
I-74 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Peoria, Illinois



JLA created a unique aesthetic program based on historic precedents for the reconstruction of an Illinois interstate roadway and designed compatible modern elements, including lighting.

Services

- Program Identification
- Development of Highway Aesthetic Parameters
- Architectural Design
- Construction Documents
- Construction Administration

Issues

Roadway reconstruction offered an opportunity to create a new aesthetic design program for Interstate 74 as it passes through Peoria. Design engineer Alfred Benesch & Company, along with the Illinois Department of Transportation, called on JLA to provide historically and regionally sensitive design input for the 11-mile stretch of highway.

Solutions

JLA, incorporating input from a local citizens group, highway design standards, and the IDOT and Alfred Benesch engineers, developed aesthetic solutions for bridge abutments, fences, interchanges, landscaping, lighting, noise barriers, parapets, railings and retaining walls.

Design inspiration came from many sources including local geological and historical precedents. JLA also developed several modern alternatives to the standard, physical highway elements with attention to the local roadways as well as to the interstate.

Date

2001 - 2005

Client

Alfred Benesch & Company
Illinois Department of Transportation, District 4

