

New Kenneth F. Burns Memorial Bridge between Worcester, Shrewsbury named Project of the Year

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WORCESTER - The American Public Works Association has named the replacement of the Kenneth F. Burns Memorial Bridge as "Public Works Project of the Year."

The bridge over Lake Quinsigamond that connects Shrewsbury and Worcester was officially opened in November 2015, four months ahead of schedule and \$5 million under the \$110 million budget.

The former bridge was 99 years old and the new construction expanded it to include additional travel and bicycle lanes along with aesthetic features, including metal sails and under-lighting.

"We are grateful to the American Public Works Association for recognizing this project," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack. "The Burns Bridge is an example of how MassDOT is approaching new construction with the priority of building projects to take into consideration all modes of transportation and also the needs of the surrounding community. The people who use our infrastructure are the central focus of how we are building our infrastructure."

The bridge was part of MassDOT's Accelerated Bridge Program.

A time-lapse video, created by [EarthCam's](#) HD construction camera, was released last month showing the 39 months of construction from August 2012 to November 2015.