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Mayor Fenty and DDOT Announce Contractor for the 11th Street Bridges Design-Build Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Director Gabe Klein, on Friday proudly announced the District's selection of Skanska/Facchina as the winning proposer for the 11th Street Bridge Design-Build Project.

The 11th Street Bridges project will be the largest construction project in DDOT's history. The \$300 million project will spur economic development opportunities along the Anacostia River, supporting and enhancing the vision of the Anacostia Waterfront as a world class destination of neighborhoods, cultural destinations and parks. The project will provide better regional connections, as the new freeway bridge will connect the Anacostia Freeway and the Southeast Freeway, providing the missing movements to and from the Anacostia Freeway to the north and eliminating cut-through neighborhood traffic.

The local bridge will improve neighborhood-to-neighborhood connectivity. The project will provide a neighborhood level connection between Historic Anacostia and Capitol Hill, including the Navy Yard, the Marine Barracks, Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, and Anacostia Park. Bicycle and pedestrian access across the River will be accomplished by means of the local bridge. Streetcar tracks will be laid across the local bridge providing an important transit linkage between neighborhoods. The separate bridges for arterial local traffic and freeway traffic will also eliminate the dangerous merging and weaving maneuvers that are currently required when local traffic is forced to use the freeway to cross the river.

"This is a great example of how we can leverage our resources to provide safer and more efficient travel for both local traffic and commuter traffic on a major transportation artery in the District," Mayor Fenty said. "Skanska/Facchina is a great team and we are looking forward to working with them," said DDOT Director Klein. "We are confident they have the talent, innovation and resources to get the project done within budget and on time," Klein added.

Four years ago, DDOT told District residents that the bridge reconstruction would occur within five years. With the successful selection of a design-build team, DDOT can now move forward with this project, keeping the promise made to the District. The design-build represents 90% of the original scope as it was laid out in the preferred alternative which was estimated to cost up to \$459M.

Reconstruction of the bridges and associated interchange improvements are anticipated to begin in mid-2009 and be completed by mid-2013. When construction is completed, three new bridges will remain, all having a design life of 75 years. A new local bridge will feature bicycle and pedestrians accommodations along with streetcar tracks for improved transit accommodations.

The District utilized an innovative approach called *Design-Build-to-Budget* procurement to replace the 11th Street Bridges. This is the first time that this process was used in the District. *Design-Build* is a process in which design and construction are performed by an



integrated team of a construction contractor and designer (design-build team). This method provides increased opportunities for creativity and flexibility, and allows fast-track construction, where construction can begin almost immediately after the project is awarded. *Design-Build-to-Budget* is a refinement of the Design-Build process that promotes innovative methods to maximize project goals within a fixed budget. DDOT selected the *Design-Build-to-Budget* method for the 11th Street Bridges project based on its successful use around the country. Today's announcement culminates in a successful *Design-Build-to-Budget* process for the District.

For more information about the 11th Street Bridge Design-Build project, visit www.theanacostiawaterfront.com.