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VERNON AVENUE BRIDGE RE-OPENS

After eleven months of construction, the Vernon Avenue Bridge project is completed, and the bridge reopened to traffic on June 5, 2009. This project is part of several bridge reconstruction projects currently underway. Its successful completion reflects the commitment made by Mayor Jason L. McCoy's Administration to ensure the safety of the Town's bridges.

This bridge is located along one of the major routes from Rt. 30 to Rockville and carries approximately 2,500 vehicles per day. The existing bridge was built in 1925. The concrete walls along the bridge were constructed utilizing a technique that simulates the appearance of actual stone masonry construction. The result is a new bridge that will serve as an impressive gateway to the center of Rockville for many years to come.

The total construction cost for the bridge was \$1,084,000, with eighty percent of the project funded through federal monies, and the balance funded by the Town. Milone & MacBroom from Cheshire, CT served as designer and construction inspector, with general contract work completed by Hemlock Construction in Torrington, CT. This project was administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the bridge on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 6:30 PM. Several dignitaries including Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town council members will attend.