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**CSAH 42-SEGMENT 8 FINAL DESIGN PROJECT HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN
ENGINEERING**

Dakota County and Scott County were awarded the Project of the Year Award from the County Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) on January 19, 2010 as part of the County Engineer's Association of Minnesota Annual Conference. Entries were judged on the unique design characteristics and design innovations of the project, environmental considerations, community relations and public involvement throughout the course of the project, construction management and scheduling, unusual accomplishments achieved under adverse conditions, and safety performance during construction.

County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 42 is a Principal Arterial Highway carrying over 40,000 vehicles per day, while serving as the main east-west arterial roadway through the center of Dakota County and northern Scott County. The project included capacity expansion from four lanes to six lanes, access consolidation and local route improvements, bridge replacement, and trail enhancements within the cities of Burnsville and Savage.

The total project cost was \$26.8 million, which included \$19.6 million for the CSAH 42 portion of the improvements and \$7.2 million for the supporting roadways. These figures include construction and right-of-way costs. Creative financing was utilized by the County Engineers and included Federal STP solicited process and federal earmarks, CSAH and MSA funding, city and county assessments and levy budgeted funds, Tax Increment financing, and Local Road Improvement Program –Roads of Regional Importance funding.

Dakota County selected Bolton & Menk, Inc. to develop the detailed design plans for the expansion. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is a professional engineering consultant with offices in eight Minnesota locations, including Burnsville. These services were performed out of the firm's Burnsville office.

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