

**Press Release****NEW DALLAS LANDMARK REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE*****First Arch of Santiago Calatrava-Designed Margaret McDermott Bridges Tops Off***

New York, NY (September 2, 2015) – On Saturday, August 22, the first arch of the Santiago Calatrava-designed Margaret McDermott Bridges was completed, marking a significant milestone in the Dallas-Fort Worth region’s Horseshoe Project. Located in Dallas, the Margaret McDermott Bridges are a major component of the city’s urban revitalization efforts, linking the city’s two riverbanks to ultimately transform the Trinity River into a central gathering place.

Today, the Eastbound Bridge Arch soars 275 feet above Interstate 30, a critical thoroughfare at the heart of the project. The two arches and roadway extensions are set to be completed during the summer of 2017. The last arch piece, which was lifted roughly 28 stories on August 22, is approximately 1024 feet long and weighs about 200 tons.

These new routes over the Margaret McDermott Bridge will provide pedestrians, bicyclists and cars access over the Trinity River. The Bridge, which costs \$113 million, is part of the enormous \$798 million Dallas Horseshoe Project, which tackles both the city’s infrastructure needs and improves traffic flow to the heart of Dallas’ downtown. When the project is complete, drivers will have a safer, larger



roadway with more mobility through the city's center. Improvements include widening Interstate 30 and I-35E to have 13 lanes and 10 shoulders. This comes at a time when far too many cities and states are not investing in their roadways and bridges.

The Margaret McDermott Bridge is set to have a steel arch span of roughly 1200 feet, the fourth longest arch span in the U.S. only behind West Virginia's New River Gorge Bridge, New York and New Jersey's Bayonne Bridge and Oregon's Fremont Bridge.

The project will also have a second, identical arch on the north side of Interstate 30 when finished.

The bridge is named in honor of longtime Dallas philanthropist Margaret McDermott, who together with her late husband Eugene McDermott, co-founder of Geophysical Service Inc., which later became Texas Instruments, has been dedicated to civic, cultural and educational endeavors across the region. This gift of bridge design was given through The Trinity Trust Foundation located in Dallas.

When Mr. Calatrava was first commissioned to design a signature bridge for Dallas, he saw it as an opportunity to rethink the city's riverfront. The Trinity River Implementation Plan originated when the City of Dallas asked Santiago Calatrava to propose the design for a single bridge, to be built as a highway extension. Mr. Calatrava responded with a more ambitious idea: to transform the neglected Trinity River in downtown Dallas into a green parkway served by a new transportation node. Mr. Calatrava's proposal called for a series of new bridges, as well as parks, lakes, access points to the park and recreational amenities along the Trinity River.

For the entire duration of construction of the Margaret McDermott Bridge, Interstate 30 main lines have remained open.

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