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## **Knox EPW team helps save \$500K on FY11 capital projects**

*Knoxville, Tenn.* — Knox County Engineering and Public Works capital project inspectors' hard work paid off in Fiscal Year 2011, resulting in more than a half million dollars in savings after eight of the projects they oversaw came in under budget. The per-project savings ranged from just under budget—\$0.46 for the Mascot Bridge project—to more than \$170,000 on Nubbin Ridge Rd. In all, eight FY2011 projects came in \$560,309.32 under budget.

“I am very proud of Capital Projects Manager Ben White and Capital Projects Inspector Chris Sivyer for making sure that these projects were completed efficiently and under budget,” Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett said. “These two guys are good examples of the hard working people who work for Knox County.”

Mayor Burchett visited Engineering and Public Works last week to personally thank White and Sivyer.

Capital project inspectors' duties include inspecting job sites where contractors are doing work on behalf of Knox County Engineering and Public Works, or where new roads and right-of-ways, which will eventually be turned over to Knox County, are being built on private property.

“For the contractors and sub contractors, Chris and I are the face of Knox County,” White said. “We’re not perfect, but we do the best we can. Every day is going to be different; every day is a different challenge. I just want to be sure that we are being good stewards of taxpayers’ dollars.”

Capital projects inspectors work with contractors to minimize costly change orders and ensure that road work being done meets federal, state and local standards.

“We like to call it ‘value engineering,’” Sivyer said. “There are ways that we can save taxpayer money, and we want to make sure that we are doing that whenever we can. It also goes back to working hard to maintain the integrity of each project.”

In addition to the Mascot Bridge and Nubbin Ridge Rd. projects, the other projects that came in under budget include Gallaher Rd. at Gleason, Dutchtown Rd., National Drive, the Washington Pike Bridge, Parkside Drive at Hayfield and new sidewalks along Carter School Rd.

“I want to go back and drive these roads 20 or 25 years from now and be able to say that they are still good, well-built roads,” White said.

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## Capital Projects FY11

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<i>Project</i>	<i>Contract \$</i>	<i>Completion \$</i>	<i>Cost Savings \$</i>
Mascot Bridge	\$390,959.30	\$390,958.84	\$0.46
Gallaher / Gleason	\$2,881,989.00	\$2,714,246.69	\$167,742.31
Dutchtown / Innovation	\$584,933.00	\$517,322.29	\$67,610.71
Nubbin Ridge	\$633,570.91	\$460,807.69	\$172,763.22
National Drive	\$78,396.00	\$56,187.12	\$22,208.88
Washington Pk Bridge	\$537,043.00	\$465,318.88	\$71,724.12
Parkside / Hayfield	\$481,899.38	\$430,584.19	\$51,315.19
Carter School Sidewalks	\$78,493.95	\$71,549.52	\$6,944.43
	\$5,667,284.54	\$5,106,975.22	\$560,309.32

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