

# Video: In World Trade Center Update, Tower Rises Before Your Eyes

A video produced by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey using time-lapse photography provides a fascinating look at the gradual redevelopment of the World Trade Center site over more than a decade.

The video, screened during a meeting of the agency's board of commissioners on Wednesday and released today following a request by NJ Advance Media that it be made public, shows the gradual filling in of the vast pit that was Ground Zero after the wreckage of 9/11 had been cleared.

The time-lapse footage is highlighted by the steady rise of World Trade Center One, the centerpiece of the 16-acre site that opened to its first commercial tenant, Conde Nast, earlier this month. Floor-by-floor, to a total of 104 stories and a height of 1,776 feet including its spire, the tower is shown rising steadily, topped by the blue netting of a safety "cocoon" wrapped around the exterior to prevent debris and workers from being blown off the building.

The time-lapse and still images are accompanied by graphics providing a rough chronology of progress on the site's redevelopment, which includes the soaring, whimsical transportation hub designed by Santiago Calatrava now nearing completion. Port Authority officials said Wednesday that the overall project was on a pace to come in within a \$14.8 billion price tag projected in 2012.