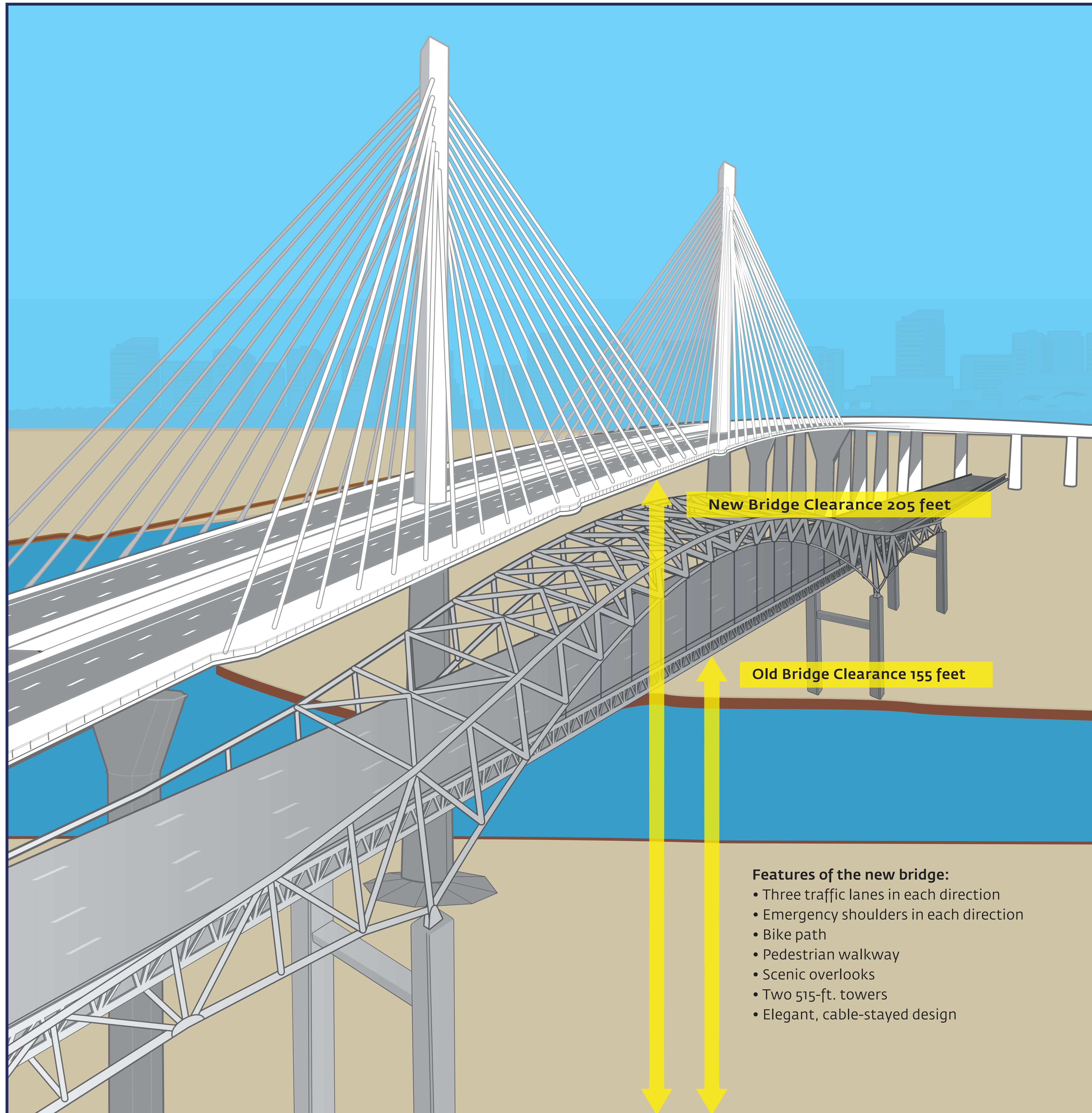




# Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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New Bridge Clearance 205 feet

Old Bridge Clearance 155 feet

## Features of the new bridge:

- Three traffic lanes in each direction
- Emergency shoulders in each direction
- Bike path
- Pedestrian walkway
- Scenic overlooks
- Two 515-ft. towers
- Elegant, cable-stayed design

## Bridge Clearance

The aging Gerald Desmond Bridge, which opened in 1968 when ships were about one-sixth of today's size, provides just 155 feet of clearance above the Port of Long Beach's main channel. The bridge is being replaced by a taller span with a 205-ft. clearance, allowing ships to more safely access the Port's northernmost shipping terminals and increasing its ability to handle the largest ships in the world.

