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(left to right) Doug Fischer, Anoka County Engineer; Chris Byrd, Benton County Engineer

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### Publicity and Publications

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Benton County received the 2017 Project of the Year Award from the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA) for its CSAH 3 “Up the Hill” Project. Chris Byrd, Benton County Engineer, was recognized at the MCEA annual award banquet on January 16, 2018.

The project included the reconstruction and widening of CSAH 3 to four lanes from the Sauk Rapids Bridge in downtown Sauk Rapids to US Highway 10, and included construction of new roundabouts at the intersections with two city streets. The widening necessitated the acquisition of 19 homes and relocation of those residents, as well as relocation of city utilities. The project also included the construction of a six foot wide sidewalk on one side of the corridor and a ten foot wide multi-use trail on the other to provide multi-modal traffic with a much needed connection between the residential and commercial areas of Sauk Rapids. Traffic was carried throughout construction to maintain access to businesses and homes along the corridor.

MCEA members are county engineers from each of Minnesota’s 87 counties who work to promote their profession and uphold the engineering code of ethics.