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## **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ROUNABOUT/PARKWAY WINS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Roundabout/Parkway won the First Place Award for Paving at the 27th Annual Excellence in Concrete Awards Banquet held in Portland on April 27. The awards are given out annually by the Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association for projects constructed in the state during the preceding year. The awards highlight excellence in design and construction, which utilize concrete in a wide variety of different applications. The roundabout/parkway was selected as recipient for the top award in the paving category for its innovative design, aesthetics and quality of craftsmanship. "I want to applaud Lane County's Public Works Department, the City of Springfield and other agencies for their work on this project and congratulate them on the recognition of those efforts," said Commissioner Bill Dwyer.

Individual awards were given out to members of the design and construction team, which include the following:

- Owner/Developer                      City of Springfield
- Structural Engineer                    Lane County Public Works Department
- General Contractor                    Delta Sand & Gravel
- Ready Mix Supplier                     Eugene Sand & Gravel

The roundabout was constructed as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway project, which now connects the Gateway area to downtown Springfield and will provide direct access to the

new Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend scheduled to open in the summer of 2008. The roundabout connects the new parkway with Hayden Bridge Way, Pioneer Parkway East and West, with a link to Wayside Loop, without the need for a traffic signal. The roundabout was selected at this location to increase safety, reduce operation and maintenance costs, reduce fuel consumption and air pollution (or you could say “reduced impact on the environment”) and increase intersection capacity.

"This project is a good example of the strong partnership which exists between the City of Springfield and Lane County," said Mayor, Sid Leiken. The design and construction of the parkway project represents more than five years of dedication and hard work by Martin Luther King Team made up of dedicated professionals from both the City of Springfield and Lane County. The Lane County Board of Commissioners dedicated \$5.4 million toward the construction of this new arterial.

