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**Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Completes
Trent River Bridge in Time for Anniversary**

(NEW BERN, NC) – The Trent River Bridge in New Bern, NC, will open to the public after more than three years of demolition and construction by Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., an industry-leading civil engineering contractor. A ribbon-cutting will mark the occasion on March 19. The bridge dedication is part of New Bern’s 300th anniversary celebration, which will run the entire year.

The \$39.2 million project for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is set to wrap up in late January. It included removal of the old Alfred Cunningham Bridge, a swing-span structure erected in 1954. The people of New Bern helped kick off the demolition by holding a “funeral” for the bridge in the summer of 2007.

“The community has really gotten behind this project,” said Jim Moynihan, president and CEO of Balfour Beatty Infrastructure. “There’s been a lot of interest. No doubt, the residents around here are pleased with what we’ve done and there seems to be a lot of excitement.”

The project required a temporary trestle bridge be built alongside the old bridge to facilitate its removal. The team then began constructing the 1,800-foot bridge, which includes a double-leaf bascule structure in an environmentally sensitive site where the Trent and Neuse rivers converge.

Each leaf of the bridge is 100 feet long and 38 feet wide, weighing 1.6 million pounds. The counterweights and gears are configured so a 50-horsepower motor can raise and lower the structures. The bridge’s concrete decks make it unusual among bascule bridges, which are typically steel.

Workers were successful in meeting one of the job’s most stringent tests, a “fish moratorium.” They were required to finish the substructure and cofferdam installation before the “no in-water work” period that began Feb. 15, 2008. The moratorium, which lasted more than four months, was designed to safeguard certain fish habitats during spawning season.

“That was a tough milestone, but we were determined to make it,” said Mark Johnnie, vice president of Balfour Beatty Infrastructure’s Southeast Division. “It required a lot of tight planning and hard work, but all parties involved worked together and pulled it off. Everyone should be commended for doing such a thorough job under such a rigid deadline.”

Throughout the project, the team was free of environmental issues. The area is delicate, with marinas on both sides and a historic park in view. “We had spectators all the time,” said Jay Boyd, project manager. “The Neuse River, which connects with the Trent River, is highly regulated and patrolled regularly. But we did the job right and left the surrounding area the way we found it.”

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The North Carolina Department of Labor gave Balfour Beatty Infrastructure a Gold safety award for the project's excellent record. The criteria require a company to go the entire year without a lost-time accident. In addition, the overall accident frequency rate must be 50 percent less than the state's average for the company's classification of work.

Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. delivers industry-leading civil engineering and construction expertise for transportation and water infrastructure projects throughout the United States. With more than 1,000 employees in major operations in California, the Carolinas, Pennsylvania and Texas, Balfour Beatty Infrastructure boasts annual revenues of more than \$450 million. An award-winning contractor, Balfour Beatty Infrastructure recently received the AGC of America's 2008 Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Award and is recognized by Engineering News-Record as one of the "Top 20 Transportation Contractors" and "Top 50 Domestic Heavy Contractors" for 2009. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure is part of Balfour Beatty plc, a global engineering, construction, services and investment business organization specializing in large infrastructure and building programs.