



BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR

Cincinnati City Council: Climate, City Services, and Infrastructure Committee

June 9, 2026



Department of
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AGENDA

- Background & Project Overview
- Planning Ahead for Community Travel
- Work in Progress
- Upcoming Travel Impacts (Next 3 months)
- Project Communications Tools & Resources



BACKGROUND & PROJECT OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

- The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project represents one of the nation's most significant transportation transformations
- An estimated \$1 billion dollars of freight passes through this corridor daily
- As of 2023, CVG is the 6th largest cargo airport in North America and the 12th in the world with a \$10.5 Billion annual economic impact (2025)
- The Project will:
 - Address one of the most severe traffic bottlenecks in the country
 - Reshape how Ohio and Kentucky move, connect and grow



PROJECT OVERVIEW

2.25 miles

Kentucky +
Companion Bridge + Ohio

90+ firms

Design, Construction &
Utility Work

2026-2033

Current Phase Construction
Timeline

\$4.05B

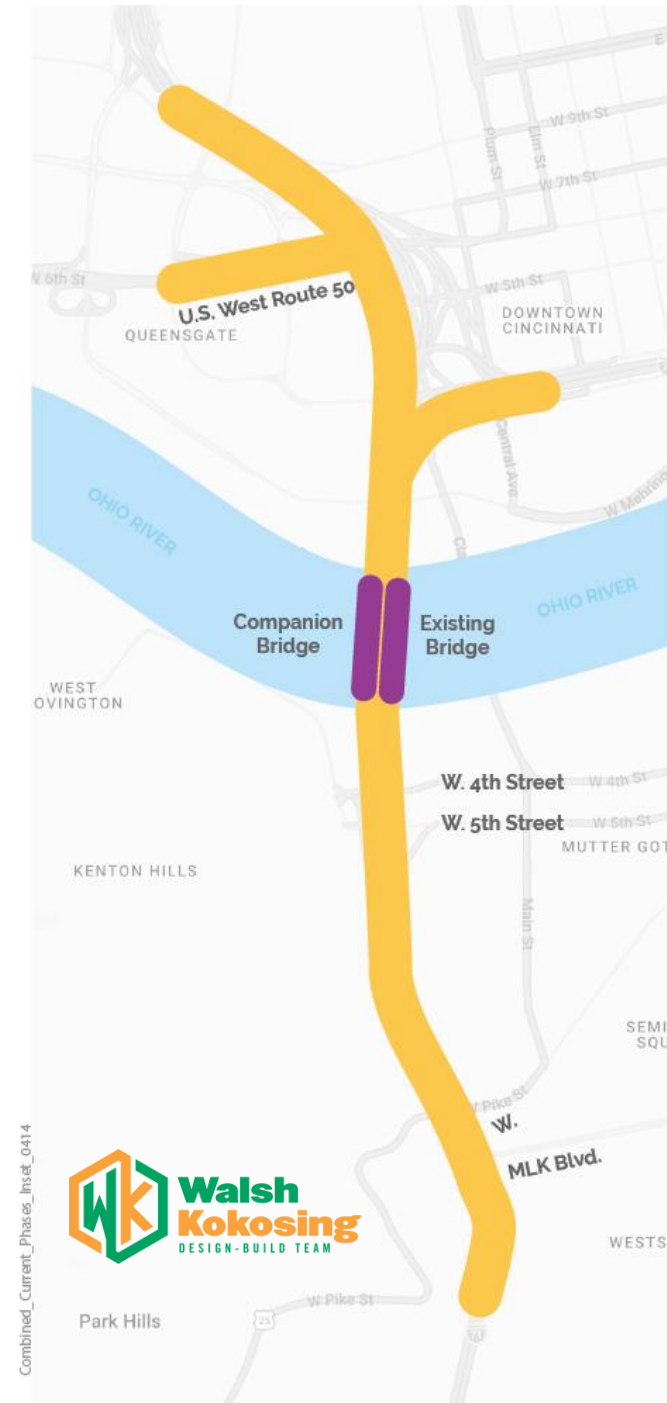
Cost of First Construction
Phase



PROJECT OVERVIEW

New Companion Bridge and One Mile of Approaches

- Two-tier, independent deck cable-stayed bridge carrying five lanes of northbound (upper level) and southbound (lower level) interstate traffic
 - Existing Brent Spence Bridge will carry local traffic
- One-mile approach to the new bridge in Ohio and in Kentucky
- Constructing a C-D roadway system between West 12th Street/Martin Luther King (MLK) Jr. Boulevard in Kentucky to Linn Street in Ohio
- Extending frontage roads connecting Pike Street to West 4th Street and West 5th in Kentucky
- New pedestrian and bicycle paths and aesthetic improvements for walkable, urban connectivity



6th STREET BRIDGE LOOKING EAST (DAY)



6th STREET BRIDGE LOOKING EAST (NIGHT)





PLANNING AHEAD FOR COMMUNITY TRAVEL

PROACTIVE PLANNING

Using Engineering to Mitigate Impacts

- Applying unprecedented predictive modeling to understand work zones and traffic patterns.
- Using traffic analysis tools to design project, adjust lane configurations and update signal timing to accommodate volume.
- Designing nearly every phase of the project with at least two NB and two SB ramps in and out of the city.
- Implementing spot capacity improvements in adjacent areas to accommodate diverting traffic



PROACTIVE PLANNING

Processes in Place to Support Travel

- Robust plan for signage to raise awareness of alternate routes for regional travel to avoid construction area, including CVG freight
- Monitors for traffic conditions, to identify areas that need adjustments
- Quick clear processes available in the area to remove crashes quickly
- Drone docks on the roof of Longworth Hall to assist with traffic surveillance
- Policies restricting short-term lane closures to low-volume times and prohibiting them during major events



PROACTIVE PLANNING

Resources Built for Our Community

- Website: features travel impacts and real-time resources for drivers
- Enewsletter: updates about the work, employment opportunities and stories of the people behind the project
- Detour tools: video detour drive throughs, animated PDFs and simplified digital maps
- GPS: coordination with Google, WAZE, and DriveWyze, the freight-focused GPS system

All major travel impacts are communicated between 14 and 30 days before the closure via the local media, travel eblasts, text alerts and social media



TRAFFIC DELAYS AND CLOSURES

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor June 3, 2026 Travel Advisory

What's Happening Now

Welcome to our Travel Advisories Newsletter, where we'll provide updates on closures, detours, construction impacts and other important travel changes. We'll distribute this newsletter as needed based on project activity, so you always know what to expect before you hit the road.

I-71/75 Ramp Closures In Covington

Beginning on or after Monday, June 8, three I-71/75 ramps in Covington will close long-term as construction advances on the **Brent Spence Bridge Corridor** Project.



PROACTIVE PLANNING

Collaboration with Key Groups

- City DOTE: work together to build detours, discuss areas of concern, review special events and more
- Stakeholders: meetings with sports, arts, entertainment and event planners bringing big crowds downtown, neighborhood councils, local businesses
- First Responders & Transit: regular meetings to discuss closures, detour routes and provide resources





WORK IN PROGRESS

KENTUCKY

- Third Street and Crescent Avenue waterline and sanitary sewer relocation
- Crescent Avenue between Western Avenue and 4th Street waterline replacement
- Kentucky Riverwalk detour
- 3rd Street closure: joint utility trench relocation
- Willow Run sewer lining
- Duke Energy transmission line
- 9th Street closure
- MLK/Pike/12th Street NB & SB ramp closures



KENTUCKY

Kentucky
Summer 2026

May 1:

1. 9th St. under I-71/75,
(duration of project)

On or After June 8:

2. NB exit from I-71/75 to MLK/Pike
(reopens summer 2027)
3. SB MLK entrance ramp to I-71/75
(reopens late Oct.)
4. 12th St. at Bullock Ave.
(duration of project)
Note: Simon Kenton Way (C) reverts to two-way operation on the day Bullock closes
5. MLK Jr. Blvd. under I-71/75
(reopens summer 2027)
6. Bullock Ave. from Pike St. to MLK Jr. Blvd
(reopens late Oct.)

On or After June 15:

7. EB 5th St. under I-71/75 (permanent)

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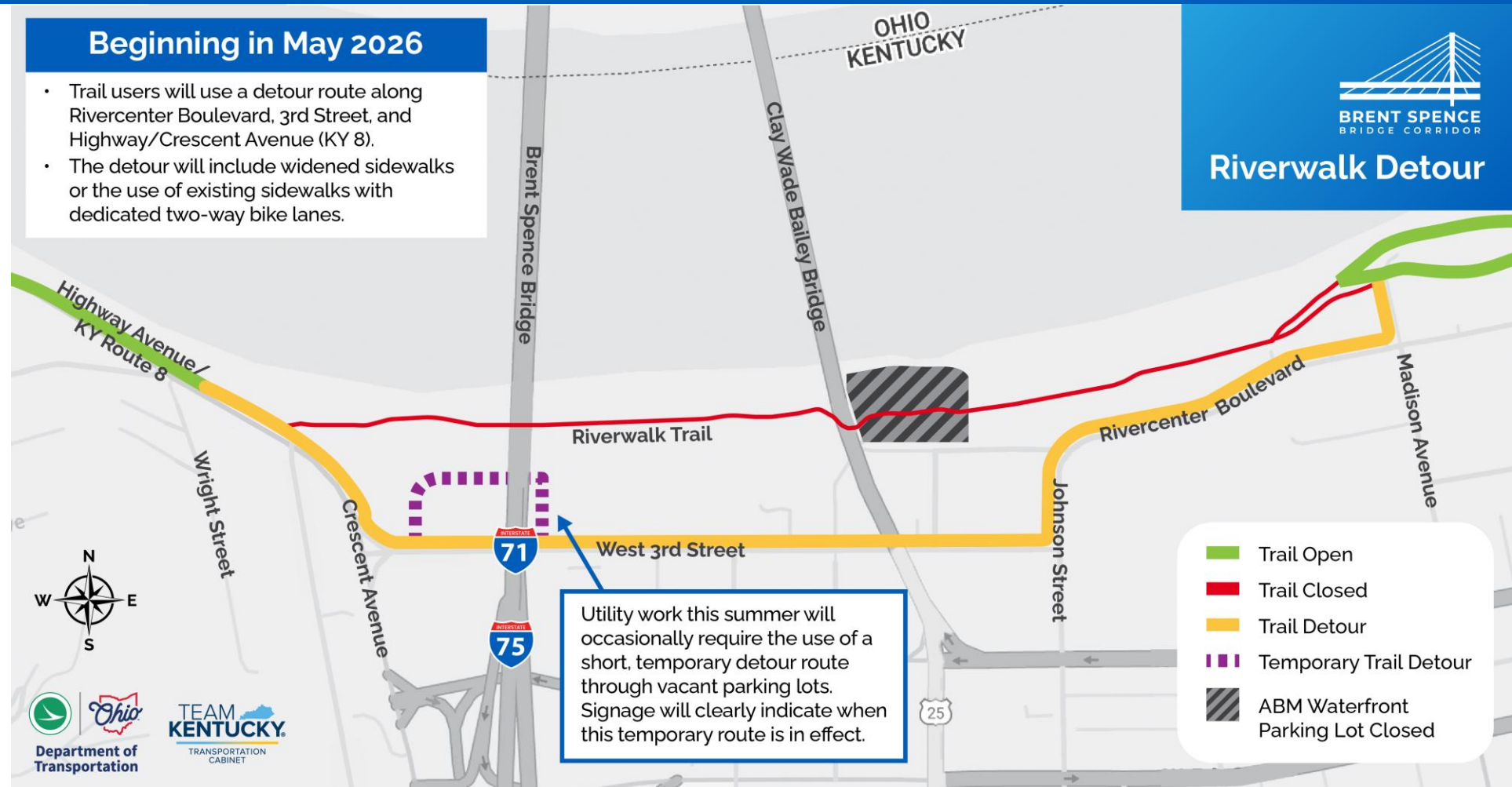


KENTUCKY

- 5th St. pedestrian bridge closed
- Riverwalk Trail detour in place

Beginning in May 2026

- Trail users will use a detour route along Rivercenter Boulevard, 3rd Street, and Highway/Crescent Avenue (KY 8).
- The detour will include widened sidewalks or the use of existing sidewalks with dedicated two-way bike lanes.



Riverwalk Detour

OHIO

- Longworth Hall partial demolition
- West 3rd Street and Clay Wade Bailey Bridge utility joint trench relocating
- 42-inch water main relocation
- Separate Metropolitan Sewer District Project at Freeman Avenue



OHIO – DISTRICT 8

Linn Street Overpass Replacement

- Replace the Linn Street overpass in coordination with the City's State to Central Complete Street project
- Reconstruct Court Street
- Reconstruct Winchell Avenue including a retaining wall and pedestrian bridge



OHIO – DISTRICT 8

Linn Street Bridge Closures

- Linn Street
- Gest Street between Freeman Avenue and West 7th Street/West 8th Street
- Western Avenue ramp to I-75 south
- Northbound I-75 exit to Winchell Avenue (Ezzard Charles Exit)
- 9th Street entrance ramp to Northbound I-75





UPCOMING TRAVEL IMPACTS

3-MONTH IMPACTS: KENTUCKY

Key:

1. 9th St. under I-71/75
2. NB exit from I-71/75 to MLK/Pike
3. SB MLK entrance ramp to I-71/75
4. 12th St. at Bullock Ave.
5. MLK Jr. Blvd. under I-71/75
6. Bullock Ave. from Pike St. to MLK Jr. Blvd
- A. *Simon Kenton Way reverts to two-way operation on the day Bullock (6) closes*

On or After June 15:

7. EB 5th St. under I-71/75 (permanent)

Late Fall:

- 4th St. Ramp to I-71/75 NB opens
- Texas Turnaround closes

Kentucky

Fall 2026





3-MONTH IMPACTS: OHIO

City Street Closures (short-term):

- Mid-July: West 3rd Street
- Early August: Central Ave, right after 3rd Street reopens

Ramp Closures:

- 2nd Street
- Gest Street from U.S. 50

3-MONTH IMPACTS: OHIO

Current closures:

1. Western Ave. at Gest St. MSD project; ramp to I-75 SB closed (permanent)
2. Linn St. bridge closed by ODOT, separate project of BSBC (early 2028)
3. 9th St. ramp to I-75 NB (Winchell Ave. to Ezzard Charles Dr.) closed (spring 2027)
4. I-75 NB ramp to Ezzard Charles Dr. closed (2029)

Upcoming closures:

5. Gest St. closed (late 2029)
6. US 50 WB ramp to Gest St. closed (permanent)
7. US 50 EB to I-75 SB ramp to 2nd St. closed (permanent)
8. I-71 NB ramp to 2nd St. closed (2028)



3-MONTH IMPACTS: OHIO

Current Parking Area Work:

1. Lot 1
2. Lot under 2nd St
3. Lot A (south)

Future Closures:

- John's St. Parking – Summer 2026
- Lot 1U - 2027
- Central Ave. Lot - 2030
- McFarland St. Lot - 2030





PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

- Website – construction updates and travel advisory page
- Social Media – X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Threads
- Travel Advisory Eblast – Email sign-up
- Text Messaging Push Notifications
- Media Travel Advisories – interstate closures and major traffic pattern changes



The latest **Brent Spence Bridge Corridor** Project newsletter has been published!

- ✓ DEMOLITION OF LINN STREET BRIDGE COMPLETE
- ✓ "SAFE ACTIONS SAVE LIVES"
- ✓ RIVERWALK DETOUR IN COVINGTON TO BEGIN
- ✓ TRAFFIC IMPACTS ON 9TH STREET IN COVINGTON
- ✓ CONSTRUCTION TEAM STARTING STRONG
- ✓ WORKERS NEEDED: LEARN MORE AT INFORMATION SESSIONS

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APRIL 2026

**BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE
CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER**

VIRTUAL ROOM

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Select Zone

Plan View

Bridge Renderings

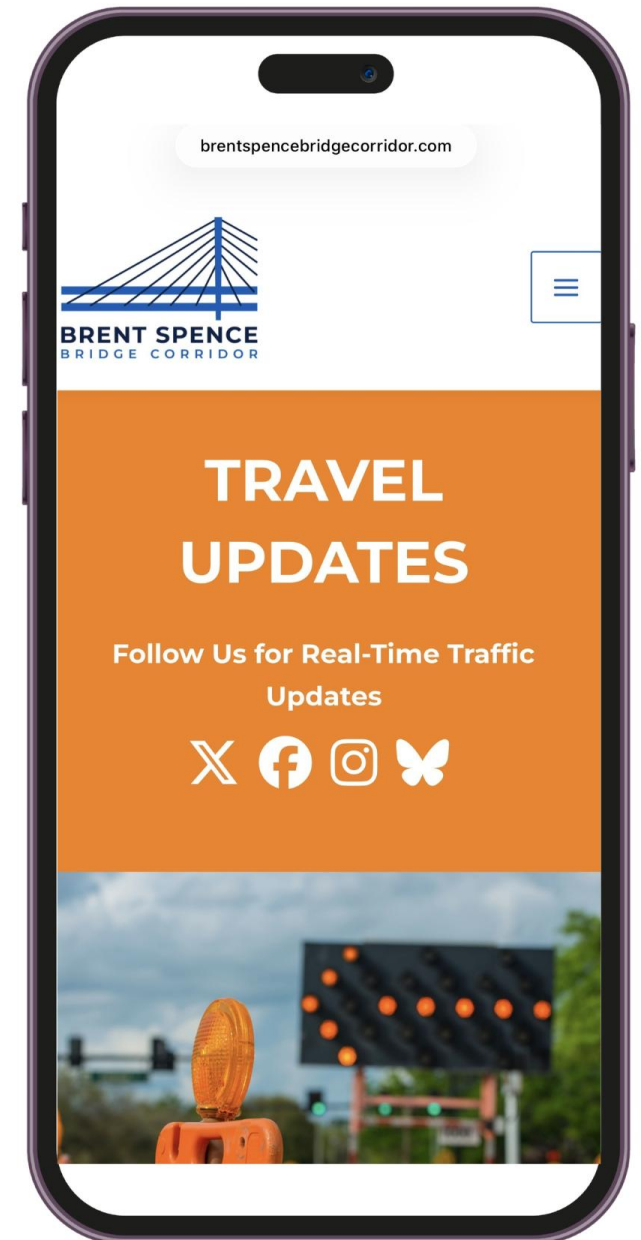
1 - Ft. Wright and Ft. Mitchell 2 - Park Hills 3 - Covington 4 - Brent Spence Bridge 5 - Cincinnati

COMMENTS? **Intro Video**

SPREAD THE WORD

- Encourage downtown commuters to drive safely through our work zones
- Help us reinforce the positive long-term improvements coming to our region
- Follow, share and comments on social media posts from our accounts
- Post digital signage, materials or host a display at your location within the central business district

Give us your ideas for how we can support your employees, customers and partners traveling to and from downtown.





THANK YOU!



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