



The two cranes are ...

... oh so close to the Vincent Thomas Bridge ...

... and through. Whew!

Whew, That Was Close

■ **New 220-foot-tall container cranes pass under the Vincent Thomas Bridge with only feet to spare.**

Story and photos courtesy the Port of L.A.

HARBOR — Two new container cranes from Japan were delivered Dec. 13 to the Port of Los Angeles and carefully navigated under the Vincent Thomas Bridge on the way to the TraPac terminal. The cranes came within five feet of the bridge's undercarriage but passed under without incident as television helicopters and film crews captured the scene.

This delivery, precisely timed for the lowest tide possible, marks the first arrival of cranes under the bridge since 2002. The cranes were delivered on a barge that was lowered to the water line to allow bridge clearance. Upon arrival at the terminal, the barge was raised up to the dock level. The cranes were to be rolled onto the terminal over the course of several days.

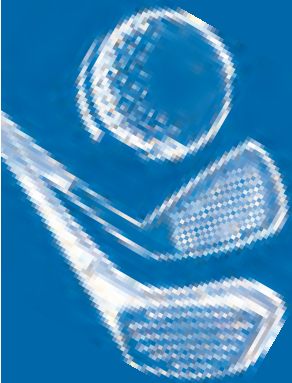
Each crane cost approximately \$7 million. They are 220 feet at top of A-frame, 285 feet with boom stowed and weigh more than 300 tons each. They can lift up to 50.8 tons, and their booms extend out 170 feet, capable of working a ship with 19 container rows across.

The cranes were built by Paceco-Mitsui of Japan and took 18 months to build and 21 days

to travel across the Pacific.

These cranes will help TraPac more than double its container volume over the next 30 years — from about 900,000 TEUs to nearly 2.4 million TEUs, in accordance with the terminal's expansion plans approved earlier this month by the Los Angeles Harbor Commission.

LAPD Communications Division 2nd Annual Golf Classic



*Four-Person Scramble:
Friday, April 4, 2008
Registration – 11:30 a.m.
Tee-off – 1 p.m.*

**Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 360-2101**

Cost: \$125 per player

Registration 11:30 a.m.

144 Golfers – 36 Teams

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, door prizes for each player and an exciting awards banquet
All for just \$125 / player



Several "winner" categories, including:

- LAPD Team, mixed team, and others.
- Putting contest
- Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenge
- And a Hole-in-One chance for a car

This year's event will be held Friday, April 4, at the well-manicured Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with tee-off at 1 p.m.

The cost for this event is only \$125. The price includes: 18 holes of golf, range balls, shared cart, BBQ lunch, buffet dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf. For those who would like family and/ or friends to join us for the award presentation and dinner only, the dinner is \$30 per person.

Golf attire is required: collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.

Registration is now open.

**Please pre-register or sponsor the event by March 15 at
<http://lapdcommdiv.golfreg.com>**



Newsbrief

BRIDGES NEAR HANSEN DAM:

Public Works is working on two bridge improvement projects near Hansen Dam, said Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz. "Construction of the Foothill Boulevard Bridge Replacement project, just upstream of the dam, is under way. However, the Glenoaks Boulevard Bridge Widening project, downstream of the dam, has been postponed until March," Ruiz said.

"Working in the river channel requires extra safety precautions and we want all our contractors to work in a safe environment," City Engineer Gary Lee Moore said. "While construction has started on the Foothill bridge, the start on Glenoaks bridge has been postponed due to potential Los Angeles County Flood Control District water release risks from the dam." Completion is expected in March 2009.

Public Works Commissioners recently awarded contracts for both projects. MCM Construction, Inc., received \$7.9 million for the Foothill Bridge project and Olivas Valdez, Inc. was awarded \$1.9 million for the Glenoaks Bridge project.

Bureau of Engineering (BOE) staff met extensively with residents to address concerns during the design phase of the Foothill Boulevard bridge project. "As a result, the Replacement Bridge will mimic the original designs," said City Engineer Moore. "The roadway, however, will be slightly wider to provide for safety shoulders."

Architectural features include new decorative light poles made by creating new molds from old pole bases to recreate original design patterns. In addition, barriers will have similar openings to the originals, except spacing will be slightly smaller to meet code safety requirements.

"With a budget of \$650 million, the bridge program includes 57 active projects and works extensively with Caltrans, FHWA, Metro, Transportation and other Public Works bureaus," Moore said. BOE manages this program under the oversight of the Seismic Governance Committee. Engineering Bureau prepares preliminary designs, specifications and estimates of major public improvement projects and is responsible for subdivision requirements, checking public improvement plans of private developers, issuing Engineering permits and preparing construction cost estimates.

"BOE also provides construction contract management and is responsible for Capital Improvement Projects for the City, including sewer systems, street and other infrastructures," Moore added.