

Cooperation contributes to safe job site

Construction Connection

Boyd Martin Construction is continuing the dramatic transformation of downtown Henderson, finishing up construction of the Matso Medical Building. The three-story masonry building's location in the Water Street District has challenged the contractor to overcome unusual circumstances to deliver the project safely. Boyd Martin has met those challenges with flying colors, earning this month's Safe Site award from AGC.

Cramped working conditions are among the most trying challenges. The structure sits on three of the four property lines, and overhead power lines restrict access on the fourth and only "clear" property line. The contractor cites cooperation from the city in allowing the closure of the sidewalk for the duration of the project and temporary lane closures on Water Street to allow safe crane access to the site.

BMC also commends the adjacent businesses, Gold Casters and Jail Busters Bail Bonds, for their patience in allowing portions of their sites to be used to ensure we had a safe perimeter around the building during erection of the masonry, steel, and wood trussed flooring and roofing systems.

Boyd Martin Construction set up a construction yard and staging area four lots north of the worksite on Water Street to ensure its equipment remained out of the way of numerous simultaneous City of Henderson and public utilities projects adjacent to the site.

"Cooperation with all entities involved was a critical part in getting this job completed without any injuries, within budget and on time," said Will Taylor, BMC superintendent

on the project. "We are in the final stages of the project, and even with a tight schedule, I am pleased with the progress. It was quite a feat to complete this project accident- and injury-free with the challenges of building a three-story structure on a zero property line, surrounded by power lines, and only eight feet from Water Street. I commend the subcontractors for their roles in ensuring a safe jobsite. Boyd Martin Construction puts the safety of workers, surrounding businesses and clients first on every job and the Matso Medical Center is no exception."

"While safety is critical and a priority on every jobsite for Boyd Martin Construction, the logistics of this project is especially critical that we keep all safety practices in our forefront," said Matt Spurgeon, project manager on the 8,200-square-foot negotiated contract project.

"The building is not huge, but because it's multi-story with an elevator and mechanical shafts within a very tight site it is critical that fall protection methods are constantly in place and regularly evaluated for their integrity and safety."

Boyd Martin Construction is a loyal participant in AGC's safety inspection schedule, noted Linda Gibson, the association's safety director.

"Boyd Martin works diligently with the AGC consultant to maintain consistency in the company's safety program. Sometimes the smaller projects are overlooked in the Safe Site award program. We're pleased that is not the case this month," Gibson said. "The safety of employees on any site no matter the size is of utmost importance and we happy to be able to acknowledge these projects. □



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Project Superintendent Will Taylor Safety Coordinator Jennifer McCardle and Project Manager Matt Spurgeon celebrate BMC's Safe Site award.

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