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**TUNNEL UNDER M-57 IN GREENVILLE NAMED AN ‘ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT’**

*Project recognized by civil engineering society.*

GRAND RAPIDS, July 6, 2011. Greenville’s new pedestrian tunnel under M-57 has received the *2011 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award* from the Michigan Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The new handicap-accessible tunnel is the final link in Greenville’s 6.5-mile Fred Meijer Flat River Trail, which circles the city and includes a spectacular, three-mile-long stretch next to the scenic Flat River.

The 150-foot concrete tunnel is 16 feet wide and 12 feet tall. It passes under M-57 in Greenville at the intersection with Maplewood. The tunnel includes concrete traffic-safety barriers on the road above to keep pedestrians safe, and electronic aluminum gates at each end of the tunnel to close it during the night. Prein&Newhof designed the tunnel and assisted Greenville’s staff during its construction.

The tunnel is decorated with 530 tiles hand-made by local artists of all ages. The tiles depict Greenville’s history and include impressions of items take from archeological digs in the area.

The new tunnel, cost about \$1.4 million and was funded by MDOT grants, the Meijer Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, and Greenville’s Capital Improvements Fund.

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