

**Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project  
Aesthetic Committee Meeting Summary (KY) June  
28, 2022**

**Covington Aesthetic Sub-Committee Meeting No.1  
June 28, 2022 – (KYTC D-6 office, 3-5 pm)**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Following welcoming comments by Gary Valentine, the below listed attendees made self-introductions

Emily Wolff - Advisory Committee Member  
Ben Oldiges - Advisory Committee Member  
Steven Hill - Advisory Committee Member  
Sarah Allan – representing Susan Smith, Advisory Committee Member  
Mayor Joseph Meyer, City of Covington KY  
Stacey Hans -KYTC  
Gary Valentine – KYTC  
David Reed – QK4  
Glen Kelly- QK4

**2. Purpose of Subcommittee**

Purpose - Assist KYTC in the development of “I-71/75 Covington Area Streetscape Guidelines”. The Guidelines will be a component of the overall Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Project procurement documents for final improvements made to impacted areas of Covington and adjacent areas in Kentucky.

Goals of the guidelines will include protection and enhancement of the unique and historic character of downtown Covington including incorporation of the following critical elements of design:

- Coordinated corridor aesthetic features and treatments.
- Landscape buffering and integration.
- Pedestrian safety and mobility
- Complete street concepts and linkage to existing trail networks where possible

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### 3. Project History and Overview

Information presented at the June 7, 2022 Industry Forum, held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, was used to provide an overview of the Brent Spence Bridge project history and the currently proposed work. This information is available on the [Brent Spence Procurement website](#) at the link labeled June 7<sup>th</sup> Forum Information

#### 6/13/2022: Industry Forum Information

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Thank you to all the companies, organizations, and individuals who participated in the June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BSB Industry Forum.

ODOT and KYTC is sharing the following information: General Session PowerPoint, Attendee Lists, and the various visual displays.

Link: [June 7th Forum Info](#)

A recording of the General Session presentation will be posted soon.

KYTC noted the primary focus of the BSB project is to address the significant traffic capacity and safety issues resulting from the multiple movements and transitions from local to through interstate traffic. Construction of local system adjacent to the interstate travel ways is the foundation of the overall BSB project. This local traffic system, with associated interfaces with local streets, will cross the Ohio River on the existing bridge. Interstate traffic only will be accommodated on the new double deck river crossing.

### 4. Opportunities

To trigger discussion on concerns and values, KYTC briefly presented constructed elements of I-65 Ohio River Crossing completed in Louisville, Ky and Jeffersonville In. These included: underpass treatments, gateways, pedestrian facilities, lighting, signing, landscaping, and retaining wall treatments. Documents/guidelines included in Construction Procurement Documents for Aesthetic and Landscape treatments were also briefly discussed.

### 5. Covington Values

- Opportunities to create improved bike and pedestrian environments along parallel roads and intersecting side streets.
- Lighting is very important throughout the overhead bridge crossings.
- Concern for mitigating the loss of tree canopy within new footprint of the interstate - especially alongside the park. Solutions should be developed to coordinate with the existing park master plan. KYTC noted that there have been recent efforts to minimize impacts.

- Concern for the treatment and environment created within underpasses.
- Concern for those areas where footprint is close to existing assets (park, pool on east side and houses on the west side). Some previous geotechnical work (by SD1) may be available.
- Gateway opportunities- CW Bailey Bridge intersection. Opportunities to coordinate solutions and partner in implementation.
- Concern for noise attenuation. Noise walls and quiet pavement solutions represent the typical treatments and solutions.
- Traffic calming on connecting local streets are also a concern to eliminate high speeds within the urban fabric.

## 6. Next Steps

Develop and provide to Advisory committee

- Available details of underpass options and examples, including dimensions (width and heights).
- Complete Street Options (specifically along Bullock and Jillian's/Simon Kenton)
- Lighting option examples

Information exchange targeted mid-July

Next meeting – Tentatively, August 10 at 2:30