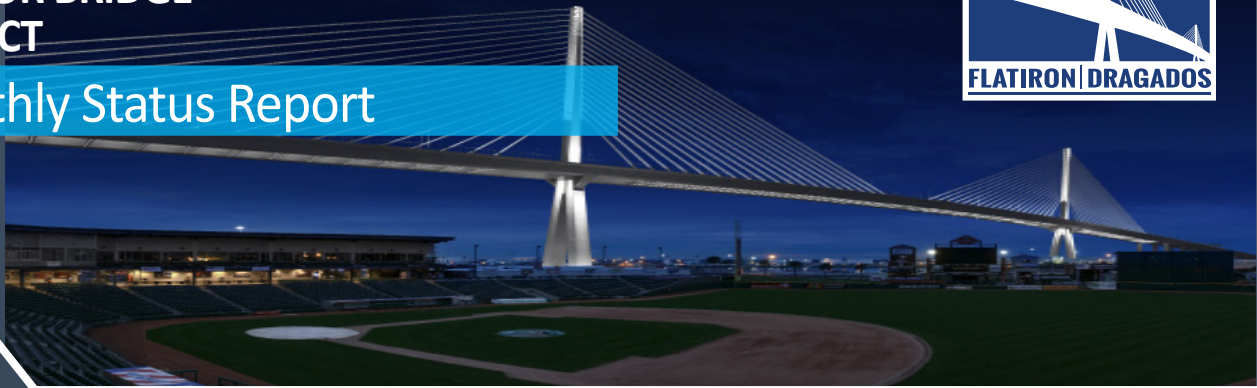


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US 181 (1959) Harbor Bridge Project Demolition Completion

April 2026 marked a period of new beginnings across Corpus Christi, Texas, as key entertainment districts and popular tourist attractions embraced fresh horizons. Dedicated crews worked day and night to complete the final demolition and removal of overhead spans and pier structures from the 1959 Harbor Bridge. Their efforts ensured the project milestone was met while minimizing disruptions to commuters and neighboring facilities. Remaining steel girders were methodically cut into manageable sections for transport to recycling facilities. Simultaneously, excavators, hydraulic breakers, and hammers removed 68-year-old pier footings to a depth of 2 feet below the surface, breaking apart the last fallen columns and processing all concrete debris for reuse in future construction projects.

As May arrived, crews continued final cleaning, material hauling, and surface grading, as demolition operations shifted focus to removing retaining walls and embankment fill in areas once used by commuters entering and exiting the former Harbor Bridge from IH 37 and the Uptown Area. Remaining demolition punch list items, including restoring city street intersections previously impacted beneath the old bridge, are scheduled to coincide with ongoing roadwork operations. This spring, the views along N Broadway Street and Surfside Boulevard on North Beach were transformed into open spaces, just in time for the annual two-week Buccaneer Days community event and the approaching summer tourist season.

IH 37 Makeover and Final Traffic Alignment

Commuters traveling along IH 37 to and from the Bayfront Area can observe construction focused on restoring the mainlanes and completing realignments, introducing improved connectivity and access to the highway.

Anticipated to open in late summer are the following improvements:

- Wider sections of N Broadway from Belden to Palo Alto Street
- Two-way traffic along Power Street from Mesquite to Tanchua Street
- A new connection to N Tanchua Street to and from northbound IH 37

In April, the HBP Public Information Office issued 13 traffic advisory notices to alert commuters about short-term closures and detours necessary to complete demolition safely and protect workers across the project. Alongside the emphasis on highway restoration and new connectivity, punch list tasks remain underway throughout the project, including traffic signal testing, sign column installation, guardrail repairs, inspections, illumination packages, and drainage work along the slopes. We appreciate the patience of IH 37 travelers in areas where traffic is limited to a single lane in each direction.



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