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West Haven Station Project Named APWA 2014 Public Works Project of the Year

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The West Haven Station Project in West Haven, CT was recently named a 2014 Public Works Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association (APWA). APWA selected Public Works Projects of the Year for 2014 in five categories: Disaster/Emergency, Environment, Historical Restoration, Structures and Transportation. The West Haven Station project is being honored in the Structures category - costing more than \$75 million. This year, the team of winners includes the Connecticut Department of Transportation as the managing agency; and Manafort Brothers, Inc. as the primary contractor; with VHB as the primary consultant, who will all be presented with the award during APWA’s 2014 International Public Works Congress & Exposition Awards Ceremony in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during August 17-20, 2014.

The APWA Public Works Projects of the Year awards are presented annually to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects, recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, contractor, consultant and their cooperative achievements.

The new West Haven Station represents the City of West Haven’s transportation goals and the public’s support to invest in transit projects. Long recognizing the need to develop a new infill commuter rail station along the heavily traveled MTA-Metro North Railroad’s New Haven Line (NHML) between Milford and New Haven, the Connecticut Department of Transportation retained VHB for planning and engineering services. The \$103 million project includes two 12-car, high-level covered platforms, service station building, at-grade parking for 650 vehicles with infrastructure in place to support structured parking, an accessible, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian bridge connecting the eastbound and westbound platforms, site access improvements for pedestrians and vehicles, and accommodation of intermodal connections.

The station also includes a full roster of modern amenities, including benches, lighting, overpass, artwork, covered waiting areas, bicycle racks, concession stand areas and an ADA-compliant station building with restrooms. Additionally, the facility is wired up with the latest technology for customers, such as an electronic kiosk, closed-circuit security cameras, and PA system. There are also ticket machines on each platform for convenient and fast ticket purchases.

This project encompassed additional services beyond transit and rail engineering, including infrastructure systems and required planning and designing a smarter, more sustainable transportation network to serve not only the local community, but the regional community as a whole. The success of the new West Haven Commuter Rail Station project and realization of the economic and environmental benefits associated with it required leadership, partnerships, commitment, and long-term planning.

For more information on the APWA 2014 Projects of the Year, please contact APWA Media Relations/Communications Manager, Laura Bynum, lbynum@apwa.net, or call 202.218.6736.

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