



Temporary Tie-Back Cables

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TILTING THE TOWER

Your eyes are not playing tricks on you; the Self-Anchored Suspension (SAS) tower is tilting! But it's only temporary and there's a good reason for the leaning tower of the Bay. As the SAS cable will be anchored into the eastern end of the roadways, the cable will naturally pull to the east. So to properly balance the main cable during installation, crews in September pulled the top of the permanent tower 518 mm to the west, using temporary cables anchored into the bedrock of Yerba Buena Island. Once the cable is in place, the tower will be released to stand up straight once again. For more information about the SAS tower, visit baybridgeinfo.org/projects/sas-tower.



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PLACEMENT OF LAST DECK SECTIONS MAKE THE FINAL CONNECTION

The second-to-last SAS deck section was placed in mid-October, and the last deck section in late October. With these final deck segments in place, the Skyway and SAS will make their long-awaited connection. These final deck segments weigh more than 1,000 tons each and will be lifted 150 feet above the water. Keep watching BayBridgeInfo.org for the latest updates and real time video of the deck placement. For more information about the world's longest Self-Anchored Suspension Span, visit baybridgeinfo.org/projects/sas



WESTBOUND CLOSURE IN EARLY 2012

The westbound (upper) deck of the bridge will close for a weekend in early 2012 to connect the westbound Oakland Touchdown Detour. This detour will allow construction crews to finish building the eastbound roadway near the Toll Plaza, and to open the new East Span to all traffic ahead of schedule in late 2013. Stay tuned to BayBridgeInfo.org for more info coming in November.



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