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STAR AMERICA TEAM REACHES SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION ON THE FREEWAY LIGHTING P3 PROJECT WITH MICHIGAN DOT

August 2017 – Star America Infrastructure Partners, a U.S. based infrastructure developer, announced the substantial completion of the Freeway Lighting project in Detroit, Michigan.

On August 24, 2015, Freeway Lighting Partners (FLP), a consortium led by Star America, entered into a public-private partnership (P3) agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to design, build and finance the improvements on existing freeway and tunnel lighting systems in the Detroit Metro Region and to operate and maintain the existing and improved lighting system for a period of 15 years. The project is the first P3 in the U.S. for a freeway lighting asset and the first P3 in the State of Michigan. Over the past two years, the freeway lighting system was upgraded and the outdated high-pressure sodium or metal halide fixtures were replaced with energy-efficient LEDs. Substantial completion required that approximately 100% of the new and existing luminaries, totaling more than 13,000 fixtures, are “on” and functioning as designed. In addition, FLP will operate and maintain the freeway lighting system for an additional 13 years.

The LED lights represent the latest technological innovation in freeway lighting. They offer motorists increased visibility and brighter, safer environments, while also improving overall traffic safety. Taxpayers will save as the implementation of energy efficient lighting fixtures will lower the energy consumption.

Christophe Petit, President of Star America said “We are delighted to deliver this first P3 freeway lighting project in the US, first P3 project in the state of Michigan and important project for Michigan DOT on time. We have great partners in the likes of Aldridge Electric and Engie Services and Star America remains dedicated to reach final completion on schedule and continue making this project a success for the state of Michigan.”

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About Star America

Star America Infrastructure Partners is an independent US headquartered developer and manager of greenfield infrastructure assets in North America, backed by US pension funds and insurance companies. Star America focuses on partnering with states and public agencies in delivering infrastructure projects across the transportation, social and environmental sectors. Over the past 15 years, Star America’s team members have had experience financing, underwriting and managing over 45 infrastructure projects valued at over \$60 bn.