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Almost there!

This amazing picture shows the Channel Tunnel rail link viaduct at Thurrock, Essex, under construction. Motorists on the road below were able to see the 23 segments of the one-kilometre-long bridge gradually being pushed out with hydraulic jacks over the gap. The viaduct is close to where the M25 crosses the Thames in a tunnel and on the Queen Elizabeth II bridge. The viaduct also crosses the London, Tilbury and Southend train line. Section two of the CTRL between Ebbsfleet and St Pancras is now more than half finished. Section one opened on 16 September.

Picture: Ros Orpin, courtesy of Rail Link Engineering, project manager and designer of the CTRL