



SAS Takes Shape: *New catwalk defines future profile*



SAS CATWALKS

The bright orange catwalks for the Self-Anchored Suspension Span's main cable caught more than a few eyes as crews began to place them in mid-June. The catwalks will allow crews to work on the single main cable during the various stages of cable installation, which is scheduled to begin later this year.

The catwalk floor is made of a 12-foot-wide wire mesh panel and is placed approximately 4 feet below the main cable. Once the catwalks are installed, crews will begin erecting the nearly 1-mile-long cable, which is made up of 17,399 steel wire strands. The two catwalks on the west side of the tower are 600 feet long and start at a 24 degree angle near the deck and gradually reach a 35 degree angle closer to the tower; at that angle, it's going to take nerves of steel to help put that steel cable in place.



PROGRESS ON THE SAS DECKS CONTINUES

as the twelfth east- and westbound sections were placed in late June; eastbound weighs 1,165 tons and westbound weighs 1,175 tons. The final four sections (two for each the west- and eastbound decks) will arrive later this summer.

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