

Mike O'Callaghan–Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge

Often referred to as the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge, the bridge is officially named the “Mike O’Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge” after two prominent citizens, one from Nevada and one from Arizona, who dedicated themselves to public service and the greater good.

Mike O’Callaghan was a longtime Nevadan, a decorated Korean War veteran, the Governor of Nevada from 1971 through 1979, and for many years, until his death in 2004 at age 74, executive editor of the Las Vegas Sun newspaper.

Pat Tillman was a star football player at ASU and graduated with honors before playing professional football for the Arizona Cardinals. Inspired by 9/11, he left his multimillion dollar football career to enlist as an infantryman in the U.S. Army. In 2004, at the age of 27, he was killed in Afghanistan by friendly fire.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE BRIDGE

- The twin-rib concrete arch span is 1,060 feet long
- The Bridge is 1,900 feet long
- The Bridge deck and sidewalk is located approximately 900 feet above the Colorado River
- The Bridge is located approximately 1,500 feet south of the Hoover Dam

Construction began in late January 2005 and opened for use October 19, 2010. The bridge spans the Black Canyon about 1,500 feet south of the Hoover Dam and nearly 900-feet above the Colorado River.

The bridge:

- Is the first concrete-steel composite arch bridge built in the United States
- Incorporates the widest concrete arch in the Western Hemisphere
- Is the second-highest bridge in the United States, following the Royal Gorge Bridge
- Is the world's highest concrete arch bridge.
- Cost \$114 million