



Watch A San Francisco Bridge Go Up In Just 4 Minutes

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It took \$6.4 billion and 11-and-a-half years to build the new, hopefully earthquake-proof eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. That's a lot of money and time, but now you can watch the last five years of construction happen in just four minutes.

As The Week notes, streaming video company [EarthCam](#) began capturing footage of the bridge's construction in 2008. The updated bridge opened yesterday, so EarthCam released [their video](#), comprised of nearly 2 million images that capture 42,000 hours of construction.

This new span of the bridge replaces the earthquake-vulnerable span that partially collapsed in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. The project has been under construction since January 2002.

I bet the locals wish it could have been finished in just four minutes. Or months. Or years.

