

**HAIL & FAREWELL**

U.S. 93 enters and exits Nevada and Arizona near Hoover Dam in the most dramatic manner of any U.S. highway crossing state lines.

Before the River Bridge opened, the original highway twisted down and up the cliffs of the Black Canyon to cross over Hoover Dam. The River Bridge and its highway approaches now eliminate traffic jams bypassing the original dam crossing. U.S. 93 is a major highway within the north-south CANAMEX Corridor that crosses the United States.

You can still get the feeling of the historic narrow, winding highway if you drive down the scenic canyon to the Hoover Dam Visitor Center.

# LAY THE PATH

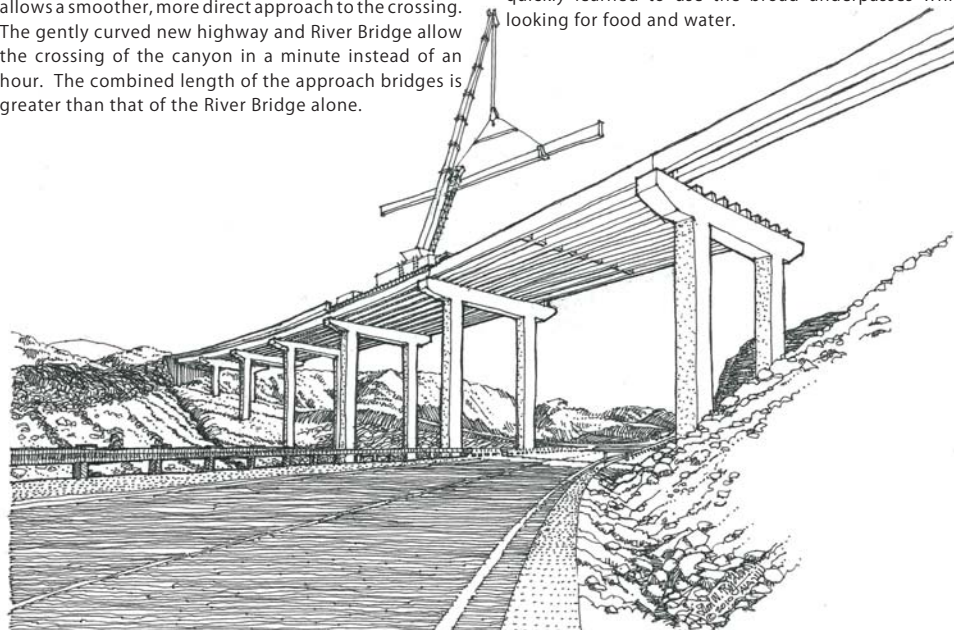
## with Cut & Fill

**MAKE STRAIGHT in the DESERT A HIGHWAY**

The civil engineers made the highway approaches to the River Bridge more direct and level by cutting and filling the land and by installing bridges over valleys.

The position of the River Bridge at the edge of the canyon allows a smoother, more direct approach to the crossing. The gently curved new highway and River Bridge allow the crossing of the canyon in a minute instead of an hour. The combined length of the approach bridges is greater than that of the River Bridge alone.

The new approach highway retains the wildlife trails while overcoming landform obstacles. Underpasses and fences help to protect wildlife from highway traffic as they travel through the area. Bighorn sheep have quickly learned to use the broad underpasses while looking for food and water.



**Mike O'Callaghan - Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge**