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BAYONNE BRIDGE

## Bridge project already fueling business at port

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Port Authority officials say the completion of the Bayonne Bridge Navigational Clearance Project is helping the Port of New York and New Jersey set volume records, “shattering” highs established two years ago.

As a result of the project, which raised the Bayonne Bridge from 151 feet to 215 feet to allow larger ships access to the port’s marine facilities in Newark, Elizabeth and Staten Island, cargo volume was up 5.3 percent from 2015, when the previous record was set.

“The investment we made to raise the Bayonne Bridge is clearly paying dividends by driving up cargo volumes and significantly boosting the jobs and economic activity the port generates for the region,” said Port Authority Executive Director Rick Cotton.

“Our goal moving forward is to continue to work with all port stakeholders to efficiently and effectively handle greater volumes of cargo destined for our port.”

While officials say the “Raise the Roadway” project is set to be completed in 2019, here are six signs that business already is booming at the Port of New York and New Jersey since the Bayonne Bridge was raised in June: