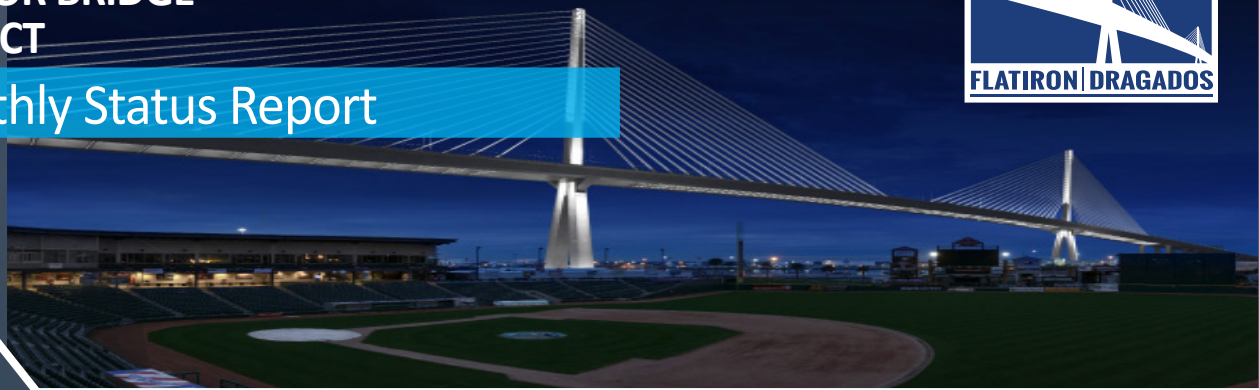


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Summer Temperatures Heat up the Workforce on the Harbor Bridge Project (HBP)

In July, the White House issued an order for the Department of Labor (DOL) to check on high-risk employees who work in high-temperature conditions. Calls from the DOL and the Texas Governor's office ignited Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials to perform random compliance checks on large construction sites, including the HBP. Fortunately, our safety and construction managers take heat-related illness seriously and were ready to welcome the surprise, all-day OSHA inspection. The compliance officer spent the day surveying the entire project and interviewing personnel and subcontractors to ensure cold water, shade, and rest breaks were available to all in the field. Upon concluding the visit, the OSHA agent closed out with site management, citing no evidence of hazards or violations, and commended the HBP for providing many benefits over and above agency mandates. He noted that we set the bar very high as an excellent example to other companies on implementing a good heat prevention program and added that our crews were responsive and courteous. An unannounced OSHA visit to a project with more than 500 people working is unnerving for the most seasoned construction managers with impeccable records. Regardless of strict protocols and daily reminders from superintendents and foremen, we can never be too cautious about how one slip from someone feeling faint or dehydrated can impact several lives.

All Pile Driving Complete

Foundation support runs deep in the heart of the new South Interchange! Congratulations to our dedicated Roadwork Structure crew for completing all pile driving on the project. Every milestone matters; installing 50,941 linear feet of concrete support shafts while overcoming countless subterranean obstacles is a big one! All combined, over 275,000 linear feet of concrete piers, equivalent to approximately 50 miles, have been driven project-wide. The substructure durability for the 21 bridges on the HBP is the backbone for the longevity and viability of safe roadway construction.



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