

2026

ARTHUR W. GRUHN

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION
AWARD WINNERS

The Connecticut Road Builders Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the **2026 Arthur W. Gruhn Excellence in Construction Awards**, recognizing outstanding projects and the contractors, CTDOT districts, and designers of record involved. Join us in celebrating the award recipients at the **CRBA Annual Fall Dinner Meeting** on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

Register online: www.ctconstruction.org/crbadinner

LARGE PROJECT CATEGORY

Design-Build Interchange Improvements

*I-91 NB, I-691 EB, and Route 15 Interchange
Meriden/Middletown, CT*

Contractor: O&G Industries, Inc.
CTDOT: District 1 Construction
Designer or Record: WSP USA Inc.

Pavement Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

*I-84 EB & WB, Exits 13–17
Southbury/Middlebury, CT*

Contractor: Empire Paving, Inc.
CTDOT: District 4 Construction
Designer or Record: CTDOT State Highway Design

SMALL PROJECT CATEGORY

VIP Resurfacing of Route 15 NB & SB

*Baldwin Ave. to Meriden-Berlin Town Line
Meriden, CT*

Contractor: Tilcon Connecticut Inc., A CRH Company
CTDOT: District 1 Maintenance

Mill and Fill of Route 154

*Old Boston Post Road to Route 1
Old Saybrook, CT*

Contractor: Tilcon Connecticut Inc., A CRH Company
CTDOT: District 2 Maintenance

CTDOT # 95-258 Replacement of Bridge No. 05263

*Sand Road over the West Aspetuck River
New Milford, CT*

Contractor: Manafort Brothers Incorporated
CTDOT: District 4 Construction
Designer of Record: Stantec

INNOVATIVE CONSTRUCTION METHODS PROJECT CATEGORY

Pavement Preservation

*Route 156 and Route 201
Lyme/Old Lyme/North Stonington, CT*

Contractor: Comer Contracting, Inc.
CTDOT: District 2 Construction
Designer of Record: CDM Smith Inc.

Commodore Hull Bridge Emergency Declaration

*Route 8 over the Housatonic River, Exits 12A and 12B
Derby, CT*

Contractor: Mohawk Northeast, Inc.
CTDOT: District 3 Construction
Designer of Record: CTDOT Major Bridges

CHALLENGING PROJECT CATEGORY

Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00793A

*Route 15 over the Quinnipiac River (Exits 58–61)
Wallingford, CT*

Contractor: ROTH Contracting Company, Inc.
CTDOT: District 3 Construction
Designer of Record: CTDOT Bridge Design

Design-Build Auxiliary Lanes, Resurfacing, Safety Improvements

*I-95, Exits 6–7
Stamford, CT*

Contractor: Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc.
CTDOT: District 3 Construction
Designer of Record: KS Engineers, P.C.

Building/Facility Construction & Upgrades

*East Hartford Maintenance Facility and Signs & Marking Facility
East Hartford, CT*

Contractor: Banton Construction Company, Inc.
CTDOT: District 5 Construction
Designer of Record: CTDOT Facilities Design

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECT CATEGORY

Emergency Declaration

*SR 434 Adjacent to Devils Hopyard State Park
East Haddam, CT*

Contractor: Arborio Corporation
CTDOT: District 2 Construction
Designer of Record: CTDOT Soils and Foundations