

Video shows new Bay Bridge construction in time lapse

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Those who lost track of the prolonged construction of the Bay Bridge's new eastern span can now witness nearly six years of the 11½-year process in a four-minute time-lapse video, with pleasant background music.

Starting in August 2008, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission used 12 construction cameras from [EarthCam](#) to document the progress of the \$6.4 billion self-anchored suspension span that opened Monday night.

The close to 2 million images collected during more than 42,000 construction hours from 42 angles "make this the most documented bridge project to date," according to EarthCam founder and CEO Brian Cury.

EarthCam time-lapse specialists spent months hand-editing footage from both live-streaming video cameras and high-definition time-lapse systems into a movie available at www.youtube.com/earthcam.

The movie shows cranes in action placing various sections and erecting the tower through day and night, highlighting the modern engineering of the project rather than the politics that caused years of delays and cost overruns.

Since the cameras remain mounted and the old and new spans are side by side, EarthCam anticipates also documenting the demolition, which is estimated to take three years.

