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Carquinez Bridge Dismantling Continues with Twin 700 ton Lifts

(Crockett, Calif.) May 23, 2006 – Two 700-ton suspended truss spans from the historic 1927 Carquinez Bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area have recently been removed in engineered lowering operations. The first truss span was removed on April 25, 2006 and the second on May 12, 2006. The spans, each 433 feet in length, were part of a 3,350-foot steel cantilever truss bridge completed in 1927 and replaced in 2003 by the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge.

J Coleman, Principal with Foothills Bridge Co, the project's construction engineer, said, "Executing a well-planned operation like this is like watching grass grow. Everything is proceeding according to plan and moving smoothly, and we're proud to be involved in this historic engineering project."

General Contractor, California Engineering Contractors of Pleasanton, Calif., utilized four strand jacks, operating in 18-inch increments, to lower each span 130 feet to two waiting barges. The spans were transported to a former naval shipyard at nearby Mare Island for final dismantling. The remaining truss spans will be dismantled from the bridge deck in reverse cantilever.

About Foothills Bridge Co

Foothills Bridge Co, located in Boulder, Colo., is a construction engineering firm specializing in engineered erection, retrofitting and dismantling of bridges and related structures. www.foothillsbridge.com.

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18" Increments. Carquinez Bridge Span Lowered for Off-Site Dismantling.

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