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Q&A on Pedestrian Bridge

Construction on the city's new bridge has produced a number of queries from residents. Following are a few interesting bridge facts.

- Who designed the bridge? Michael Baker, Inc, an engineering firm located right here in our city.
- What type of bridge is it? It is a thrust arch style bridge, fabricated by Contech Engineered Solutions in Ft. Payne, Alabama. The bridge was permitted by the GDOT's Bridge Department.
- How wide is the bridge's pedestrian walkway? 14 feet
- How tall is the bridge from the ground to bottom of bridge span? 18 feet, which meets GDOT's requirements.
- How tall is the bridge from the ground to the top? Approximately 45 feet
- What is the length of the bridge? 190 feet.

A great deal of work remains before the bridge is completed. Pedestrian safety panels must be fabricated and installed. Staircases and pedestrian facilities on each end must be completed. Elevators must be fabricated, delivered and installed. Aesthetic elements of the bridge and plaza are still a work in progress, along with lighting and final architectural elements.

Watch for updates on the city's website. The pedestrian bridge is expected to be complete in October.

