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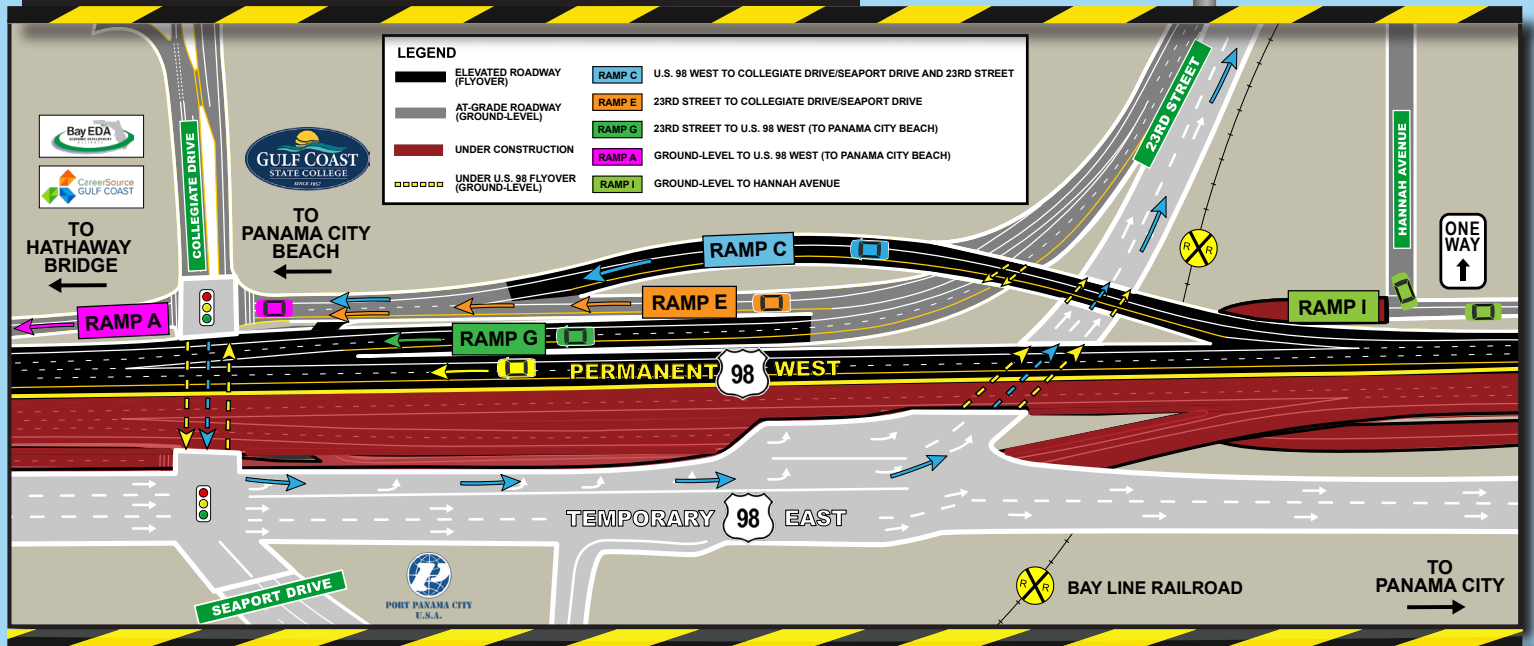


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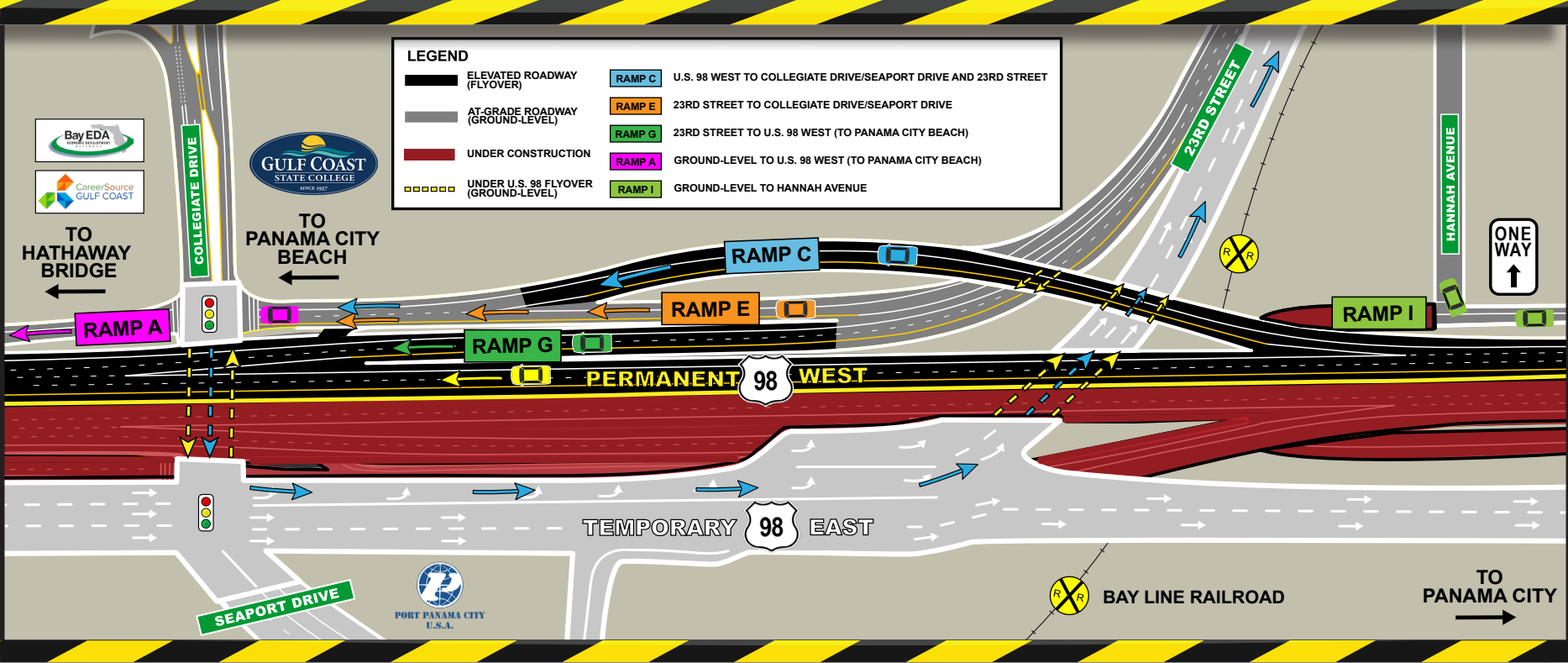


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The 23rd Street Flyover project will elevate State Road (S.R.) 30 (U.S. 98) over S.R. 368 (23rd Street), Collegiate Drive, Seaport Drive, and the Bay Line Railroad. These improvements will provide continuous movement along U.S. 98 as well as U.S. 98 and 23rd Street.

The 23rd Street Flyover project will improve safety, commerce, reduce travel delays, and improve access to Port Panama City, Gulf Coast State College, and Florida State University Panama City.

Additional improvements include bicycle lanes, sidewalks, drainage, stormwater treatment facilities, enhanced intelligent transportation systems, signalization upgrades, utility relocation, lighting, new signage, and minor side road improvements.

The \$67.9 million project is one-mile in length, from the east end of the Hathaway Bridge to west of Michigan Avenue. Traffic on U.S. 98 will be maintained during construction, including access to driveways and business entrances. Side streets will be impacted.





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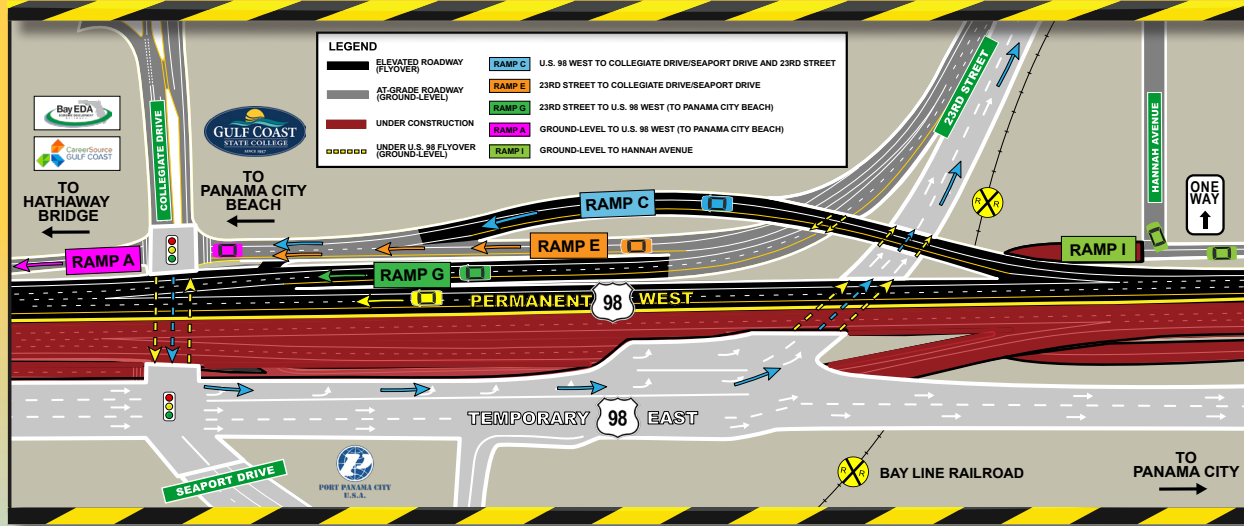


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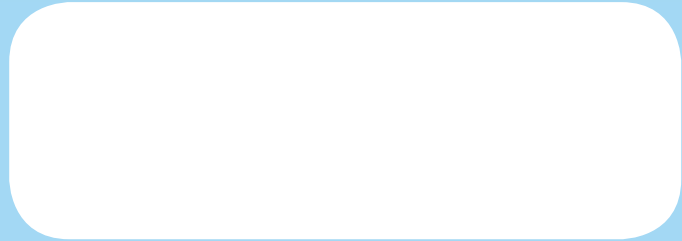




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Bridge Barrage

Projects abound in U.S. and beyond

By Linda Mastaglio

The elevated flyover at U.S. 98 over 23rd Street in Panama City, Fla., allows trains to enter and exit the port without the need to stage or break the trains in order for traffic to flow.

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Advantages of FEVE Fluoropolymer Topcoats for Bridges

FEVE fluoropolymer topcoats offer a fluorinated polyurethane-type system that contains the advantages of a polyurethane bond—such as flexibility and strength—and allows for increased longevity. The topcoats are made to withstand environmental deterrents, such as UV degradation, for years and possibly decades. Due to corrosion, bridges all over the U.S. need repair. The FEVE proprietary topcoat system provides a solution for bridge design and construction teams.

Due to its fluorinated polyurethane-type chemistry, FEVE topcoats are used in exterior environments where ovens are not needed for curing. The easily applied coatings can be used on existing or new bridges. The system has a long life-cycle cost advantage. When a bridge is set to recoat, an assessment is performed to evaluate corrosion. If damage exists, blasting may be necessary, the extent of which depends on the level of corrosion. Blasting can result in hefty costs in terms of labor, containment and environmental impact. In contrast, an FEVE fluoropolymer system requires little maintenance due to how minimally the topcoats degrade over time. The system does not collect an abundance of dirt or airborne contaminants and resists corrosion. ♦



Hyper-durable FEVE resin used for the I-74 Mississippi River bridge is impervious to degradation caused by UV radiation, moisture and salt.

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Easing Congestion in Orange County

The notorious Southern California traffic on I-405 is getting some relief, thanks to a \$1.2-billion highway initiative. The project, awarded to OHL Group through its subsidiary OHL USA in 2017 by the Orange County Transportation Authority, involves several joint ventures, including OHL & Astaldi and California Pacific Infrastructure I-405 Designers. The effort involves improvements to I-405 from SR 73 to I-605, one of the most congested freeways in Orange County, Calif. The design-build project will increase freeway capacity, improve traffic flow and enhance interchange operations and road safety to meet current state and federal standards.

Nucor Skyline supplied more than 30,000 tons of 24" OD x .500 ERW Caltrans Class R pipe piles and HP14x117 and HP18x181 H-piles for the bridge foundations on the

project, which were installed by the joint venture pile driver, TIPCO Engineering, Inc. The 16-mile infrastructure project includes adding one general-purpose lane in each direction from Euclid Street to I-605, with improvements to freeway entrances, exits and bridges. New express toll lanes in each direction from SR-73 to I-605 will also be installed.

For more information, please visit www.nucorskyline.com. ♦



H-piles from Nucor Skyline will be used for bridge foundations on the I-405 project.

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Florida's 23rd Street Flyover Improves Safety

Before construction began in 2016, the U.S. 98 intersection at 23rd Street was the busiest juncture in Bay County, Fla. One significant challenge included the Panama City rail crossing's limited track length, which created traffic delays and safety concerns. Elevating U.S. 98 as a flyover proved the solution for increasing safety, reducing congestion and enhancing commerce along the corridor.

"The flyover goes over the railroad crossing, allowing trains to enter and exit the port without the need to stage or break the trains for traffic to flow," says Scott Golden, project manager at Volkert, the prime design consultant for the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT).

Completed in 2021, the project reduced traffic delays and improved safety by eliminating a signalized

intersection and creating a free-flow traffic condition. The project included six new bridges, nine ramps and a temporary U.S. 98 route.

"The temporary route was included in the design because maintaining continuous traffic flow along U.S. 98 during construction was a priority for FDOT," says Tim Smith, FDOT District 3 director of transportation development.

The project received the 2022 ACEC Outstanding Major Project Award for the state of Florida. ♦



Completed flyover of the elevated U.S. 98 over 23rd Street in Panama City, Fla.

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An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange. A multi-lane bridge spans across the top of the frame. Below it, several ramps and overpasses connect different levels of the highway. The surrounding area includes a marina with many boats on the left, industrial lots with shipping containers and trucks in the bottom left, and a large parking lot with many cars on the right. The overall scene depicts a busy transportation hub.

THE CIRCUIT

THE INDUSTRY ISSUE

Rampa Elevada de la Calle 23

Desvío Permanente de Tráfico la U.S. 98 Oeste



El Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT por sus siglas en inglés) ha programado desviar el tráfico que va hacia el oeste en la vía temporal U.S. 98 a la vía permanente en la U.S. 98 desde el este de la Avenida Brown hasta el este del Puente Hathaway. Este desvío programado a comenzar **el 16 de agosto**, servirá para facilitar la construcción de la rampa de la U.S. 98 hacia el oeste. El tráfico de la Calle 23 hacia el sur debe utilizar el sistema de rampa para acceder a la vía permanente de la U.S. 98 Oeste. Los conductores deben estar preparados para alternar de carril frecuentemente y bajar la velocidad.

Una vez que la vía permanente de la U.S. 98 Oeste se abra al tráfico, los conductores podrán utilizar la vía temporal U.S. 98 Este y la Calle 23 hacia el norte sin ninguna interrupción. Los conductores que utilicen la vía temporal U.S. 98 Este encontrarán carriles continuos hacia la izquierda con acceso a la Calle 23 y el cruce del ferrocarril continuará funcionando. La señal de tráfico en Seaport Drive y la U.S. 98 Temporal se mantendrán en efecto y una señal de tráfico adicional estará funcionando en la intersección de Collegiate Drive y la rampa de la U.S. 98 hacia el oeste. Debido a los trabajos de construcción en la vía temporal U.S. 98 Este y en la Calle 23 hacia el norte los conductores deberán hacer cambios de carril frecuentes.

Durante la construcción se colocarán dispositivos de control de tráfico para alertar a los conductores. Se pondrán dispositivos del control de tráfico para alertar a los conductores durante la construcción.

Se les recuerda a los conductores estar muy atentos en el área de construcción ya sea al límite de la velocidad, a las salidas y entradas de los equipos de construcción, y de tener mucha precaución al conducir por las zonas de trabajo. Las multas por exceso de velocidad se duplican cuando hay trabajadores presentes. Todas las actividades de construcción planeadas dependerán del clima y pueden ser retrasadas o reprogramadas en caso de que haya mal tiempo.



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Governor DeSantis Attends Flyover Completion Celebration



The Florida Department of Transportation hosted a completion celebration for the U.S. 98 23rd Street Flyover project Thursday, January 28. Governor Ron DeSantis presided over the celebration along with several state and local dignitaries.



FDOT Secretary Kevin Thibault, P.E., District Three Florida Senator George Gainer, and Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis pose with some of the 23rd Street Flyover contractors and workers.



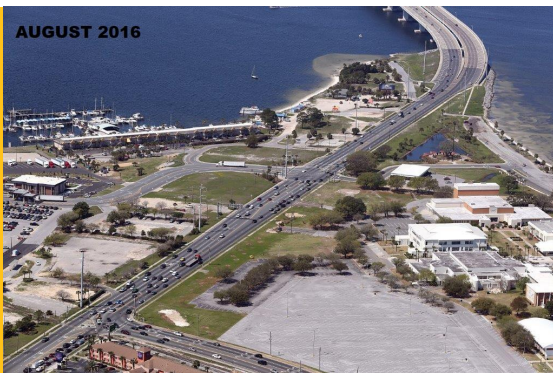
23rd Street Flyover Completion Celebration Ceremony

23rd Street Flyover is Complete

JANUARY 2021



AUGUST 2016



The 23rd Street Flyover project is one mile in length and elevates U.S. 98 over 23rd Street, Collegiate Drive, Seaport Drive and the Bay Line Railroad. Additional improvements include bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and digital message boards.

When construction began in 2016, this hurricane evacuation corridor was the busiest intersection in Bay County. The Florida Department of Transportation, or FDOT, responded to these challenges by constructing a safer route, allowing traffic to run efficiently along U.S. 98 and 23rd Street.

SEPTEMBER 2018



Fly Over the Bay Line Railroad



Remember waiting in a long line of traffic for the train to cross U.S. 98 at 23rd Street? Motorists can now fly over the Bay Line Railroad without having to stop for trains or traffic signals because the Flyover improvements eliminated the need for a traffic signal at the 23rd Street/U.S. 98 intersection.

Temporary U.S. 98





In April 2017, FDOT diverted U.S. 98 traffic to temporary U.S. 98 from east of the Hathaway Bridge to east of Brown Avenue to alleviate traffic slowdown and increase worker safety. The traffic diversion allowed for new construction of the U.S. 98 bridges and ramps, and Collegiate Drive intersection improvements to continue.

Collegiate Drive Improvements



JUNE 2017



FEBRUARY 2021





Collegiate Drive is one of the main entrances to Gulf Coast State College, Florida State University Panama City, the CareerSource Gulf Coast/ Bay Economic Development Alliance building, Carl Gray Park, and the boat ramp.

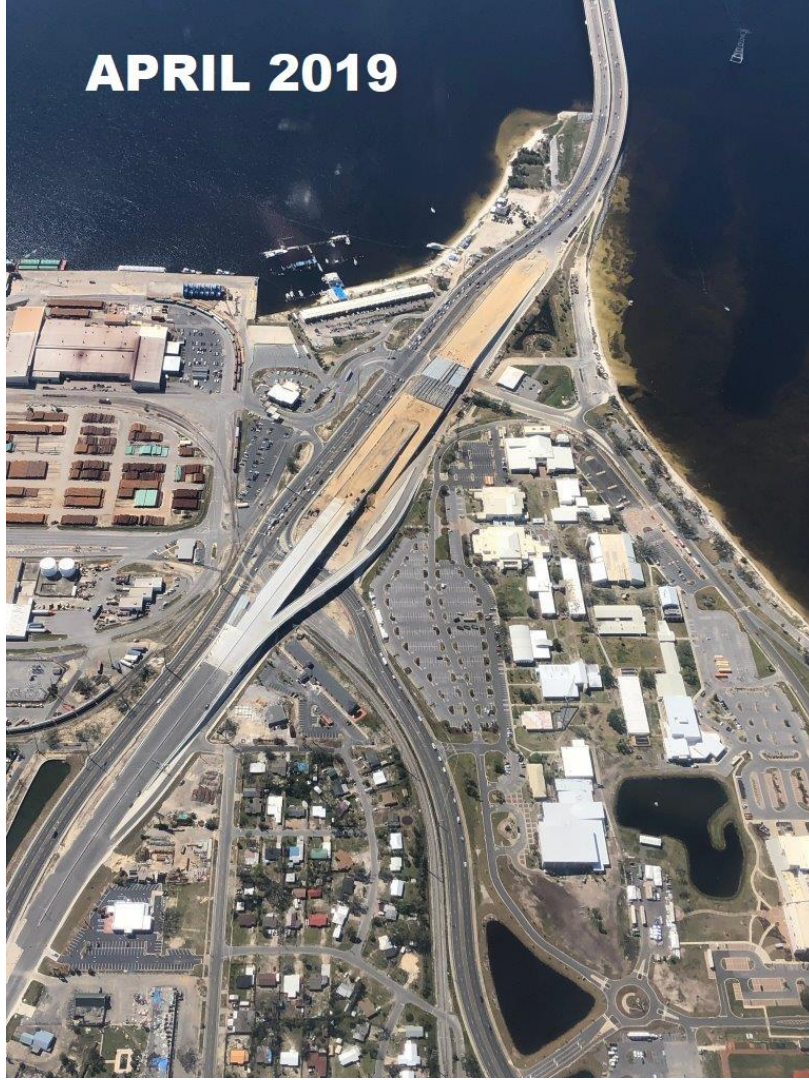
The Collegiate Drive south realignment improves traffic flow into and out of the area by improving the traffic pattern. Upgrades include new traffic signals and the realignment of Collegiate Drive for easier access to and from U.S. 98. Sidewalks plus curb and gutter improvements were included.

Bridges and Ramps



When bridge deck construction began, the placement of multiple 100-to-250-thousand-pound steel tub girder and concrete FL U-beams continued changing the project's overall landscape.

APRIL 2019



APRIL 2020





Hundreds of cubic yards of fluid concrete, hundreds of thousands of pounds of rebar reinforcing steel, and over 500 prestressed concrete pilings were utilized during the construction of the bridge footings, pier columns, and hammerhead pier caps which provide foundation support for the project's permanent bridges and ramps. The nine-ramp system enables motorists to travel between ground-level and elevated portions of U.S. 98.



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