Staples Street Bridge demolished; HBP crews to construct replacement bridge

The Staples Street Bridge that crosses IH 37 has been demolished and crews are already working to construct a replacement bridge. The long-standing bridge was demolished as part of the Harbor Bridge Project in early April. The replacement bridge will be in the same location, but will be wider than the previous bridge and will include wider sidewalks for pedestrians. Construction of the new Staples Street Bridge is expected to be complete by December 2018. For information regarding upcoming traffic impacts in the areas of IH 37, SH 286 and US 181, please visit the project website at www.harborbridgeproject.com.

HBP executive leadership team tours construction site

Members of the executive leadership teams from both TxDOT and Flatiron/Dragados, LLC, spent half-a-day touring various sites within the Harbor Bridge Project in mid-April. Leaders were provided an overall briefing of the project, followed by an on-site tour of the four major sections of the Project which include: Roadworks, Approaches, Cable Stay Bridge and the Pre Cast Yard. The tour included stops at the Comanche Street Bridge rebuild, the North Approach section on North Beach, the drilled shafts for the North Pylon and the Pre Cast Yard in Robstown. There was even an opportunity to sign the inside of one of the completed segments. Construction for the Project is on track for completion in 2020, followed by demolition of the existing Harbor Bridge in 2021.