

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is committed to keeping maritime community stakeholders informed of progressing construction on the "Raise the Roadway" Project.

BAYONNE BRIDGE

"Raise the Roadway"

June 2016

Background

The expansions of the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal are expected to result in a shift to larger, cleaner, more-efficient ships servicing the New York and New Jersey region and other East Coast markets. To ensure these larger ships can navigate the Port of New York and New Jersey, the Port Authority embarked on an aggressive construction project to raise the Bayonne Bridge from 151-feet to 215-feet.

In the first half of 2016, crews made progress on Main Span related work activities. Strengthening of the Main Span's steel arch and construction of the New York and New Jersey steel towers were nearly finished by the end of May. The new portals, which provide an opening for the approach roadways to enter the arch, were completed. Additionally, the placement of suspended floor beams and installation of the new suspender system, two components of the arch's elevated steel deck, began this spring. Crews also started pouring concrete for the Main Span deck beginning at the New Jersey tower. Through the next quarter, crews will continue building the new Main Span deck and approach roadways in preparation to achieve Milestone 1, Navigational Clearance, by late 2017.

Project Status

- Northbound Approach Roadway Installation 77%
- Southbound Approach Roadway Fabrication 29%
- Main Span Roadway Steel Framing Installation 45%

Project Timeline

- Achieve Navigational Clearance Late 2017
- All Lanes Operational Mid 2019

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Top: Installation of a floor beam for the elevated Main Span bridge deck, photo taken March 2016; **Middle:** View of the Main Span portal opening and partial installation of framing for the shared-use path on the New Jersey side of the bridge, photo looking south and taken May 2016; **Bottom:** Construction progress on the Main Span's steel towers and roadway deck, photo looking west and taken May 2016.