



Hoover Dam Bypass Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge (Colorado River Bridge)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: DOES THE COLORADO RIVER BRIDGE HAVE A NAME?

A: Yes, the United States Congress officially named it the "Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge" after two prominent local citizens who dedicated themselves to public service and the greater good. Mike O'Callaghan was a longtime Nevadan, former Governor, community leader, and businessman. He died in March 2004 at the age of 74. Pat Tillman graduated with honors from ASU and played professional football for the Arizona Cardinals before joining the Army. He was killed in Afghanistan in 2004 at the age of 27.

Q: WHEN WILL THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS BE FULLY COMPLETE?

A: The Colorado River Bridge is scheduled to be complete by September 2010. The Bypass is scheduled to be fully complete, with traffic moving on it, by November 2010.

Q: WHAT IS THE BUDGET FOR THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS AND WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

A: The design and construction budget remains unchanged at \$240 million. The Colorado River Bridge construction portion of that budget is \$114 million.

The \$240 million budget consists of \$100 million in federal funds, \$20 million each from the states of Arizona and Nevada, and \$100 million in state bond funds. Of the approximate \$130 million in bond funds (\$100 million plus interest) advanced by the states of Arizona and Nevada, approximately \$96.3 million has been repaid.

Q: HOW MANY PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION HAVE OCCURRED ON THE BYPASS?

A: There have been six distinct, yet overlapping, phases of Bypass construction.

- Relocation of portions of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) transmission system and switchyard
- Arizona approach – 2 miles of bypass roadway
- Nevada approach – 3 miles of bypass roadway
- Colorado River Bridge
- Interim surfacing of Bypass
- Final surfacing and roadway tie-ins



Q: WHAT ARE SOME KEY FACTS ABOUT THE COLORADO RIVER BRIDGE?

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- The arch span is 1,060 feet long
 - The Bridge is 1,900 feet long
 - The Bridge deck and sidewalk is located approximately 900 feet above the Colorado River
 - The Bridge is located approximately 1,500 feet south of the Hoover Dam

Q: WILL THERE BE A SIDEWALK ON THE COLORADO RIVER BRIDGE?

A: Yes, it will be located on the north side of the Bridge for optimum viewing of the Hoover Dam. The sidewalk is part of the pedestrian and visitor amenities, which include a parking lot, trail, and interpretive plaza.

Q: WILL THERE BE A CELEBRATION WHEN THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS IS COMPLETE?

A: Yes. Watch the project website, www.hooverdambyypass.org, and future newsletters for updates on the opening of the Bypass and celebration planned for the fall of 2010.

Q: ARE THERE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS CONSTRUCTION AND ARE THEY AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC?

A: Yes, they are available on the website, www.hooverdambyypass.org. Please provide photo credit to the Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA/CFLHD).

Q: WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT LEADERSHIP?

A: The Project Management Team (PMT), a multi-agency stakeholder team, oversees the Hoover Dam Bypass Project. The Central Federal Lands Division of the Federal Highway Administration leads the PMT and is responsible for the direct management and oversight of all design and construction activities. Many of the consulting and contracting industries' finest are engaged in this project. The PMT consists of the Arizona and Nevada Departments of Transportation, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, and the Western Area Power Administration.

Q: WILL THERE BE A TOLL FOR VEHICLES USING THE HOOVER DAM BYPASS?

A: No, this is not a toll road.

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