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FINAL FLOODWAY BRIDGE CONTRACTS AWARDED

Construction Begins On Both Projects Worth Approximately \$25 Million

Today, the Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) announced the successful bidders on the two final bridge contracts on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project.

“Today’s announcement represents a major achievement for the floodway project,” said Ernie Gilroy, CEO of the MFA. “By bringing floodway expansion in under budget, we have been provided an opportunity to replace both of these bridges.” Gilroy noted that over the course of the floodway project, a total of eight highway and railway bridges are being replaced.

The tenders awards announced today are:

- **Tender T17 – Construction of the PTH 44 Highway Bridge** – PCL Constructors Canada Ltd. is awarded the contract estimated at \$14.7 million to construct a new bridge over the floodway on PTH 44, associated road works on PTH 44 and PR 204, demolition of the existing bridge, and upgrades to Rockhaven Road. Safety improvements included in the contract include upgrades to Rockhaven Road and PTH 44 and PR 204 interchanges.
- **Tender T18 – Construction of the PTH 15 Highway Bridge** – MD Steele Construction Ltd. is awarded the contract estimated at \$10.8 million to construct a new bridge over the floodway on PTH 15, associated road works, and the demolition of the existing bridge. Safety improvements included in the contract include replacing the existing two-lane structure with a new three-lane structure including a designated turning lane and the inclusion of a raised bridge median.

During construction, minimal traffic disruptions are anticipated as the existing bridges will continue to be operational as construction on the new bridges is underway. Work on both bridges recently began and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2010. Gilroy noted that work on CP Keewatin Railway Bridge and the CP Emerson Railway Bridge is also nearing completion.

Construction on the Red River Floodway Expansion Project was officially kicked off on September 23, 2005. To date, 100 companies have been working on the project and over 2000 people have been employed on the project.

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