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Mayor Bernero Honors Three Local Students

Three Lansing students took top honors for their entries in the City of Lansing's logo design contest at a ceremony hosted by Mayor Virg Bernero on October 18, 2007.

Lansing Everett High School's Dennis Moreno took first place; Queen Umeana, a local online-college student, took second; and David Kone of Lansing Catholic Central High School won third prize.

Participants at the awards luncheon, held at Troppo restaurant on Washington Square, also included Lansing Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. T.C. Wallace Jr., Lansing Catholic Central Principal, Tom Maloney, and Everett High School newspaper adviser, Chad Sanders.

The contest encouraged local students to create a logo to reflect the City's commitment to environmental protection.

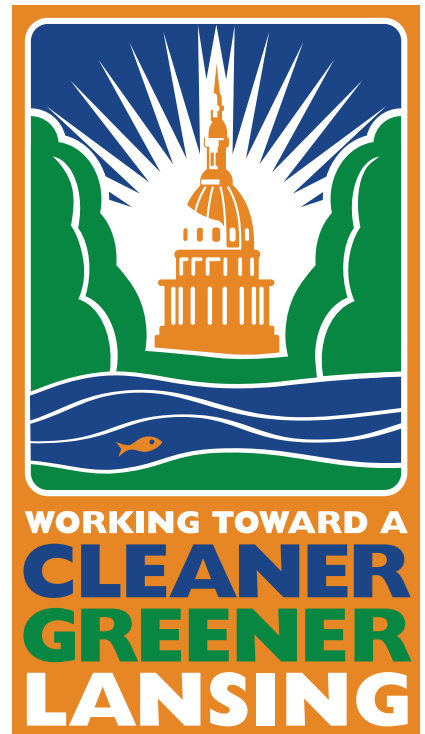
Twenty-eight entries were received and the three winners were selected by Chad Gamble, Director of Public Services; Matt Flechter, Public Service Board; and Susan Franklin and Melissa Collingham of Tetra Tech.

Aspects of the winning designs were combined into a single logo (see right) with the caption "Working Toward a Cleaner Greener Lansing." In addition, the first-place winner's concept was transformed into the masthead for this Construction Observer newsletter.

Congratulations to Dennis Moreno, Queen Umeana, and David Kone for their creative talents!



Left to right: Chad Gamble, first place winner, Dennis Moreno, and Mayor Bernero



CSO Project Construction Updates

Downtown - Kalamazoo and Seymour Streets

Traffic Updates:

- Access to all Washington Square and Kalamazoo Street businesses is being maintained throughout construction, so please continue to patronize these businesses.
- Seymour Street has been base paved and is open to traffic.
- Washtenaw Street is closed to thru traffic until the week of October 29.
- One lane on Grand Avenue will be maintained if at all possible during work at the Kalamazoo Street intersection.

Progress Report:

- Adjusted manholes and performed parkway restoration along Seymour Street.
- The siphon chamber work is completed with the exception of removing interior materials and re-establishing flow.
- Kalamazoo Street has been rebuilt to gravel grade from the bridge to Grand Avenue and from Grand Avenue to Washington.
- Concrete and gravel work is done on the west side of Kalamazoo Street at Capitol.
- Curb and gutter is installed in the Capitol/Kalamazoo Street intersection.
- Curb and gutter installation has commenced on Kalamazoo Street from the bridge to Grand Avenue.
- The underground casing pipe in Kalamazoo Street between Capitol and Washington has been filled with grout.
- Brick paver replacement in the Kalamazoo/Washington intersection is approximately 25% complete.

023 – Michigan Avenue and Side Streets

Traffic Updates:

- Final paving of Michigan Avenue, Pennsylvania Street, Larch Street, and Cedar Street has been completed.
- All side streets are paved and open to traffic.



*Downtown pave and manhole
on Seymour Street and Ionia*



*Downtown Kalamazoo
base pave east of
Capitol Avenue*



*Final pave
on Larch Street*

Progress Report:

- Final pavement markings on Michigan Avenue, Pennsylvania Street, Larch Street, and Cedar Street will be installed this week.
- Video inspection and repair of storm sewers was performed.
- Pressure testing and grouting was completed on some sewers.

020 – Shiawassee and Pennsylvania Area*Traffic Updates:*

- Shiawassee Street has been final paved and pavement markings have been applied. It now is open to traffic.
- Side streets are open to traffic with the exception of Vine Street.

Progress Report:

- Road removal was completed for intersection drainage at Eighth Street and Jerome Street.
- Sanitary services completed on Haag Court.
- Sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main are complete on Vine Street. Water service leads are 50% complete.
- All manholes were adjusted and are ready for final pavement on Genesee Street and Dorrance Street.



*Final pave at Genesee Street
and Dorrance Street*

013 Northwest – Turner Street and Carrier Street Area*Traffic Updates:*

- All streets have been paved and are opened to traffic.

Progress Report:

- Base paving completed on Howe Street, Felt Street, and Paulson Street.
- Asphalt, concrete, and gravel drive approaches have been completed.
- Parkway restoration is underway.
- Curb, gutter, and sidewalk have been removed and storm sewer completed in the Turner Street and Carrier Street intersection. Concrete restoration is underway.



*Catch basin and restoration
on Carrier Street*



Base pave on Oakland Avenue

018 Southeast – Oakland Avenue/Pennsylvania Avenue Area

Traffic Updates:

- Oakland Avenue has been base paved and will be open to traffic after final paving and pavement markings have been completed the week of October 29.
- Two-way traffic has been established on Pennsylvania Avenue near Oakland Avenue.

Progress Report:

- Oakland Avenue has been base paved and the parkway restoration is complete. Sewers have been televised, manholes have been raised, and manhole channels are complete. Concrete curb and gutter, drives and sidewalk is expected to be completed this week.
- All underground work is complete on Farrand Street and Ballard Street. Both streets have been built to gravel grade and curb and gutter have been installed.
- On Porter Street from Ballard Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, concrete work is done and curb and gutter installed.
- On Porter Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Johnson Street, sanitary sewer main is complete, the water main is in, and all but two tie-ins are done.
- Sewer spot repairs were completed on Johnson Street.
- Base paving on Farrand Street, Ballard Street, and Porter Street (from Ballard Street to Pennsylvania Avenue) will be completed by the week of October 29.

013 West - Gier Neighborhood

Traffic Updates:

- All streets are final paved and open to traffic.

Progress Report:

- Concrete pedestrian ramp replacement completed.
- A fire hydrant was relocated at Randolph Street and Creston Street.
- Manholes were completed and air-tested.
- Parkway restoration is complete.
- Sidewalk replacement on Jackson Street is complete.



Final pave Randolph Street



Other Lansing Area Construction Project Updates

Michigan Avenue “Streetscape” Project

The rain gardens on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Larch Street and Pennsylvania Avenue are complete and ready for spring 2008 planting.

The rain gardens on the south side have been constructed and the engineered soil has been placed. Fencing will be installed in November and planting will take place in spring 2008. The sidewalk and brickwork is now complete.

The traffic circle at the Michigan Avenue and Washington Avenue intersection is complete and open to traffic.

Work in front of the Lansing Center, including streetscape and a new snow melt system will be completed by November 16.

Streetscape work has started in front of the Stadium District (south side of the 500 block of E. Michigan Avenue). Construction continues on the south side of Michigan Avenue from Cedar Street to the Grand River. Pedestrian access will be maintained in this area. Sidewalk and brick work will be completed by November 16.

This is YOUR newsletter!
Any comments or suggestions are welcomed and encouraged!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to Alec Malvetis, Assistant City Engineer/CSO Project Manager at amalveti@ci.lansing.mi.us.

Please feel free to forward the newsletter on to others who may be interested.



Dan Danke, City Engineer, sweeping up the traffic circle area at Washington Square and Michigan Avenue



This is a significant legacy in infrastructure improvements and water quality protection we are giving future generations, and we should be proud!