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### OLD BAY BRIDGE LIVES ON THROUGH ART AND RECYCLING

**OAKLAND** – Caltrans is carefully and steadily demolishing the old east span of the Bay Bridge. In this Caltrans News Flash, we see how the bridge is taking on new life with partners through a Bay Bridge Steel Arts Program and a contractor committed to recycling.

As millions of pounds of steel stand ready for demolition, the public is fascinated, often inquiring as to what happens with the steel once removed. Art and reuse provide a second life to the decades old colossal bridge.

The Bay Bridge Steel Program, being administered by Oakland Museum of California (OMCA), was created in response to significant public interest from Bay Area artists and creative communities in making steel from the bridge available for repurposing and reuse. The program's purpose is to preserve elements of the original 1936 Bay Bridge east span, as well as its legacy as a major landmark and historic icon.

Caltrans is working closely with contractors, California Engineering Contractors, Inc./Silverado Contractors, Inc. JV and the Oakland Museum of California to ensure every piece of steel from the bridge is recycled or utilized for the purposes of various types of art projects throughout the state of California.

"These partnerships are functions of our continued overall commitment to environmental stewardship," explained Brian Maroney, Chief Bridge Engineer.

The second of five, 504-foot long trusses stretching from Pier E4 to Pier E9, the equivalent of approximately one half of a mile, was successfully removed last week. The first was brought down in February. Each of these trusses weighs approximately 2400 tons.

This video can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/rGw96PiF1pA>

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A one-minute time lapse of last week's truss lowering is at the following link:

[https://youtu.be/j\\_gAn\\_-0GqI](https://youtu.be/j_gAn_-0GqI)

For further information on the Bay Bridge Steel Art Program please contact Scott Horton, 510-229-9739 or [shorton@museumca.org](mailto:shorton@museumca.org)

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