Reilly, HDR transportation group president. “Florida DOT’s commitment to sustainably connected communities, improved economies and enhanced livability has been there since the beginning. This Envision Platinum rating is the result. We are proud to be a part of the team that made it possible and to add a sixth Envision-verified project to our portfolio.”

The I-4 Ultimate Project received high scores in the Quality of Life, Leadership, and Natural World categories. Key accomplishments include:

**Quality of Life (QL):** The I-4 Ultimate is designed to add public gathering spaces in a way that significantly enhances community livability. The goal of I-4 Ultimate is to create a signature corridor that connects communities divided by the original I-4 project, improves economies and enhances livability throughout the region, and is designed to reflect the best of Central Florida’s local context, history, unique community character, and landscaping.

Although primarily a highway project, the I-4 Ultimate encourages alternative modes of transportation. The project is designed to enhance public transportation facilities and to implement programs to encourage the use of public transportation, as well as non-motorized transportation. It will also rehabilitate pathways, bikeways, trails and pedestrian bridges, and will integrate well with local transit,
such as the SunRail commuter rail system and LYNX, Orlando’s local bus service. A $750,000 fund is being established to promote alternative modes of transportation during construction.

The project team has further demonstrated its commitment to connecting communities and providing for safe, non-vehicular traffic by including an Alternative Technical Concept (ATC) to build an extra pedestrian overpass bridge over Kirkman Road at the major intersection entrance to Universal Studios.

Leadership (LD): Sustainability is an important factor to FDOT and is a core value of the consortium of partners who are working collaboratively to design and deliver this project, including HDR and SGL Constructors, as well as Skanska, the lead contractor. A sustainability agenda created early in the process provided the foundation on which the project is being built to meet FDOT’s sustainability goals. This sustainability agenda includes social priorities such as health and safety, community involvement and business ethics; environmental priorities, including energy, carbon, materials, water and local impacts; and economic priorities such as project selection criteria, supply chain management and value added to society.

The project management plan developed to guide the design, construction, financing, maintenance and operation of the I-4 Ultimate led to effective coordination and collaboration between the owner and project team, which will help to spur innovation, mitigate risk, enhance teamwork and promote open communications throughout the life of the project.

Natural World (NW): The project team developed a comprehensive Contamination Management Plan and Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plan to prevent pollutants from the project from contaminating soils, surface water, and groundwater. The project team is also remediating areas of contamination within the project’s right-of-way to prevent future contamination. Four underground storage tanks and 145 tons of petroleum impacted soils and debris have been removed from the project site.

The project team is committed to controlling invasive species by removing existing invasive species along the project’s right-of-way and selecting locally appropriate, non-invasive plants for landscaping along the project corridor. The project team is also committed to maintaining wetland and surface water functions by enhancing hydrologic connections and water quality, improving riparian habitats and maintaining sediment transport.

“ISI is pleased to present FDOT with the Envision Platinum award for sustainable infrastructure,” said ISI President and CEO John Stanton. “The I-4 Ultimate project is an exemplary sustainable transportation project that will help shape the identity of the Central Florida region for decades to come.”

To learn more about the I-4 Ultimate Improvement Project, please visit http://i4ultimate.com.

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