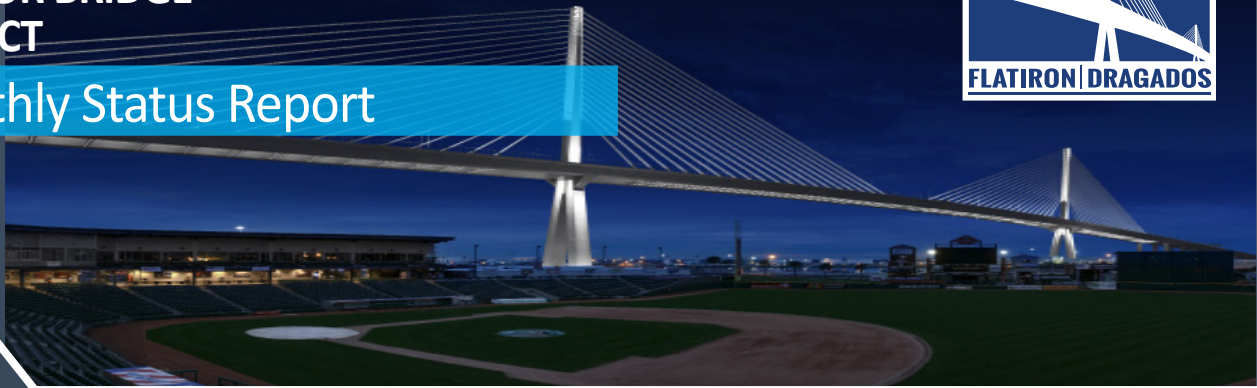


# US 181 HARBOR BRIDGE PROJECT

## Monthly Status Report



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### US 181 (1959) Harbor Bridge Project Demolition Progress

Demolition of the old Harbor Bridge focused on areas along N Broadway Street and Surfside Boulevard on North Beach. Heavy-duty hydraulic excavators broke down the concrete bridge deck spans, while hydraulic shears cut through steel members and cranes supported the dismantling of bridge girders. On the ground, hydraulic breakers and hammers processed concrete columns and piers, and overhead steel trusses and girders were swiftly removed. Bulldozers and loaders efficiently cleared and sorted debris for processing. In the first quarter of 2026, 1,332,880 pounds of steel and rebar were recycled, and 1,494 tons of concrete were crushed for reuse in other construction applications.

With round-the-clock demolition underway in the heart of North Beach, the HBP team coordinated closely with the Texas State Aquarium and other stakeholders to assist with traffic flow and parking during peak March tourism. Many span removal activities were moved to off-peak evening hours to minimize construction noise. Air quality efforts were also intensified, with targeted water cannons deployed to reduce concrete dust.

By early April, only six steel girder spans remained to be removed from the 1959 Harbor Bridge. Demolition crews remain on schedule to complete removal of all bridge elements and connecting ramps by June.

### Roadway Realignment

Roadwork operations reached a milestone with the reopening of Padre Street from Belden Street to N Carancahua Street, featuring a new alignment and improvements such as a repaved surface, ADA accessibility, new curbs and gutters, and upgraded lighting. This enhanced route highlights progress toward the area's final traffic configuration and was opened just before Spring Break began in the Coastal Bend.

Roadwork construction in March and continuing into the spring is focused along IH 37 from Mesquite Street to the South Interchange. Crews are completing drainage packages, having installed 540 feet of 18-inch double-barreled pipe and 360 feet of 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe. Two concrete columns were finished along IH 37, where cantilever signs will be mounted before summer. Excavators removed 1,200 cubic yards of embankment to begin surface grading for widening the IH 37 mainlanes to and from the Bayfront area. Multiple crews are active in the closed northbound lanes, completing traffic rail foundations, demolishing and removing old barriers, and tying in new concrete barriers further north.

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