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Dear James:

The I-64 Rehabilitation Project was an extraordinary undertaking both by the Cabinet and the Contractors. A total road closure coupled with the mandate to "Get in, Get out, Stay out" put pressure on all concerned to perform at peak efficiency and required maximum effort.

In my 19-year career, I have seen and have been associated with many projects that I consider to have been excellently planned, well executed, and the finished product to be of excellent quality. This project, however, stands out from any other I have been associated with. A lot of it has to do with seeing a complex project come off with the impression that this type of construction approach is "old hat." Part of it is also the fact that the end product is simply eye popping. To achieve all of this, not only was the prime contractor, Gohmann Asphalt & Construction, performing at peak levels so was each and every subcontractor involved.

While virtually no highway project let can be completed without the involvement of subcontractors, this project pushed subcontractors into what I felt were non-traditional roles. Here, there was no margin for error on your part. If Hydro-Technologies Inc failed to perform it didn't mean just an extra day or two to get their work completed. It could have meant a delay in opening the roadway on Monday and the ramifications would have been severe for the whole project team. On this project, I witnessed a total commitment to the project goal and pride in seeing your part done to the highest standard possible.

After reflecting on the completed project, I felt it necessary to somehow express not only the Cabinet's pride in your accomplishment but also my personal appreciation for a job well done. Therefore, I have made an appreciation plaque inset with one of the Cochran Hill Tunnel tiles. It was truly a pleasure to be associated with this project and your company.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Harris, Jr., PE  
District 5 Construction Engineer

