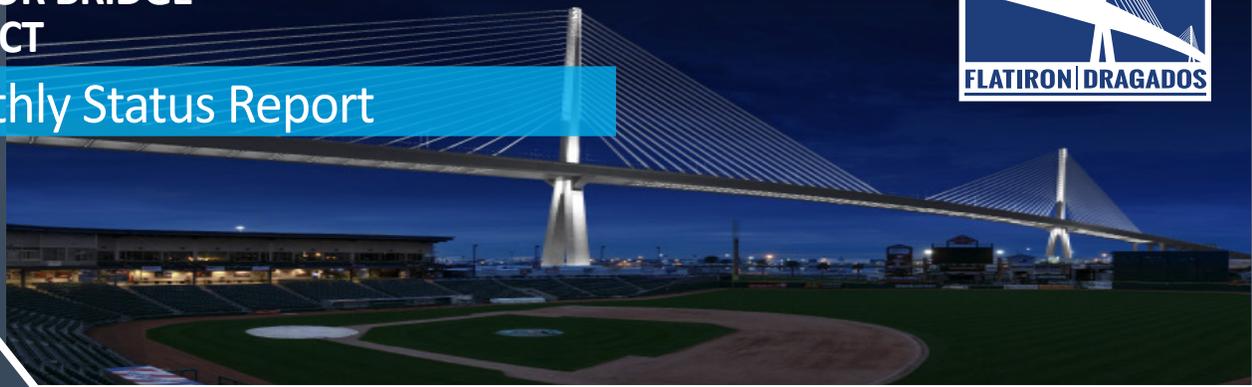


# US 181 HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT

## Monthly Status Report



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**South Approach Construction Progress:** Congratulations to our superstructure gantry crane and segment placement crew on completing four complicated span lifts at the South Approach in June. The team overcame hot, windy conditions to lift southbound mainlane spans from 19S to 16S. Engineers used highly complex geometry to configure the gantry crane and place the spans where the future southbound lanes connect to a new direct connector ramp for southbound US 181 to northbound IH 37. While the gantry advanced northward, the southbound lane segment widths narrowed to accommodate integrating with the mainlanes. The task introduced several gantry configurations, where the approach bridge crews persevered to maintain efficient span construction cycle times. So far, 68 of 98 spans are installed on the South Approach reaching 69% superstructure completion.

**Improved Sidewalks and Frontage Roads:** In June, HBP roadwork crews opened the completely rebuilt northbound and southbound IH 37 sidewalks and frontage roads from Port Avenue to Nueces Bay Boulevard. The new and improved sidewalks were built to accommodate persons with disabilities and provide greater pedestrian mobility. In addition, promoting a walk-friendly community by connecting new sidewalks to future bus routes and parks encourages a healthy lifestyle. The new sidewalks are wider and are constructed with a grassy median to provide a buffer from live traffic. Throughout the summer and fall, crews will continue building turnarounds at Port and Nueces Bay, along with a new IH 37 on-ramp south of Nueces Bay. Lighting subcontractors are also mobilized on the Project to create under-bridge lighting features for pedestrians, which will come online upon substantial completion of the overall roadworks reconstruction.

**HBP Employee Recognition:** As the dry, windy summer rolls on, we would like to recognize one of our heavy equipment operators. Debra Flores holds a CDL and has a critical role in the HBP of driving the 4000-gallon water truck around the Project multiple times daily to spray for dust control. Secondary and equally important duties include supplying water for concrete pours and cleaning other large equipment. Ms. Debra joined the Project early this year with a background in heavy equipment, and colleagues quickly appreciated her positive can-do attitude and professionalism. Our supplier even brought Debra an 'ArmorAll' thank you gift to spotlight how well she maintains her truck!



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