



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Bridge Replacement Project Featured on 'Strip the City' on Wednesday

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The Science Channel's "Strip the City" program, which uses computer-generated imaging and animation to "peel back" a city layer-by-layer, will highlight the intricate work of building a new bridge at the Port of Long Beach, in an episode that will begin airing Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.



The show's stop at the Port of Long Beach, filmed in October 2013, will take a look at how California's first cable-stayed bridge for traffic is being designed and built in an area known for its active earthquakes. The segment, which is included in the show's feature on Los Angeles, is expected to highlight the construction of about 300 foundation piles as well as other key bridge components that will provide flexibility in a seismic event.

After Wednesday, the episode will broadcast again on Thursday and Friday (March 27 and 28), and eventually will be available online at www.sciencechannel.com. In Long Beach (Charter Communications), the Science Channel is found on channels 92 and 120.

Construction of the \$1.2 billion Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project is underway. The new bridge, featuring a sleek, cable-stayed design with a deck rising 205 feet above water, will be an icon for the Southern California coastline. With two towers reaching 515 feet into the

sky, it will be the second-tallest cable-stayed bridge in the United States. The new bridge will include additional traffic lanes, a higher clearance to accommodate the new generation of cargo ships, dedicated bicycle paths and pedestrian walkways, including scenic overlooks. The design-build project is expected to create about 3,000 jobs a year on average.

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.

For more information, visit www.newgdbridge.com.

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