

# Hamburg Senate recommends Köhlbrand Bridge replacement

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The replacement construction of a new bridge over the Köhlbrand is due to be opened to traffic from 2040 onwards.

During the Port of Hamburg's session on 2 April, the Senate reviewed the alternatives for the Köhlbrand crossing and decided on the construction of a new bridge.

The existing Köhlbrand Bridge has reached the end of its operational lifespan and requires replacement, according to a Port of Hamburg statement. Following an examination and evaluation of various crossing options, the Senate has opted for the construction of a new bridge.

The replacement construction will achieve a higher clearance for ships, while in the future, vessels of current height and potentially slightly larger sizes will be able to access the southern part of the port.

"This removes a previously limiting factor and opens up new possibilities for port development," said Port of Hamburg.

The new replacement bridge is scheduled to be opened for traffic from 2040 onwards and will replace the existing Köhlbrand Bridge. Until then, the current bridge will continue to be utilized and maintained and subsequent tasks will include additional work, such as the dismantling of the existing structure.