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**Media Advisory**

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Planned for the Pedestrian Bridge over I-64 in East St. Louis, IL

*New Pedestrian Facility is One of the First Major Projects Associated with the New Mississippi River Bridge Project to be completed in Illinois*

EAST ST. LOUIS – Federal, state and local officials will gather on Friday, October 8th at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the new pedestrian bridge over I-64 in East St. Louis, IL. This new pedestrian facility was designed to maximize pedestrian safety and maintain and restore accessibility within residential areas of the city. It is one of the first major projects associated with the New Mississippi River Bridge (MRB) project in Illinois to be completed.

WHO:
Jerry F. Costello, U.S. Congressman
Jay Hoffman, Illinois State Representative
Eddie Lee Jackson, Illinois State Representative
James F. Clayborne, Jr., Illinois State Senator
Mark Kern, St. Clair County Executive
Alvin Parks, Mayor City of East St. Louis

WHAT:
Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new pedestrian bridge over I-64 in East St. Louis, IL.

WHEN:
Friday, October 8, 2010, 1:30 p.m.

WHERE:
15th Street and St. Clair Avenue East St. Louis, IL
*Event on the south landing of the pedestrian bridge.

Driving Directions:
From St. Louis:
- Take eastbound Interstate 64 to the 15th Street exit
- At top of the ramp, turn right onto 15th Street
- Go one block, turn right onto Pennsylvania
- Follow Pennsylvania to 14th Street, turn right

From Illinois:
- Take westbound Interstate 64 to Baugh Avenue exit
- Follow Baugh Avenue to 9th Street, turn left
- Go one block, turn left onto St. Clair Avenue
- Follow St. Clair Avenue to 15th Street, turn right
- Go one block, turn right onto Pennsylvania
- Follow Pennsylvania to 14th Street, turn right

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