The final phase of construction for the Self-Anchored Suspension Span tower began in early April with the placement of a 500-ton, 15-foot-tall segment. The tower now stands 495 feet, about 94% of its final 525 foot height. This section, called the grillage, sits atop the tower's four independent legs and will evenly distribute the weight of the world’s largest cable saddle as well as the tower’s nearly 1-mile-long single looped cable.

The nickname “grillage” comes from the pattern created by intersecting internal steel plates. Stay tuned for more information about the placement of the cable saddle, currently scheduled for May.

You can find out more about the tower at BayBridgeInfo/projects/sas-tower, and watch amazing video footage of the tower legs being placed in February at BayBridge360.org.

Also in May, watch for information about a upcoming change in the eastbound lanes near the Toll Plaza, which will not only improve the approach into Oakland, but will also help us accelerate construction and complete the Bay Bridge and deliver seismic safety sooner!