



## Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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### Long Beach Bridge Mobile App Debuts Free App Offers Project Updates, Video, Hands-Free Audio Traffic Alerts

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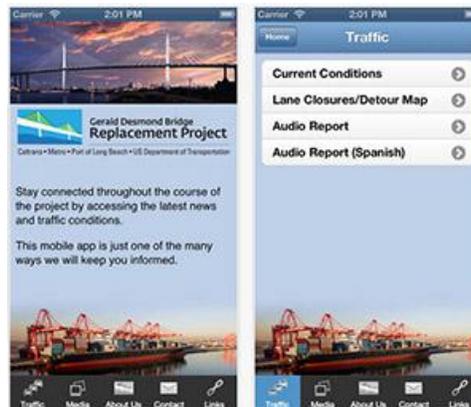
LONG BEACH, Calif. – The Port of Long Beach has introduced a new way for residents, commuters and bridge enthusiasts throughout the world to stay up to date on the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project: the new LB Bridge mobile app.

The mobile app offers all the latest news, information, photos and videos of the project, live cameras, and traffic information to help Long Beach area motorists navigate lane closures and detours associated with the bridge and nearby construction projects.

To install the app, search “LB Bridge” in the App Store, Google Play or Windows Phone or [click here](#). Watch a quick video demonstration of the app on [YouTube](#).

“The LB Bridge app is a one-stop-shop for local and global audiences to stay connected to the bridge project,” said John Pope, Port of Long Beach Community Relations Manager.

The free app is available for iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows Phone users, and includes weekly and breaking audio traffic alerts in English and



Spanish for hands-free use. Users of the app will receive breaking traffic alerts on or near the bridge for up-to-the-minute conditions. The app includes a Google map in sync with lane closures and detours to help motorists get around.

“Safety concerns are our top priority,” Pope said. “Drivers should consult the traffic maps before they get behind the wheel, or use the hands-free audio feature.”

The new bridge, once completed, will feature improved on- and off-ramps serving Terminal Island as well as smoother connections on the east side, including the 710 Freeway, Pico Avenue and ramps serving the mainland area of the Port of Long Beach. Ocean Boulevard is a major commuter link between Long Beach and the South Bay communities, as well as a primary route for trucks entering and leaving the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

With two towers, each about 50 stories tall, the \$1.2 billion Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project will be one of the tallest cable-stayed bridges in the United States and the first of its kind in California. It will raise the clearance over the channel from 155 feet to 205 feet, allowing the world’s largest ships to enter the Port’s inner harbor. And with three lanes in each direction plus inner and outer safety lanes, it will be wider and better able to serve future traffic volumes. Other features of the new bridge include a bike path, pedestrian path and scenic observation decks.

The public is also encouraged to sign up at [www.newgdbridge.com](http://www.newgdbridge.com) for weekly traffic alerts provided by the Port of Long Beach.

This project is a joint effort of the California Department of Transportation and the Port of Long Beach with funding also from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. A joint venture team of Shimmick Construction Co. Inc., FCC Construction S.A. and Impregilo S.p.A. (SFI) is the prime contractor for the design and construction of the replacement bridge.

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