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001	BSB Companion Bridge	06/01/2022 - ODOT Website Comment - The new companion bridge should include a pedestrian facility, so that people don't have to detour a mile out of their way to cross the river.	The Brent Spence carries limited access vehicle traffic and the current alternative is continuing with this pattern. As such pedestrian facilities are not planned on the freeway components. The region has multiple pedestrian crossings of the Ohio River with the closest being the Clay Wade Bailey bridge 600' east of the existing Brent Spence Bridge.
001A	Roadway/Bridge Design	06/08/2022 - ODOT Website Comment - With plans for a second bridge, consider using 1 for truck traffic and one for automobile traffic, separating the two would make for a more efficient and safe roadway. In fact it would be worth studying in areas where you have the space to make truck only lanes, to keep trucks from making lane changes. and bottlenecking traffic, and keeping cars from cutting in and out of the truck traffic.	Thanks for your comment concerning the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. We understand your concerns with the intermixing of two different vehicle classifications; however, we will not be considering independent truck lanes. We are making improvements to separate the traffic wanting to access local destinations with those traveling through the central business districts. Local destination traffic will utilize a collector-distributor system. This should minimize the weaving of traffic in the corridor.
001B	Storm and Sanitary Ft. Wright Ramps	<p>06/12/2022 - Email - I am on the Fort Wright City Council and past member of the Board of Sanitation District No. 1 thus these two points.</p> <p>When it rains the water flow from I75 between Kyles Lane north to the bridge is directed off the expressway into the sewer systems in Covington. This system is a combined sanitary and storm system. This diversion of water causes the system to overflow, creating health hazards and violations of the Consent Decree Northern Kentucky is operating under. These overflows are costly to all Northern Kentucky residents and businesses. A while back, transportation officials had made presentations to citizens, cities, and others including SD1. Dave Rager who was then the Executive Director of SD1 and his engineering team met with those transportation officials. Out of those meetings a verbal commitment was made to Northern Kentucky that waters from the I75 corridor in this area be capture and transported to the Ohio River in storm water piping to be designed into and added to project. No more water was to be directed to Covington. Not sure of this part, maintenance of this piping was to be the responsibility of the transportation cabinet. This note is a reminder of that commitment, so those attributes are included in the design.</p> <p>The second point that needs to be addressed are the proposed exits</p>	<p>KYTC has committed to strive to separate the highway drainage from combined sewer systems as part of the BSB Corridor Project. Where separation is not feasible, adequate detention per KYTC standards will be provided. Furthermore, KYTC committed to participate with Sanitation District No. 1 of Northern Kentucky (SD1) efforts to bring applicable agencies together to discuss, investigate, and evaluate mutually beneficial arrangements.</p> <p>Since those original commitments were made, the City of Covington has reassumed storm water responsibility from SD1. The City is responsible for storm water runoff until it reaches the combined sewer system, at which point it becomes the responsibility of SD1. Given this development, KYTC has been engaged in on-going coordination with both the City of Covington and SD1. These efforts have included several meetings and the preparation of a Willow Run Storm Water Separation Feasibility Study Report (March 2022) to evaluate alternative drainage layouts for storm and sanitary separation. These coordination efforts will be on-going during the projects design, construction, and maintenance phases.</p> <p>The preferred alternative for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project will widen I-71/I-75 through Ft. Wright, Kentucky and will rebuild the Kyles Lane and Dixie Highway interchanges. However, the configuration of these interchange will match what currently</p>

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001B (cont.)	Storm and Sanitary Ft. Wright Ramps (cont.)	and entrances to I75 at Fort Wright. As we understand these, as drawn, place an economic burden on merchants on Dixie Hwy near Kyles Lane. Additionally, those exits are the main entrance to Fort Wright and need to be convenient and welcoming to motorist traveling along I75. The city with its engineering team would like to meet with the transportation planners so we can, 1) understand the drawings, and 2) arrive at an understanding that negates our concerns about the impact to The City.	exists, and the access to Ft. Wright will be unchanged. Furthermore, value engineering efforts and design refinements have reduced footprint of the project in these areas. The project will be constructed largely within the existing transportation right-of-way. No commercial merchants will be displaced in these areas, although one residence will be displaced. KYTC will continue to coordinate the projects impacts with the City of Ft. Wright through the project's design and construction phases.
002	Bridge Closures	07/02/2022 - Web Comment - I use I-71 from Louisville to get to Columbus Ohio. My last trip I was very excited that the southbound trip over the bridge was no longer detoured. Is the northbound repair work done? I travel from the St Louis area and used to take I-70 to Columbus but it is a royal mess around Indianapolis and I prefer to take 64 to 71. Please let me know as I can take another bridge but it is not as convenient as the Brent Spence Bridge. Thank you.	The Brent Spence Bridge is not under any long-term closures. Travelers can review real-time traffic information to determine if their routes are affected by work zones or other incidents at: https://gokv.ky.gov/ and https://ohgo.com/ .
003	Project Mailing List	07/05/2022 - Web Comment - I'd like to receive the BSB updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
004	Project Mailing List	07/06/2022 - Web Comment - Please register me.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
005	Aesthetics Noise	07/09/2022 - Web Comment - I am on the Fort Wright City Council. These thoughts are in addition to my previous suggestions. 1) When traveling North on I75 say to Dayton several overpasses have been decorated by local cities making them very attractive, welcoming, and pleasing to motorist. An opportunity exists to accomplish the same here in Kentucky. The first overpass south of the Bent Spence Bridge is Kyles Lane. The city would like to discuss enhancing the aesthetics of that overpass and welcoming motorist to the city. An opportunity exists for the state to partner with the city on this upgrade to welcoming motorist to Kentucky. 2) Several Fort Wright residents who live east of I75 approached the city concerning noise abatement of traffic which will be closer to them and increasing. Addressing these concerns is imperative.	A Project Aesthetics Committee was formed as a subgroup of the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) to evaluate aesthetic treatments through the corridor, including corridor themes during the project's initial development stages. The Aesthetics Committee is scheduled to reconvene in 2022 to continue its evaluation of aesthetics throughout the BSB corridor. KYTC is currently conducting a noise analysis to identify any noise impacts associated with the BSB Corridor Project and to identify mitigation measures for any identified impacts. KYTC will continue to coordinate the projects aesthetic and noise components with the City of Ft. Wright through the project's design and construction phases.
006	Construction	07/11/2022 - Web Comment - Is there a site already in place for suppliers to sign up and/or provide capabilities statements?	There is an option on the BSB Corridor Project Procurement Information website to submit contact information and submit comments or questions: www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/

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007	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Please add me to your contact list to receive project updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
008	General Support	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Looking forward to getting this done.	Comment noted.
009	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Please add me to the mailing for updates. Thanks.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
010	General Support	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Thanks.	Comment noted.
011	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Please send updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
012	Pike Street	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - How is the corridor going to affect Pike Street in Covington, KY?	Near Pike Street, Preferred Alternative I (Concept I-W) will widen I-71/I-75 from 7 to 11 lanes and will build two parallel collector-distributor (C-D) roadways to provide access to local streets. Traffic will exit I-71/I-75 and travel down the C-D road to access Pike Street. In addition, portions of Pike Street will be rebuilt to accommodate the widened interstate and C-D roads.
013	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Subscribe.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
014	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Hello, we are one of 7 state welcome centers for KY. We would like to stay informed about the bridge project.	This email address was added to the project mailing list.
015	BSB Companion Bridge	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Why are they making the new bridge smaller. That is where a large amount of traffic is.	The Preferred Alternative (Concept I-W) will rehabilitate and reconfigure the existing double decker Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) to reduce the number of lanes on each deck from four to three and increase inside and outside shoulder widths. The existing BSB will serve local traffic. In addition, it will construct a double decker companion bridge with five lanes on each deck west of the existing BSB. The new companion bridge will serve through (interstate) traffic. With both bridges, the total number of lanes across the Ohio River will increase from 8 to 16. Traffic analyses completed for the project show these lanes will restore acceptable traffic flow across the river.
016	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Signing up.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
017	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Receive updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
018	Project Mailing List	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - Please keep me informed. Thanks.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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019	Traffic	07/15/2022 - Web Comment - I know everyone is happy the bridge is getting done. My concern is, is it going to be able to handle future traffic 40 yrs from now. I'm a big believer I-71 needs to be pushed around 275. Why is this so hard to understand.	The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project has been designed to support traffic projected to travel through the corridor through the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects. Studies conducted by KYTC concluded that bypass options do not postpone the need for a new Brent Spence Bridge or the need for improvements to I-71/I-75.
020	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Please sign me up for updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
021	General Support	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - The new 2022 revision is awesome. Way to go Governor's! I can't wait 'till this is shovel ready! God Speed!	Comment noted.
022	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Sign me up.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
023	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Please sign me up for regular updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
024	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Trying to sign up for updates in the Brent Spence bridge.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
025	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Please provide updates on the Brent Spence project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
026	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Add me to your update list please.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
027	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Updates on Brent Spence bridge please.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
028	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Sign me up	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
029	Project Mailing List	07/16/2022 - Web Comment - Please send bridge updates to my email	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
030	Project Mailing List	07/17/2022 - Web Comment - I'd like to be on email update list.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
031	Project Mailing List	07/17/2022 - Web Comment - Signing up for emails about the project updates	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
032	Noise Air Quality Right-of-Way	07/17/2022 - Web Comment - As a resident of West Covington who will be impacted by this expansion, what will you be doing to reduce noise levels and pollution that will subsequently come from this proposal? Also, how can I find out what streets will be impacted and potentially fall to eminent domain?	KYTC is currently conducting a noise analysis to identify any noise impacts associated with the BSB Corridor Project and to identify mitigation measures for any identified impacts. Air quality analyses conducted for the project showed reduced vehicle emissions due to reduced traffic in the corridor. Mapping showing relocations associated with the project will be available at the project's public hearing.



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (PID 89068 | Item No. 6-17)

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033	Project Mailing List	07/17/2022 - Web Comment - I would like to get updates on the project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
034	Project Mailing List	07/18/2022 - Web Comment - Please provide updates on the Brent Spence Bridge and associated area improvements.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
035	Project Mailing List	07/18/2022 - Web Comment - Please send updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
036	Project Mailing List	07/18/2022 - Web Comment - Please sign me up.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
037	Roadway/Bridge Design	07/18/2022 - Web Comment - I am assuming there will be a divider between the north and southbound lanes on the updated drawing. It doesn't seem very safe to have north and south bound traffic side by side without a barrier between them. People aren't always good at holding their lane. We have enough bad accidents when everybody travels in the same direction. I am also curious what type of protection will be on the outer lanes to prevent vehicles from being jettisoned into the river. It seems to be a common practice to just put a short concrete wall on the edges, which has proven to be deadly for disabled vehicles in the past.	All northbound and southbound traffic on I-71 and I-75 will be separated with a median barrier. The outside lanes on the bridges over the river will be protected by a bridge parapet that meets all current safety standards. In addition, standard shoulders will be provided on the existing and new companion Brent Spence Bridges to provide room to accommodate disabled vehicles.
038	Project Mailing List	07/21/2022 - Web Comment - I wanted to sign up to receive updates on the project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
039	Project Mailing List	07/21/2022 - Web Comment - Send updates.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
040	Project Mailing List	07/21/2022 - Web Comment - I am an acoustic design consultant and working with several clients on potential highway noise from the project. Please send project updates. Thank you.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
041	Project Mailing List	07/21/2022 - Web Comment - Please include me in any updates, thanks.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
042	Project Mailing List	07/21/2022 - Web Comment - Looking forward to updates on the new bridge.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
043	Project Mailing List	07/22/2022 - Web Comment - Sign me up.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
044	Project Mailing List	07/22/2022 - Web Comment - Please keep me updated on the progress of the bridge project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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045	Right-of-Way	07/26/2022 - Web Comment - My daughter's home is located at [REDACTED] Watkins Street, in Covington, which is right next to the 12th Street ramp to Southbound I-71/I-75. Will her home be taken for the bridge expansion?	My apologies in the delay of the response to your inquiry regarding project impacts associated with the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, specific to property located along [REDACTED] in Covington. Based on current plans, the property located at [REDACTED] is a potential partial acquisition (strip taking - a portion of the land, but not the structure) and could be impacted by the project.
046	Contact Information	07/27/2022 - Web Comment - Is there an email address to which public comments can be sent, in lieu of using this online form?	Emailed comments may be directed to: mailto:info@brentspencebridgecorridor.com .
047	Roadway/Bridge Design	07/28/2022 - Web Comment - On the KY side of the 'Through Traffic Bridge' - where is the 'alternate I71/75' ROAD going to be? Which side of I71/75 - East or West - will this new ROAD be? How will this new ROAD connect to the existing I71/75 in Ft. Mitchell?	Preferred Alternative I (Concept I-W) will rehabilitate and reconfigure the existing double decker Brent Spence Bridge to carry local traffic and build a new double decker companion bridge just west of the existing BSB to carry through (interstate) traffic. The I-71/I-75 lanes will be realigned to provide access to the new companion bridge just north and south of the Ohio River. I-71/I-75 will remain along the same alignment for the remainder of the project corridor, including in Ft. Mitchell.
048	Traffic	07/28/2022 – Email – Two main questions. By my calculations, the respective peak hours increase 75% from 2017 to the projection. The respective peak periods (the peak 4 or 5 hours) increase 30%. As you shared, we are assuming the peak periods would be consistent with pro-covid (at worst). This discrepancy creates real design challenges or opportunities for cost savings/design improvements. I can't speak specifically to design capacity of expressway lanes, but the current bridge with 8 narrow lanes with really-really troubling movements can run 91k vehicles at the respective AM/PM periods. The Companion Bridge with really great geometry and very normal movement has 73K vehicles on 10 lanes. If peak flow was consistent pre-covid, could you put 71 and local traffic on the original bridge? It probably all comes down to the black box, so just throwing out some observations.	Under the existing conditions, there are not enough lanes on I-71/I-75 to serve all the traffic attempting to travel through the corridor. As a result, the area serves as a bottleneck that constrains the number of vehicles that can pass through during peak periods, resulting in slowed traffic and backups across the BSB. The proposed improvements will add lanes to I-71/I-75, dramatically reducing these bottlenecks and allowing more traffic to pass through the corridor without slowing or stopping due to congestion. The apparent 75-percent increase in traffic volumes does not necessarily result from an increase in the number of vehicles desiring to travel through the corridor. Rather, it is an increase in the number of vehicles that are actually able to move unrestricted through the corridor during peak travel periods due to a reduction in traffic congestion. The remaining traffic growth is based on the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) travel demand model, which accounts for population and economic growth, among other factors. The preferred alternative for the BSB Corridor Project was analyzed using pre-COVID traffic as a base condition. Traffic volumes for the year 2050 were then forecasted using the OKI regional travel demand model. Based on analyses conducted using these volumes, the original BSB could not accommodate all I-71 and local traffic volumes.

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049	Project Mailing List	07/31/2022 - Web Comment - Please give me updates on any meetings open to public concerning the new bridge plans. Is it too late to give opinion on design of new bridge? Why is this important to me? A new exciting design will draw people to the area and show that Ohio/Kentucky are progressive states.	This individual was added to the project mailing list. There will be public involvement activities scheduled to allow interested persons to provide feedback on the project. All individuals included on the project mailing list will be notified of future public involvement activities.
050	Project Schedule	08/09/2022 - Web Comment - What is timeline for the project?	Construction on Phase I of the BSB Corridor Project (Findlay Street to Marshall Avenue) is anticipated to begin in 2028 and be complete in 2031. Construction on Phase II (Linn Street to Findlay Street) is anticipated to begin in 2025 and end in 2029. Construction on Phase III (the remainder of the project corridor, including the companion bridge over the Ohio River) is anticipated to begin in 2023 and be complete in 2029.
051	Project Risk Register	8/9/2022 - Web Comment - Could you email me an Excel or Word version of the Project Risk Register please? It is a very good register! Thank you	The requested information was provided to this individual on September 27, 2022.
052	Roadway/Bridge Design	08/09/2022 - Web Comment - Who is doing the design/engineering for the new bridge?	The project will utilize a Progressive Design-Build method for design and construction. A Request for Proposals is currently scheduled for January 2023. At that time, prospective design-build teams will prepare technical submittals. KYTC and ODOT will review the submittals, compile a "shortlist" of the most highly qualified proposers, conduct interviews, and select one design-build team to deliver the project. More information about the design-build process can be found at: www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement .
053	Roadway/Bridge Design	08/11/2022 - Web Comment - I believe there should be a separate bridge for trucks and cars.	Given the complex geometry of the Covington and Cincinnati approaches to the Brent Spence Bridge, it would not be feasible to construct separate bridges for trucks and cars that maintain all interstate movements and local connections to the Covington and Cincinnati street networks for both trucks and cars.
054	Right-of-Way	08/12/2022 - Web Comment - Hello, I have a rental property on W 12th St in Covington and I'm wondering if it might be taken for the new bridge. How and when will property owners be notified of this? The property is currently empty so I could make some major improvements, but don't want to do so if it will just be torn down in a year or two. The address is [REDACTED].	The property located at 635 W 12th Street in Covington is not within the construction limits of the proposed project and will not need to be acquired. KYTC has begun notifying some of the owners of properties impacted by construction of the BSB Corridor Project by certified letter. We will continue to work through this process and will conduct follow up meetings with individual property owners.

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055	Information Request	08/23/2022 - Web Comment - Please make Appendix E to the 2012 EA available. Thanks.	Appendix E was provided to this individual on 9/26/2022
056	Roadway/Bridge Design	08/22/2022 - Web Comment - I thought the new bridge design was a suspension bridge.	The new bridge design may be an arch bridge or a cable-stayed bridge. The decision about the final bridge design will be made during the project's design-build stage.
057	General Support	08/29/2022 - Web Comment - Keep at it.	Comment noted.
058	Project Mailing List	09/13/2022 - Web Comment - Please include me in the distribution list. Thanks.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
059	Information Request	09/22/2022 - Web Comment - Can you share the engineering study appendices per the documents web page states they are available upon request. Thank you.	The requested information was provided to this individual on 9/26/2022
060	Alternatives	<p>10/08/2022 - Email - [Edited for brevity] The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project now has a chance to start because of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. However, this project is only the beginning of the necessary interstate infrastructure projects not only in the Cincinnati region but for the interstate system in Ohio, Kentucky, and across the nation, as even this project will reach traffic capacity design limits in the next 20 years, truth both for I-75 and I-70. I am advocating planning for alternatives to Interstate 75 and Interstate 70, both transcontinental routes, that will interconnect Midwestern states to the ports of the Atlantic and Pacific more directly ...</p> <p>Unfortunately, ODOT and KYTC have limited options when it comes to improving I-75 capacity. The Brent Spence Bridge is now 60 years old and functionally obsolete, and MUST be replaced, no question. I-75 will have to be widened by at least one lane in either direction through Cincinnati. However, this will also reach its limit in 20 years. Some proposals like the 4-lane Eastern Bypass are expensive and functionally obsolete from the beginning. Building I-75 subsurface 60 years after it was first build will be excessively expensive and produce a highway with a dangerous steep grade between the bridge and the subsurface section. ODOT was correct to reject both plans ...</p> <p>Three Future Interstate Corridors should be created by Congress as alternative traffic routes for I-75 and I-70: 1) Future I-73 2) Future I-66 3) Future I-50/Future I-60/Future I-70.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Potential future Interstate corridors are beyond the purpose and need and scope of the BSB Corridor Project.</p>

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061	Information Request	<p>10/09/2022 - Web Comment - Hello, I am requesting that the public comment paper titled "Working Position Paper: Redesign of the Brent Spence Bridge Project" by Ryan Laber, P.E as provided to ODOT and KYTC via email on 1/17/2022 be provided to me via email and made available on the project website for public review. Currently, the proposition paper is not available under the documents section of this website.</p> <p>It is not possible for one to make an informed opinion of the project team's response ("Ohio Department of Transportation Response to Public Comment: Working Position Paper: Redesign of the Brent Spence Bridge Project", dated approx. 10/1/2022) to this public comment without making the original public comment available.</p>	<p>The "Working Position Paper" was provided as requested.</p> <p>Because the "Working Position Paper" was not prepared by KYTC or ODOT as part of the BSB Corridor Project development but rather was submitted as a public comment, it will not be posted in the document center of the project website. However, it will continue to be provided upon request.</p>
062	Information Request	10/19/2022 - Web Comment - Is it possible for you to send through a copy of the Appendices A to F that support the Design Summary report please?	The appendices to the Design Summary Report were provided as requested.
063	Project Footprint	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - There is a once in a lifetime opportunity to reimagine this corridor. Please listen and hear citizens and community members who are loudly expressing interest in almost any other plan than the current. Giving the land that is current a sprawl of urban highway, back to the city would create some much opportunity for our city. At the very least, please add caps to the current plan. Additional retail and pedestrian space replacing the current mess would lead to so much growth for our city, both in pride and in dollars, similar to the banks. There are unfortunately many who are unaware of this project, and that alternatives actually exist, but who would absolutely cherish new city space.	ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building, reducing shoulder widths, and reducing the width of the companion bridge. In addition, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District can be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. Finally, ODOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to identify other refinements that will open up additional land to support Cincinnati in advancing its urban redevelopment goals.
064	Traffic Project Footprint	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The dual bridge plan will only invite more traffic to the highways thus negating any initial positive gains in how long it takes to get through this section of the city. We need to be using this federal funding to find ways to make traveling off interstates more efficient and accessible. Please rethink this plan and find ways to give back public/private land and encourage public transportation.	The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project has been designed to support traffic projected to travel in the corridor through the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects. As currently planned, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District can be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. ODOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to identify other refinements that will open up additional land to support Cincinnati in advancing its urban redevelopment goals. The project will construct sidewalks, shared use paths, and bike lanes that will connect to existing public transit stops.

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065	General Opposition	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The Brent Spence should be sunk; the period in which the Brent Spence was not operating was functional and superior than normal operations. Through trucking should *not* go through the Cincinnati basin. Short of this, the bridge should be rail and bike/ped only; there is no valid reason for automobiles and trucks to pass through the city at this juncture.	Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.
066	Project Footprint Project Development Process	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Hello! If we're spending \$3 Billion on a vanity project for ODOT, we should at least do something worthwhile with it. This project gives us the opportunity to reduce the footprint of I-75 through downtown Cincinnati, correcting a terrible mistake made decades ago, and reconnecting a neighborhood decimated by racist transit policy. ODOT's refusal to consider any changes to their decades old plan, and refusal to further engage with residents or the City disgusts me as a lifelong Ohioan. Your response to the "Westway Emails" was filled with underhanded disrespect and proves how little you care about the input of regular Ohioans. Ten years is an incredibly long time; needs and wants change. Has ODOT approached the City at all within the past two-years to see if their preference to maintain the Downtown connections to I-75 has changed? Has ODOT truly considered significant deviation from the plans made 10 years ago? If so, I would like for those to be made public. Those alternatives should be presented and considered on equal ground as the current proposal. ODOT's handling of this project has been sorely disappointing. Be better.	<p>ODOT has coordinated closely with the City of Cincinnati during all stages of the project's development, including reductions to the project's footprint, access to downtown, redevelopment goals, aesthetics, multimodal accommodations, and other items. ODOT's partnership with the City of Cincinnati will continue through the project's design and construction.</p> <p>Since 2012, ODOT and KYTC have completed a number of additional studies and incorporated refinements into the preferred alternative for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The documentation of these efforts is publicly available on the project website at: www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com. In addition, the public will be provided the opportunity to review project materials and provide formal comments at public hearings currently scheduled for July/August 2023.</p>
067	Traffic	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The Brent Spencer Bridge could certainly use a facelift, however traffic crossing the bridge has been dropping for several years. It is unclear why an entirely new bridge is needed. If the desire is to improve traffic conditions, why are new designs not considering removing on/off ramps that are often the cause for such congestion. The removal of these ramps would greatly benefit the cities in both sides of the river.	<p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project has been designed to support traffic projected to travel in the corridor through the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects.</p> <p>While the project must improve traffic flow on I-75, it must also maintain ramps that provide local access and mobility. ODOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to refine local ramps in support of local accessibility, access, and redevelopment goals.</p>

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068	Roadway/Bridge Design	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - I urge the project planners to consider the redesign of the "highway spaghetti monster" proposed by Bridge Forward. This project would cost comparatively the same while increasing the amount of prime real estate available in the downtown Cincinnati area. This is an opportunity cost that could effectively pay for itself over a 50 year period. In my opinion and the opinion of most rational tax payers, this would be the best use of tax dollars in a project of this magnitude and permanence.	ODOT carefully evaluated the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: HERE
069	Project Footprint Quality of Life	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - I would like to see this project do it's best to right the wrongs of highway planning. Reconnecting previously unconnected areas, shrinking the size of the highway and interchange footprint, and possibly adding mass transit to the mixture. I75 is currently a blight on the city of Cincinnati, especially near downtown and the West End, and with this project, it could be transformed to mitigate the negative effects of urban freeways.	<p>While the project's primary needs are to solve transportation problem, ODOT has also pursued other quality of life goals in the project's development. To that end, ODOT has intentionally incorporated features that reduce the project's footprint, promote and improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, improve water quality by separating storm water from the sanitary system, balance regional and local traffic needs, and reduce community impacts throughout the project's development.</p> <p>The project will reduce congestion and improve reliability for local bus routes, which use the Brent Spence Bridge for 210 trips every weekday. In addition, improved and new sidewalks, shared use paths, and bicycle lanes will improve connections to existing bus stops. Finally, future accommodation of bus service along the corridor's shoulder will not be precluded by the project.</p>
070	Public Input	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Is there going to be an opportunity for public input on what the design of the bridge and surrounding interchange is going to be? Many in the community believe an alternate design should be considered that buries the highway and reconnects downtown similar to Fort Washington way and we would like an opportunity to provide our input.	<p>The public will be provided the opportunity to review project materials and provide formal comments at public hearings currently scheduled for July/August 2023.</p> <p>ODOT has evaluated options for depressing I-75 similar to Fort Washington Way based on public comments received to date. Responses to those comments can be viewed on the project's website: HERE and HERE</p>
071	Roadway/Bridge Design	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Right size and cap the highway between 4th and Ezzard Charles!!! The people of Cincinnati want downtown to be reconnected to our west side!! Most of it is already at the required depth to cap!!!	ODOT has evaluated options for depressing I-75 and constructing an urban street grid in Cincinnati based on public comments received to date. A response to those comments can be viewed on the project's website: HERE

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072	Traffic	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The traffic studies from 2021 for this interchange show that no more than 9% southbound and 5% northbound traffic actually use any of the on or off ramps to downtown. Does this meet any current ODOT minimums for requiring these ramps?	ODOT does not have a minimum required traffic volume for interstate ramps and is continuing to coordinate the project's design with the City of Cincinnati to support local access and mobility needs.
073	Project Footprint	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Looking over the project there feels like a significantly better way to accomplish the goals set forward while still giving more land back to Cincinnati, I would not proceed with the project, it will be a disaster	Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.
074	Project Footprint Roadway/Bridge Design	10/26/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Not shrinking the footprint of the project, similar to Fort Washington way would be a multi-generational mistake.	Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.
075	Project Footprint	10/25/2022 - ODOT Web Site - This plan is a continued overbuild of a highway system through an urban area. We have an opportunity to improve flow AND reduce the footprint of the highway and you are doing neither. It's just more lanes. How many studies prove the uselessness of that until we learn? Scrap it and start over.	Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.
076	Roadway/Bridge Design	10/26/2022 - ODOT Web Site - I have been following this project for over a decade. I believe that the planning and public outreach for this project has been inadequate from the start. The project has been under development for so long that society's values have changed. The availability of funding is not a good reason to skip proper planning. The potential to return land to the urban core should be studied and a true conversation should be had about the impact of urban highways on the city should be acknowledged and mitigated. Are you actually open to design changes that would improve urban form? Or is this just a box checking exercise? Have modern views on urban highways been incorporated into this decades long project? How?	<p>ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint. As currently planned, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District will be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. ODOT is also continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to identify other refinements that will open up additional land to support Cincinnati in advancing its urban redevelopment goals.</p> <p>In collaboration with the City of Cincinnati, ODOT has also incorporated features that support urban form, such as enhanced streetscape amenities, aesthetic treatments, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure to improve connectivity to transit, employment, healthcare, cultural, recreational, and commercial destinations.</p>

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077	Transit Multimodal Project Footprint Roadway/Bridge Design	<p>10/26/2022 - ODOT Web Site - 1.Cincinnati has made great gains in growing the pedestrian path network along the Ohio riverfront and this new bridge should include pedestrian/bike facilities also. Adequate protection measures and lighting should be added to the design accordingly. This can absolutely be accomplished on a limited access vehicle bridge ... [edited for brevity]. 2.New bridge should include designated transit lanes for bus and capacity for future rail including designated ROWs for a rail approach on the Ohio & Kentucky sides of the bridge. Transit usage is growing in Cincinnati: the streetcar is setting ridership records every month this year, a BRT plan is being finalized now, the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act included funding for passenger rail expansion which could be used to restart the 3C+D Amtrak rail service, a transit connection between Cincinnati and CVG is consistently the most-requested routes in planning discussions ... [edited for brevity] ... In summary, at the very least it should be demonstrated that the new bridge is future-proofed to add bus & rail transit when those efforts become a priority. I encourage your team to please revisit the proposal set forth by Vision Zero Cincinnati to expand transit in this river crossing. This proposal has been endorsed by leaders of City of Cincinnati and merits consideration. 3.Every effort should be made to reduce the physical footprint of the highway, on/off ramps, and associated structures. The "spaghetti" of highways and fly-over ramps next to downtown Cincinnati is confusing and dangerous for drivers to navigate, a physical boundary to East-West travel & development, a poor use of valuable land, and an eyesore to anyone who experiences it. The reduction of the highway footprint should prioritize returning contiguous, usable, parcels of land back to the city. Small slivers of freed-up property here & there are useless for any new meaningful purpose and will only become more grass for ODOT to mow. I encourage your team to please revisit the proposal set forth by the Bridge Forward Coalition to reduce the highway's physical footprint to return entire blocks of land to the city for new housing, offices, and business uses. This proposal has been endorsed by leaders of City of Cincinnati and merits consideration.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. The project will reduce congestion and improve reliability for local bus routes, which use the Brent Spence Bridge for 210 trips every weekday. In addition, improved and new sidewalks, shared use paths, and bicycle lanes will improve connections to existing bus stops. Finally, future accommodation of bus service along the corridor's shoulder will not be precluded by the project. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. Furthermore, any new rail crossings of the Ohio River will need to be evaluated as part of a separate project.</p> <p>ODOT carefully evaluated the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: HERE</p>



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (PID 89068 | Item No. 6-17)

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078	Roadway/Bridge Design	10/26/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The Bridge Forward design meets and exceeds the proposed plans for the bridge. It has the potential to spend less money, reduces the impact of the highway on our city and environment, and provides better outcomes for the community while still achieving the desired traffic improvements. At the very least concepts from the Bridge Forward design should be reviewed and potentially incorporated.	Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT carefully evaluated the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: HERE
079	Project Footprint Multimodal	10/26/2022 - ODOT Web Site - I do not think expanding the already massive footprint of the interstate benefits the people of the area or the cities of Cincinnati and Covington. The massive expansion proposed will limit opportunities for growth and further divide Cincinnati's urban core. There is no need for that many entrance and exit ramps. People can drive an extra few blocks to get into the interstate. Also, the new companion bridge or the Brent Spence could have some pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure added. Overall, the project seems to aim to create even more disruption and hostile infrastructure sprawl into the heart of our city, rather than connecting our area in a way that benefits the people who live here.	Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunhamby building, reducing shoulder widths, and reducing the width of the companion bridge. In addition, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District will be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. Finally, ODOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to refine local ramps in support of local accessibility, access, and redevelopment goals. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge.
080	Design-Build Process	<p>10/28/2022 - Web Comment - Hello there! Singh & Associates, Inc. is very interested in participating on this transformational project. As an Ohio Unified Certification Program (UCP) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), our firm can help the project team fulfill the DBE participation goals, provide high-quality engineering services for roadway lighting/electrical, and bring new firm expertise and services to the Ohio & Kentucky transportation markets.</p> <p>Please reach out directly if there are ways to position our firm to be on the progressive design-build teams that will be pursuing this once-in-a-generation opportunity.</p>	<p>Information regarding the progressive design-build procurement can be accessed on the BSB Project Procurement Information website: www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/</p> <p>Questions and comments can also be submitted on the procurement website.</p>

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081	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint	11/1/2022 - ODOT Web Site - It is critical to the future of our city and region that we do not proceed with a plan that doesn't fully leverage the immense amount of tax money being spent on it. Reducing and trenching the proposed highways and ramps to return land to productive use, reconnect the street grid, and put the focus back in people and not vehicles is important to allowing the city to grow for the next 50 years. Reducing the negative impact of vehicles on our cities where we live, work, and play is possible and this project can be transformative in a positive way, but only if we don't keep designing highways like we have in the past.	Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT has evaluated options for trenching I-75 based on public comments received to date. Responses to those comments can be viewed on the project's website: HERE and HERE
082	General Opposition	11/1/2022 - ODOT Web Site - We don't need a highway interchange downtown. Such a waste of space.	Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.
083	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint	11/1/2022 - ODOT Web Site - Asking planners to consider the proposal put forward by the Bridge Forward project. This is an historic opportunity to reconnect neighborhoods destroyed as part of the original I-75 build. If a companion bridge is to be built, it should majorly reduce the highway footprint connecting to downtown Cincinnati to allow for a modern, well-connected, and multimodal urban environment. No more "spaghetti mess"!	<p>Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT carefully evaluated the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: HERE</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE] ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building, reducing shoulder widths, lowering design speeds, and reducing the width of the companion bridge. In addition, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District can be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. Most recently, ODOT and the City of Cincinnati collaborated on refinements to the Downtown Cincinnati ramps that will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati throughout the remaining design activities to identify opportunities to incorporate refinements that reclaim land and improve mobility for all modes of transportation.</p> <p>The project will install bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in and between the CBD, Queensgate, and the West End. Pedestrian and bicycle connections will be included across I-75 on 6th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In</p>

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084	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint	11/1/2022 - ODOT Web Site - I feel very strongly that ODOT needs to do whatever is possible to reclaim land in any Brent Spence Bridge corridor plan. Downtown Cincinnati has effectively been walled-off from westward expansion by the I-75 highway and all of its associated ramps and exits. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to address past mistakes that led to displacement and disinvestment of the downtown core. Any plans to create a new bridge and traffic pattern should take care to maximize the public benefit, and shaving a few seconds off of travel time, on average, to someone's trip should not be the priority when comparing to the opportunity to make a truly transformational project. The Bridge Forward plan is a great starting point for this.	<p>Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. ODOT carefully evaluated the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: HERE</p> <p>ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building, reducing shoulder widths, and reducing the width of the companion bridge. In addition, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District will be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. Finally, ODOT is continuing to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati to refine local ramps in support of local access and redevelopment goals.</p>
085	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint	11/1/2022 - ODOT Web Site - The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project as it is currently proposed would be a disaster for Cincinnati and for all its residents, and it is absolutely crucial that ODOT reconsider its plans and engage with the local community. The project area, Interstate 75 between the Western Hills Viaduct and the Ohio River, was home to tens of thousands of majority Black and working class residents when the highway was originally built. The construction of the highway displaced nearly all of these people, and turned a once-thriving neighborhood into a wide expanse of concrete, parking lots, and frontage and collector roads. This has had numerous devastating consequences for the citizens of Cincinnati; chief among them is the disastrous effect this has had on the livability of neighborhoods in the basin. The highway serves as a near-impassable moat separating Queensgate and the West End, and the surrounding streets are wide arterials meant to handle high speed traffic coming off the highways. In neighborhoods where a majority of residents do not own a car and rely on walking and biking for transportation, the highway and these roads are major safety barriers	<p>Thank you for submitting your comments regarding this project to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Your comments have been forwarded to the project team for their consideration and will be included in the public record.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE]</p> <p>In November and December 2022, ODOT and KYTC held 12 small-scale outreach meetings in neighborhoods directly adjacent to the project's construction limits to share updates on the project and to offer residents the opportunity to share feedback with the project team. In December, ODOT and KYTC held one daytime and one evening broad-scale neighborhood outreach meeting in each state to engage neighborhoods that are near the project corridor but will not be directly impacted. All comments received are considered in the project's development, and responses are provided for every comment.</p>

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085 (cont.)	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint (cont.)	<p>for accessing jobs and homes. Moreover, the transformation of hundreds of acres of the city's urban core into highway related development has had a dramatic negative impact on the city's economic and social development. Not only does it significantly decrease the amount of revenue-generating land in the city's most valuable real estate, but the city is left to spend millions every year financing the supportive infrastructure for the highway - widening roads and building parking structures to accommodate the increased traffic the highway brings - while not collecting any revenue from the highway itself. All of this, for a highway that exists predominantly to support non-local through-traffic as a shipping corridor. That Cincinnati should bear the burden of supporting such a massive piece of infrastructure to benefit its own citizenry would be one thing, but to bear the burden in support of truckers and through-haulers who largely do not contribute to Cincinnati's local economy at all is ridiculous on its face. Interstate 275 was built as a bypass for a reason - it is only 5-10 minutes longer to get from the north side of the loop to the south side via 275 than it is via 75, a negligible difference for through traffic. If ODOT were serious about proposing economically efficient and safety-conscious solutions to the current traffic regime, they would construct toll gates immediately inside the 275 loop on Interstates 75, 71, and 471, that would toll drivers only after they have passed through both a north and south toll. This would encourage through-traffic to use the 275 Loop to bypass Cincinnati without penalizing local drivers who actually live here and support our local economy. The reduced traffic (largely from freight trucks) would then allow the current Brent Spence Bridge to be re-stripped back down to 3 lanes per deck as it was originally designed, making the bridge safe by current design standards without seeing significant congestion increases. However, as ODOT seems intent on building a new companion bridge come hell or high water, it would be beneficial to at least consider community input before spending billions to dramatically change the landscape of our community. Local engineers, planners, and activists have come together to propose the Bridge Forward plan, a proposal that would allow the companion bridge to be built while also reclaiming usable land for the city and allowing our community to grow and develop in a way that it has not been able to since the highway was built over 50 years ago. While the decision makers at ODOT are largely unelected positions, the Bridge Forward plan has large grassroots support from both</p>	<p>ODOT and KYTC are currently preparing a supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) that will include a summary of all public involvement activities, including comments received. Once the supplemental EA is made available to the public, hearings will be scheduled to provide additional opportunities for public feedback. More opportunities for public feedback will occur during the project's design-build phase.</p> <p>The project will install bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in and between the CBD, Queensgate, and the West End. Pedestrian and bicycle connections will be included across I-75 on 6th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In addition, a new shared use path will be constructed along Winchell Avenue between 9th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive, including a pedestrian bridge connection to Freeman Avenue. The pedestrian and bicycle facilities incorporated into the project will improve connectivity to transit, employment, healthcare, cultural, recreational, and commercial destinations.</p> <p>The project is designed to accommodate traffic projected to travel through the corridor by the year 2050 based on a regional travel-demand model. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor incorporates a collector-distributor system specifically designed to improve traffic flow and accessibility for local traffic. Traffic will access downtown Cincinnati on a lower speed (45 mph) collector-distributor system, and the existing Brent Spence Bridge will be returned to three standard lanes with shoulders.. To promote safety for bicycles and pedestrians, the ramp connections with local streets are being designed as lower-speed urban roadways. The design of the intersections of local streets will be in accordance with City of Cincinnati design standards.</p> <p>ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building, reducing shoulder widths, lowering design speeds, and reducing the width of the companion bridge. ODOT and the City of Cincinnati collaborated on refinements to the Downtown Cincinnati ramps that will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati throughout the</p>

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086	Roadway/Bridge Design Project Footprint	11/2/2022 - Email Comment - West End Community Council Support for Bridge Forward Design Recommendations for the Brent Spence Bridge Project and Feasibility Assessments [edited for brevity] Please accept this notice as full documented support from the West End Community Council for the Brent Spence Bridge project design improvements proposed by the Bridge Forward Coalition and for the appropriate feasibility assessments to be conducted.	Thanks for passing on your document concerning the Brent Spence Project design. Our project team is looking forward to discussing the project with your community on November 22nd. We are continuing to work on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project with our stakeholders to capture opportunities to address shared community priorities. We look forward to sharing our progress with your community later this month.
087	Project Development Process	11/9/2022 - Web Comment - Cincinnati DOTE recently asked to be a contributing partner with ODOT on this project so that the city's needs are met with this plan. Why were they rejected for this? Sen. Sharrod Brown just released a public statement that he hopes ODOT acts in good faith with the communities bear the BSB corridor. Why are you not listening to the people that will be affected by this??? Why did the public comment section of this website go down????	<p>ODOT has been closely coordinating with the City of Cincinnati, including the Department of Transportation Engineering (DOTE), during all stages of the project's development. Most recently, ODOT and the City collaborated on refinements to the Downtown Cincinnati ramps that will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment. ODOT and the City are continuing to collaborate on aesthetic treatments and pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the finished corridor. Furthermore, the City will review the Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for the progressive design-build team and provide feedback to the project evaluators, ensuring that the priorities and perspectives of local government are reflected in the selection process. ODOT will also collaborate with the City on other key project considerations such as the maintenance of traffic and incident management plans for construction.</p> <p>ODOT had previously established individual websites for the different construction phases of the project. The decision was recently made to redirect all websites to the general project website. This will help to ensure consistent information is shared for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and to streamline the comment and response process. Comments are now, and will continue to be, accepted on this general project website. The individual ODOT websites will be reactivated to provide up-to-date information for each phase during construction.</p>

088	Public Input Project Development Process Traffic	<p>11/9/2022 - Web Comment - Why is there no public comment on this project? Why are you pushing the city out of the planning of this project? This project is unnecessary because traffic has remained the same for decades on the bridge, by expanding it you will encourage more traffic and we need to reduce cars on the road and encourage alternate forms of transportation, like biking and bus.</p>	<p>Public feedback has been an important part of the development of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Several public meetings and two public hearings were held during the development of the preferred alternative. Most recently, ODOT has carefully evaluated and responded to proposals submitted as part of the public comment process. In addition, ODOT and KYTC are currently working to gather feedback about the project at the neighborhood level. In addition, the public will be provided the opportunity to review project materials and provide formal comments at public hearings currently scheduled for July/August 2023.</p> <p>ODOT has coordinated closely with the City of Cincinnati during all stages of the project's development, including reductions to the project's footprint, access to downtown, redevelopment goals, aesthetics, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and other items. ODOT's partnership with the City of Cincinnati will continue through the project's design and construction.</p> <p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project has been designed to support traffic projected to travel in the corridor through the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE]</p> <p>In November and December 2022, ODOT and KYTC held 12 small-scale outreach meetings in neighborhoods directly adjacent to the project's construction limits to share updates on the project and to offer residents the opportunity to share feedback with the project team. In December, ODOT and KYTC held one daytime and one evening broad-scale neighborhood outreach meeting in each state to engage neighborhoods that are near the project corridor but will not be directly impacted. All comments received are considered in the project's development, and responses are provided for every comment. Copies of all comments and responses are available on the project website HERE.</p> <p>ODOT and KYTC are currently preparing a supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) that will include a summary of all public involvement activities, including comments received. Once the supplemental EA is made available to the public, hearings will be scheduled to provide additional opportunities for public feedback. More opportunities for public feedback will occur during the project's design-build phase.</p>
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089	Traffic	11/10/2022 - Web Comment - Is it possible to design semi-truck only express lanes with barriers starting well north of the new bridge (say before Ezra Charles) and exiting well south (say after Kyles Lane) to limit these trucks mixing in with local traffic while providing the truckers with a quicker route through the bridge congestion?	Origin and destination studies conducted for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor indicate that trucks traveling in the corridor come from several locations, including I-71, I-75, US-50, I-471, with around 30 percent traveling to and from other local routes. Building barrier-separated truck lanes from Ezzard Charles Drive to Kyles Lane would substantially increase the project's footprint and costs while only accommodating a relatively small portion of the truck traffic in the corridor.
090	Information Request	11/11/2022 - Web Comment - In the Brent Spence Bridge Fast Facts there is an duplicated fact. The first one is the same as the last one.	Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Our communications team has been made aware of the duplication, and it will be corrected.
091	Aesthetics	11/12/2022 - Web Comment - Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Aesthetics Committee - Committee Members Traveling north on I75 and I71 to Dayton and Columbus almost all overpasses have a pleasing welcoming message artfully designed on the overpasses. Traveling south into Kentucky the Kyles Lane overpass is the first a motorist encounters. With your leadership combining State of Kentucky officials and City of Fort Wright officials a very decorative welcoming and pleasing message can be created welcoming motorist to both Kentucky and Fort Wright. This would be a very long-lasting positive impression these motorists will receive. Please consider tackling this endeavor, it will be worth while for the State and the City.	KYTC has been collaborating with City of Fort Wright officials and the project Aesthetics Committee to develop aesthetic guidelines for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. While trying to maintain a consistent theme throughout the corridor, we are working with the City of Fort Wright to establish design items and finishes that also tie into existing elements within the City. Items being explored include landscaping, streetscapes, gateways, and façade treatments for piers/abutments/retaining walls/noise walls. Multiple aesthetics meetings will be held throughout the design process to finalize plans for aesthetics throughout the corridor.
091A	Project Development Process	11/14/2022 - Email Comment - [Pertaining to the response to Comment 087] That 9.5 acres was already on the original plan and from what I've heard from sources in city hall, ODOT has refused the city's request to be a contributing member for this project. Please allow Cincinnati to have a larger say in what happens in our city. That plan unveiled does nothing to help connect downtown to the neighborhood just west of the highway. None of the things that the city has requested have been accepted by ODOT. Please allow Cincinnati and it's residents directly affected are by this to the table. There has been no real public engagement other than online forms. When ODOT meets with the public on Nov 29 it will be very apparent that no one outside of ODOT likes this plan.	Comment noted.

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092	Project Mailing List	11/18/2022 - Web Comment - I would like to stay up to date with the project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
093	Public Input	11/19/2022 - Email Comment - Thank you for coming to speak to us. I have a couple of quick questions: 1. Can community input still affect the design of the bridge; and 2. If so, how is community input weighted?	<p>Hello! Thank you for allowing us to join Camp Washington's Community Council Meeting on December 12. ODOT and KYTC are currently in the process of meeting with all the neighborhoods that are directly adjacent to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor to share project details, answer questions, and receive feedback from the residents who reside closest to the project. Larger-scale meetings are also planned for mid-December.</p> <p>ODOT and KYTC consider and evaluate all public comments received for the project, and public comments have influenced many aspects of the design to date. While a preferred alternative for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor has been identified, there are opportunities to refine the design in response to community concerns. A recent example is the re-working of several ramps to open up additional land for redevelopment in downtown Cincinnati in response comments from the City. Community feedback is evaluated in terms of engineering feasibility, compliance with state and federal laws, costs, impacts, and benefits before any decisions to incorporate changes in the project's design are made.</p>
094	Traffic	11/22/2022 - Web Comment - ODOT has admitted the bridge will not reduce traffic, but rather induce more people to drive. Cincinnati already cannot afford to maintain it's expensive car infrastructure in it's current state. How does building another bridge, encouraging more people to drive, prevent the city from sinking deeper into debt?	<p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project has been designed to support traffic projected to travel in the corridor through the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects.</p> <p>The Brent Spence Bridge Project will be funded through a combination of federal and state funds, and ODOT and KYTC are responsible for maintaining the interstate infrastructure. None of the cities in the corridor are anticipated to incur debt related to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.</p>
095	Traffic	11/23/2022 - Web Comment - I work for PVS Chemicals in Sharonville, OH and our drivers are stating that hazmat is not permitted on the bridge now. Our question is if we have a local delivery in Northern KY, do we have to go around on I-275 or other bridges. Please let me know as soon as you can.	We suggest you contact the Department of Vehicle Regulation in Kentucky for any questions related to Hazardous Cargo (HC) hauling. Resources are also available through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Public Utility Commission of Ohio. There are no designated HC routes in Southwest Ohio. Kentucky HC Routes can be viewed here :



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096	Noise	11/23/2022 - Web Comment - I live on W 7th St between Bakewell and Philadelphia. I would like to see sound walls brought back into this project again.	Thank you for your comment regarding the installation of noise walls as part of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern for residents located close to the corridor, KYTC is currently conducting a technical study to further evaluate a system of noise/visual screening walls to help provide noise reduction and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility of constructing a beneficial wall and comments received from individuals who reside in this area, KYTC will determine if a wall will be constructed and document that decision in a technical memo. This comment has been noted as part of KYTC's evaluation of noise walls in this area.
097	Noise	11/23/2022 - Web Comment - I would like to give feedback as a resident of the MainStrasse area of Covington, I will be negatively impacted by this project if it moves forward without the noise reduction efforts put in place before it is completed. I would like to see the sound reduction walls and the green spaces installed as part of this plan.	Thank you for your comment regarding the installation of noise walls as part of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern for residents located close to the corridor, KYTC is currently conducting a technical study to further evaluate a system of noise/visual screening walls to help provide noise reduction for residences in Mainstrasse and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility of constructing a beneficial wall and comments received from individuals who reside in this area, KYTC will determine if a wall will be constructed and document that decision in a technical memo. This comment has been noted as part of KYTC's evaluation of noise walls in the Mainstrasse area.
098	Project Mailing List	11/28/2022 - Web Comment - Please add me to information distribution list.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
099	Project Mailing List	11/29/2022 - Web Comment - I'd like to get updates on the Brent Spence companion bridge.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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100	Public Input	11/29/2022 - Web Comment - Please update your website to show upcoming public engagement meetings.	<p>ODOT and KYTC are in the process of reaching out to individual impacted communities along the corridor. This targeted outreach is tailored to each neighborhood and is utilizing methods that exist within each community to notify their community members of the opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions of the project team, and provide feedback.</p> <p>Information about an upcoming broad neighborhood meeting in Ohio can be found here: Information about an upcoming broad neighborhood meeting in Kentucky can be found here:</p> <p>In addition, ODOT and KYTC are in the process of creating a new Public Involvement page for the project website.</p>
101	Information Request	11/30/2022 - Web Comment - I saw that there were DGN files provided in the procurement section of ODOT's site. This file type is very hard to work with outside of microstation. Are you able to provide DWG or SHP files of these to the public? They do not need to be held to the same QC as the DGNs.	The DGN files offered in the procurement section of ODOT's site were provided in DWG format. It is important to note that the project design is developed using the DGN files. ODOT cannot guarantee the accuracy or quality of the DWG files.
102	Information Request	12/2/2022 - Web Comment - I am interested in learning more about the Corridor Project. Is it possible to obtain copies of the applications submitted to the DOT for the Bridge Investment Program and the Multimodal Discretionary Grant Program. I am a resident of the city of Cincinnati.	Electronic copies of the grant applications were provided to this individual on 12/5/2022.

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103	Noise	12/7/2022 - Email Comment - Hello, I'm a homeowner at [REDACTED] W. Maple Avenue, Fort Mitchell, KY 41011. I am for a sound wall being installed behind our homes.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding a sound wall in the West Maple Avenue Vicinity. KYTC evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some of them were warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue, a noise wall system was not found to be cost effective.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC is currently conducting a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. KYTC will document their decision about this noise wall system in a technical memo based on the technical feasibility and public comments. This comment will be considered as part of that process.</p> <p>For any recommended noise walls, KYTC will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>
104	Project Development Process Roadway/Bridge Design Multimodal	<p>12/7/2022 - Email Comment - Hi. I am writing to you today regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. In November, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) released an updated plan for removing the 4th street exit ramp to northbound Interstate 75 and freeing up ten acres of land just west of Central Avenue, the western edge of Cincinnati's Central Business District. I commend this effort as it is a good faith effort that ODOT is open to refining the now ten-year-old plan. However, I believe more can be done to achieve federal, regional, state and city objectives for this project.</p> <p>Specifically, those goals include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return the maximum amount of contiguous land to the City's urban core to achieve city and regional objectives; - Maximize the amount of sidewalk-supported street frontage that is conducive to street-facing development within and adjacent to the project footprint; - Maximize the number of pedestrian connections between the CBD, Queensgate, and the West End, and minimize the distance to cross each of those connections; - Embrace the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide in developing 	<p>Thank you for the comments regarding the recent revisions to the project design in the vicinity of the Central Business District.</p> <p>ODOT is continuing to collaborate with the City of Cincinnati to incorporate community priorities into the project. One of these priorities includes maximizing the amount of land returned to the City once the project is complete. The ultimate vision for this land and other areas adjacent to the project footprint - including economic development potential - will be developed by the City of Cincinnati.</p> <p>The project will install bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in and between the CBD, Queensgate, and the West End. Pedestrian and bicycle connections will be included across I-75 on 6th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In addition, a new shared use path will be constructed along Winchell Avenue between 9th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive, including a pedestrian bridge connection to Freeman Avenue. To promote safety for bicycles and pedestrians, the ramp connections with local streets are being designed as lower-speed urban roadways. The design of</p>

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104 (cont.)	Project Development Process Roadway/Bridge Design Multimodal (cont.)	<p>streets, blocks, and other elements;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize the number of lane miles using high-speed directional ramps; - Maximize the economic development potential of new real estate located within the urban core, increasing the city's tax base, which can lead to lower taxes. <p>While I am not advocating for a specific design, I strongly encourage all involved agencies to consider the evolution of community priorities around building resilient, environmentally sustainable, pedestrian-focused communities while enhancing non-automobile-based mobility options and repositioning to a place-based economy. These goals are significantly different from the ones the city and region prioritized when substantial planning concluded on the project in 2012/2013.</p> <p>It has come to my attention that the City of Cincinnati is not a "Cooperating Agency" in the NEPA process. This is something that needs to be rectified as it is clear the City of Cincinnati, along with Covington, KY, will bare the physical impacts of the bridge construction. City Council can accomplish the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formally adopt a set of measurable priorities for the Project. - Enter into a formal agreement with ODOT, specifying the rights & powers that the City will have throughout the Project's environmental process and development process. - Formally request to ODOT and the FHWA that design alternatives, guided primarily by the measurable priorities, other than Alternative I-W, be explored and considered during Phase 1A – the proof of concept phase – during the Project's progressive design-build process. - Formally request to ODOT and the FHWA that sufficiently funded, good-faith, independent analyses be conducted immediately of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --- The assumptions used in the Project's traffic forecasting projections; --- The feasibility of utilizing alternative design concepts proposed from sources other than ODOT, guided by the measurable priorities; --- The economic impact analysis of the potential expansion of the CBD. 	<p>the intersections of local streets will be in accordance with City of Cincinnati design standards. The pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure included in the project will be built in accordance with ODOT's Multimodal Design Guide, which takes into account a broader framework of national design guidance, including the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Bikeway Design Guide, the NACTO Urban Street Design Guide, and the NACTO Transit Design Guide.</p> <p>The pedestrian and bicycle facilities incorporated into the project will improve connectivity to transit, employment, healthcare, cultural, recreational, and commercial destinations. In addition, the aesthetic treatments, wide sidewalks or shared-use paths, planters, translucent screen walls incorporated into the overpass bridges will help to foster urban placemaking throughout the project area.</p> <p>Cooperating agencies are defined by federal law and are limited to federal agencies that have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project. State and local agencies of similar qualifications can also be designated as cooperating agencies. Several federal agencies have been designated cooperating agencies for the project. In addition, several state and federal agencies have also been designated as participating agencies, which are agencies with an interest in the project but a lower degree of authority than a cooperating agency. While it has not requested to be included as a participating or cooperating agency, the City of Cincinnati has been involved in the Project Advisory Committee and Aesthetics Design Committee since the project's inception. In addition, ODOT regularly coordinates design details directly with the City and has refined the design in several locations in response to feedback received. This collaboration will continue through the procurement and construction phases of the project, with the City of Cincinnati being involved in the evaluation of the design-build teams.</p> <p>ODOT encourages you to share your thoughts regarding the Cincinnati City Council directly with your council representative.</p>

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104 (cont.)	Project Development Process Roadway/Bridge Design Multimodal (cont.)	<p>Cincinnati City Council should be encouraged to adopt these policies as soon as possible. Ideally, they should occur before the City of Cincinnati engages with ODOT in selecting a progressive design-build team (DBT), before the City establishes its design-build advisory committee to work with the DBT, and before the Environmental Document is completed and signed by FHWA.</p> <p>None of the items I am advocating for in this letter should impact the Project's funding, budget, or schedule. Instead, by demanding the best possible process, Cincinnati City Council will ensure the best possible product out of this Project for our city for generations to come.</p>	
105	Right-of-Way	12/2/2022 - Web Comment - What is going to happen to property owners whose property lies in the path of this monstrosity? Get told you have to move?	Value engineering and engineering refinements have reduced the amount of residents who will need to relocate because of the project from over 40 to 4, all of which are in Kentucky. Likewise, business relocations throughout the entire corridor have been reduced from 14 to 13. The acquisition of property for right-of-way – including residential and business relocations – has been, and will continue to be, in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act).
106	Traffic	12/4/2022 - Web Comment - Will the only way to access I-71 N from Kentucky be from the current Brent Spence Bridge?	Travelers will be able to access northbound I-71 from both the existing Brent Spence Bridge and the new companion bridge.
107	Project Funding	12/5/2022 - Web Comment - Way past time for Senator McConnell to step and focus on his home state. If anyone can divert the government's funds (pork barrel) Mitch can. Maybe some of the special crop Kentucky leads the nation with. Not getting any younger, Senator. The only way to a long life is aging. :)	Comment noted.
108	Information Request	12/7/2022 - Web Comment - Is it possible for you to email the slides from today's meeting? Also, is it possible to receive a list of all attendees today?	The slides and a list of attendees from the DBE Matchmaker Event on December 7, 2022 were provided to this individual.

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109	Noise	12/8/2022 - Web Comment - People who live next to I-75 in Covington ky right now have no sound barriers now so are we going to be living right on the highway in Lewisburg when the new bridge is built? People on 12th street and Hermes ave need information.	<p>KYTC has identified several locations for potential noise walls to mitigate noise impacts in accordance with its noise policy, including in Lewisburg in the vicinity of West 12th Street and Hermes Avenue. KYTC will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p> <p>Please visit www.PublicInput.com/bsbc to view additional materials about the project, including a presentation from a Lewisburg/Botany Hills neighborhood meeting that took place on December 6, 2022.</p> <p>More meetings for Kentucky neighborhoods are scheduled on December 14, 2022. The meetings will occur from 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm at the Kenton County Fiscal Court (Riedlin Schott Community Room), 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, KY. The meetings will be open-house format with a short presentation at 12:30pm and 5:30pm.</p>
110	Project Footprint Noise	12/8/2022 - Web Comment - I live at [REDACTED] Western Avenue in Covington and am curious how the project will impact my residence. I see the bridge from my house everytime I look out my window and live just to the west of the current structure. Will the new companion bridge to the west bring traffic closer to my house ?? How will it affect my property value, noise, etc.	<p>Once constructed, the new companion bridge will be closer to Western Avenue than the existing highway. KYTC has identified several locations for potential noise walls to mitigate noise impacts in accordance with its noise policy, including in Lewisburg near Western Avenue. The recommended noise wall will reduce predicted noise levels by 1 to 4 decibels at your residence. KYTC will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from sound walls during the project's design-build phase. Because KYTC will not be acquiring any residences along Western Avenue, determinations of property values were not prepared.</p> <p>Additional meetings for Kentucky neighborhoods are scheduled on December 14, 2022. The meetings will occur from 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm at the Kenton County Fiscal Court (Riedlin Schott Community Room), 1840 Simon Kenton Way, Covington, KY. The meetings will be open-house format with a short presentation at 12:30pm and 5:30pm.</p>



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111	Traffic	12/8/2022 - Web Comment - This additional bridge is unnecessary. You need to direct all thru truck traffic to the I-275 loop. Even a trucker who wishes to use the Sharonville rest area must use I-275, regardless of direction. Only trucks making freight deliveries will then be allowed on I-75 inside the loop. Northbound trucks needing I-71 will also be on the bridge, but for that reason only. This will decrease overall truck traffic on the bridge. Let's stop wasting taxpayer money because we think construction is a sport.	Reducing congestion and maintaining connections to key regional and national corridors are primary goals of the project. This includes accommodating freight traffic that is using the interstate system. Diversion of trucks would place them on other routes that are also experiencing congestion and would not be possible to enforce given the need to provide access for local truck traffic. The proposed design meets the project's identified goals while also safely accommodating all types of vehicles.
112	Incident Management	12/8/2022 - Web Comment - As a former first responder I'm concerned about access for not only emergency equipment by clean up and removal services from an accident scene. The sooner these responders can get in and out of an emergency area the sooner the traffic flow can continue.	ODOT and KYTC are coordinating with first responders in Cincinnati, Covington, Fort Wright, and Fort Mitchel to ensure that the project's design accommodates access for incident management. In addition, KYTC and ODOT will coordinate with first responders to develop an incident management plan during construction of the project.
112A	Project Development Process	<p>12/12/2022 - Email Comment - At a community outreach meeting, ODOT stated that this would be moving forward as a reviewed EA. With it progressing forward as a reviewed EA, I'm worried there will not be enough community/public input on this project. I looked into what is required public input wise for an EA and it appears to be at the discretion of ODOT on how much they want to take in. I have reached out to ODOT with questions and comments about the project, but they have yet to give clear answers or reply in some cases.</p> <p>Will FHWA be allowing for public comments directly to them for this project? I understand the timeline for this project is very fast paced, but I feel that a project with this large of an impact and severity needs to have more than a few one hour meetings with the community.</p> <p>I'm a bit confused on how the EIS to EA occurred for this project as a whole. The FONSI posted in 2012 states that since it's remaining in the "mainline" of the I75/71 footprint it is an EA, is this the only reason why it received an EA rather than an EIS? I'm not an expert by any means, but doesn't this fall under 23 CFR 771.115(a)(2)?</p>	<p>The Ohio and Kentucky Divisions of FHWA in cooperation with ODOT and KYTC are continuing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies for the proposed Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor project carrying Interstates 71 & 75 over the Ohio River in the cities of Cincinnati and Covington. As you are aware, in 2012 after completion of the EA, FHWA determined Alternative I will have no significant impact on the human or natural environment. Since the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in 2012, Alternative I has been refined and a supplemental environmental assessment (EA) is being prepared to evaluate impacts of these refinements (Concept I-W).</p> <p>FHWA concluded that a supplemental EA is the proper level of review for this project under the National Environmental Policy Act. An EA is appropriate when a proposed action is not classified as a categorical exclusion, but does not clearly require an environmental impact statement (EIS). Preparation of the supplemental EA is currently underway and has included/will continue to include different opportunities for public involvement (meetings, emailed or mailed comments). The supplemental EA findings will allow FHWA, ODOT and KYTC to determine if an EIS is warranted, as you suggested. If not, FHWA will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). FHWA encourages your participation in the public involvement process. FHWA, as well as ODOT and KYTC are all accepting public comments for this project. All comments received will be addressed prior to the NEPA determination.</p>

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113	Traffic	12/13/2022 – Email Comment - [Pertaining to the response to Comment 111] But, you're wrong. Did you forget how to put up signs? You already have a sign directing HAZMAT trucks to use I-71. You put up electronic signs at every construction site, and you have the (sometimes accurate) overhead ones, giving traffic estimates. Is it really a stretch of strained resources putting up a sign diverting thru truck traffic--trucks which are not making stops within the I-275 loop--onto I-275 at both of its junctions with I-75? Or, do you simply have too much money you can't allocate otherwise?	Comment noted.
114	Project Mailing List	12/12/2022 - Web Comment - It was GREAT meeting those of you on the project that I did. I am very interested and would like to keep updated on this project to bid.	You have been added to the project mailing list. In addition, please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for project procurement information.
115	Traffic	12/14/2022 - Web Comment - Here's a quick, inexpensive, easy solution. Make all vehicles that weigh over 10K GVWR take I-275. Piggyback onto the existing electronic weigh station bypass systems to allow local deliveries.	Reducing congestion and maintaining connections to key regional and national corridors are primary goals of the project. This includes accommodating freight traffic that is using the interstate system. Diversion of trucks would place them on other routes that are also experiencing congestion and would not be possible to enforce given the need to provide access for local truck traffic. The proposed design meets the project's identified goals while also safely accommodating all types of vehicles.
116	Project Schedule	12/14/2022 - Web Comment - when is construction to start?	If the necessary funding is secured, the project's groundbreaking is scheduled for November 2023 with construction beginning in earnest in 2024.
117	Information Request	12/14/2022 - Web Comment - I live on west 11th Street - will it be closed?	Upon project completion, West 11th Street in Covington will continue to operate similar as it does today, connecting Bullock Street and Hermes Avenue. However, during construction, there will be intermittent times where the roadway will be closed for construction activities.
118	General Support	12/15/2022 - Web Comment - THANKS	Comment noted.
119	Information Request	12/15/2022 - Web Comment - Please e-mail me the Final Design Summary Appendix with the maps/drawings that illustrate the design of the Brent Spence new bridge and the approach ramps.	This requested information was provided to this individual.

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120	Information Request	12/16/2022 - Web Comment - I would greatly appreciate it if you could please provide the following. • BSB Concept I-W Plan (Appendices) • BSB Concept I-M Plan • Appendix E: BSB Potential Design Exceptions. E-1: Concept I-W Design Documentation – Map; E-2: Concept I-W Design Documentation – Table; E-3: Concept I-M Design Documentation – KY Map; E-4: Concept I-M Design Documentation – OH Map; E-5: Concept I-M Design Documentation – Table	The requested information was provided to this individual.
121	Traffic	<p>12/16/2022 - Web Comment - I live in Norwood and work in Florence, so I regularly drive this corridor. I'm concerned that a companion bridge will only bring a small and temporary speed-up to traffic through Cincinnati, after spending billions of dollars and causing years of slow traffic due to construction closures. A new bridge will draw more traffic to the region and encourage more locals to drive across it. Study after study of enlarged or new highways show that the extra capacity they create is quickly consumed, and bottlenecks return.</p> <p>Driving on the Brent Spence on a rainy night feels precarious, that's true. The lane lines are difficult to see, and the lanes have been striped to be very narrow to fit four lanes across. So restripe it to three lanes and add more signage to guide people to the lane(s) they should use to continue on I-75 or I-71.</p> <p>Of course the Brent Spence is only one of the bottlenecks on this corridor. A new companion bridge won't ease the grade on the cut in the hill or the curve at Dixie Highway or simplify the many on- and off-ramps west of downtown. It won't smooth the slowdowns from vehicles merging onto I-75 or I-71 from the Norwood Lateral. I-71 between the Lateral and Ronald Reagan will still be as slow as a restaurant drive-thru during rush hour.</p> <p>The only way to actually reduce traffic congestion is to take cars off the road, and the best way to do that is to expand and improve mass transit. I know this companion bridge project has been in the work for many years, and it represents a once-in-a-generation investment in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. But it's the wrong project for the people who live in region and for those transporting goods through the Midwest. I hope you'll reconsider building a companion bridge.</p>	<p>The project is designed to accommodate traffic projected to travel through the corridor by the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects. The traffic projections are based on a regional travel-demand model which assigns routes used by travelers based on available capacity, projected trips, and calculated travel times. Although some travel patterns may change with improved capacity on I-71 and I-75, the project is not anticipated to create additional travel demand that is not already anticipated to exist by the year 2050.</p> <p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project will restripe the existing Brent Spence Bridge to return it to three standard lanes with shoulders. In addition, the existing bridge will provide access for local traffic only at a reduced 45-mph speed. The project will incorporate signing to guide travelers along I-71 and I-75 and to local destinations.</p> <p>While the project will not substantially change the grade on the cut-in-the-hill, additional capacity on I-71/I-75 will help to improve traffic flow through this area. In addition, the project will allow movements to and from the ramps in Cincinnati to occur off the highway, on lower-speed collector-distributor roads, improving traffic flow and safety through the Central Business District. Problems on I-71 east of Cincinnati would need to be addressed as part of a separate project.</p> <p>The project will reduce congestion and improve reliability for local bus routes, which use the Brent Spence Bridge for 210 trips every weekday. In addition, improved and new sidewalks, shared use paths, and bicycle lanes will improve connections to existing bus stops. Finally, future accommodation of bus service along the corridor's shoulder will not be precluded by the project. Other transit improvements, such as rail transit will need to be evaluated as part of a separate project.</p>

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121A	Project Development Process	<p>12/16/2022 - Email Comment - I'd like to ask that the FHWA please begin proactively reaching out to all 10 of the City of Cincinnati's elected officials, as well as all relevant Hamilton County elected officials. As evidenced by the Mayor's request to ODOT that the City become a Cooperating Agency, there is serious interest in the Brent Spence project among local elected leaders. However, many are first-time office holders, and they do not have experience navigating the complex processes associated with a multi-billion dollar infrastructure project being delivered by a state agency. I can tell you that elected officials in City Hall want to get engaged on this project, and they want to drive the outcome, but they do not know how. My understanding is that the project's design direction and Progressive Design-Build procurement and delivery should be substantially steered by feedback collected during the Supplemental EA process and by the City's own adopted priorities for the project. However, many in City Hall do not understand the opportunity to substantially shape the outcome of this project.</p> <p>You shared that the FHWA is the lead agency for this project. I would ask that -- just as ODOT through the SEA process has been asked to reach out to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the project in order to educate them about the project and collect their feedback -- so should FHWA reach out to City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County elected officials, educating them about the environmental process, progressive design-build delivery, and opportunities for municipal involvement. As the Environmental Program Manager for this project, you are familiar with the ways that NEPA / CEQ have contemplated significant municipal involvement in projects like this one and indeed ways that NEPA / CEQ have codified avenues for municipal involvement, such as Cooperating Agency, Participating Agency, etc. The elected officials in Cincinnati and Hamilton County are not familiar with these opportunities. And, just as neighbors of the project deserve to be engaged in a way that is accessible for them, our elected officials, too, should be approached where they are, in language they understand, in a way that addresses their concerns and desires. They are, afterall, the people's representatives.</p> <p>To be clear, FHWA is the correct agency to make this outreach, and it should be made as soon as possible. Unfortunately, to date, ODOT has provided the City with dissembled information regarding its</p>	<p>The City of Cincinnati has been engaged with this project throughout its development. FHWA staff have been and continue to be available to the elected officials of the City to help all interested parties understand the environmental process. FHWA is following the established policies and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (NEPA) and for project procurement. Coordination with the City will continue as the project design progresses and throughout construction.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in this project.</p>

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121A (cont.)	Project Development Process (cont.)	<p>opportunity to shape the project (i.e. become a Cooperating Agency), and months have been squandered as a result. This cannot be allowed to happen again.</p> <p>While I earnestly appreciate your reaching out to me with this information, Bridge Forward should not be relied upon by the FHWA to educate elected leaders. Bridge Forward is a volunteer, grassroots organization. Bridge Forward is not viewed as an authoritative source on NEPA, CEQ, or infrastructure delivery. Additionally, we know that local leaders have been told, perhaps even by ODOT, to stop talking to Bridge Forward, or else they risk jeopardizing the project's funding and schedule.</p> <p>Despite that, Bridge Forward has identified in the community a groundswell of interest in and support for making this interstate project as good of a product for the urban core of Cincinnati as it possibly can be. And, for a \$3 billion, decade-old plan that was pulled off the shelf and teed up for construction as soon as the BIL / IIJA was signed (notwithstanding two no-hurdle FONSI extensions), Bridge Forward has acted in an extremely responsible way. We have not opposed this project, but rather made good-faith efforts to work within the project's development and environmental processes to allow for needed design updates and for as much local control through elected leadership (not simply department of transportation staff) as possible. We feel this responsible approach, including but not limited to the following, focused on education of opportunities for local control, should be verified and communicated to all local elected leadership, by FHWA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for local jurisdictions to become a Cooperating Agency (or, Participating Agency, etc.); • Opportunity, through an RFQ addendum and/or through contract language, to codify the expectation for a very robust Phase 1A - Proof of Concept Phase - and Phase 1B - Project Development Phase - for the project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Incentivization of innovative design concepts; o Re-evaluation of assumptions used in the Project's traffic forecasting projections by a detached third-party; o Use of alternative design concepts proposed from sources other than BSMT; and o Investigation of adding additional scopes of work and/or 	



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122	Information Request	12/21/2022 - Web Comment - KDG is an MBE with extensive CM/CI and project controls experience. Any pre-qualification requirements and process information will be much appreciated.	<p>Anticipated prequalification requirements for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project are located here: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Documents/20221216-UpdateInfo/BSBC_Prequalifications%20Announcement.pdf</p> <p>Information on the prequalification process can be found in this presentation: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-07-BSBC-Event-Slides_Combined.pdf</p> <p>Please visit the project procurement website to access the most up-to-date procurement information and to sign up for email alerts: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>
123	Right-of-Way	12/21/2022 - Web Comment - will any buildings on Crescent Ave., Baker St., or Lewis St. in Covington, Ky be taken for the new bridge construction?	No buildings on Crescent Avenue, Baker Street, or Lewis Street will be impacted by the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.
124	Noise	12/23/2022 - Web Comment - Hello. My name is [REDACTED] and I am the Condo Association President of "The Views" off Dixie Highway and on behalf of the entire community, we strongly support noise barrier walls and an ordinance to outlaw engine braking for trucks traveling north on I71/75 down the cut in the hill.	<p>Thank you for your recent email regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, specifically the support for noise walls. KYTC evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Noise walls along Bullock Street in Lewisburg - east of "The Views" - were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. KYTC will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p> <p>Regarding the request for an ordinance to outlaw engine braking for trucks, KYTC does not restrict the use of engine breaks on interstate highways as they are considered a safety feature for trucks.</p>

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125	BSB Companion Bridge Project Schedule	12/24/2022 - Web Comment - Why have no time frames been given for the phases particularly the bridge over the Ohio portion. Is the Brent Spence bridge being removed and replaced with a whole new bridge or repaired with a so-called companion bridge being built. The information is very confusing to time and scope.	A new double-decker companion bridge that is five lanes in each direction will be built to carry through-traveling interstate traffic. The existing Brent Spence Bridge will not be removed. Only the decks (the surface that vehicles drive on) will be replaced, and some of the structural steel in the bridge will be repaired. The existing bridge will be restriped to three lanes in each direction with standard shoulders and will carry local traffic traveling to and from Covington and downtown Cincinnati. The project will be built in three phases. Construction on Phase III, which includes the new companion bridge and the existing Brent Spence Bridge, will begin in late 2023/early 2024 and will last five years. A graphic showing the different project phases and the anticipated construction timeline can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/ohio/
126	Project Footprint	12/27/2022 - Web Comment - I think reducing the ramps and space used on the Ohio side would take advantage of this opportunity the best. So much wasted area in a key part of the community.	ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building, reducing shoulder widths, and reducing the width of the new companion bridge. In addition, 10 acres of excess ODOT property adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District can be transferred to the City of Cincinnati upon the project's completion. Most recently, ODOT and the City of Cincinnati collaborated on refinements to the downtown Cincinnati ramps that will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati throughout the remaining design activities to identify opportunities to incorporate refinements that reclaim additional land.
127	BSB Companion Bridge	12/29/2022 - Web Comment - Can you send me pictures of the new bridge's design.	The design of the new companion bridge is not yet determined. It may be a tied arch design or a cable stayed design. Pictures showing what the tied arch design might look like can be found on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Renderings-for-Boards-Reduced.pdf . A picture showing what the cable stayed design might look like is attached to this message.

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128	Multimodal Project Footprint	<p>12/29/2022 - Web Comment - Dear responsible parties at ODOT and KYTC for the I-71/75 corridor improvement,</p> <p>Thank you for your work so far in the development of plans to update and improve the I-71/75 corridor along with the Brent Spence Bridge Replacement. The need to invest and improve our transportation infrastructure is paramount to both a healthy economy/supply chain and safety of the public. Also, thank you for your consideration of public feedback. As a resident of Cincinnati, in the Over-The-Rhine district, I would like to submit the following points for consideration:</p> <p>First, on the Brent Spence bridge renderings and lane assignments, I agree that a new bridge should be built to support the current traffic lanes in a new structure. However, in the local/collector lanes the addition of bus, bicycle/shared path, and rail should be included in the design. The Brent Spence bridge was built in 1960, and now 60-70 years later we are updating its design. The new corridor should be built for the transportation infrastructure we (as residents of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area) want and will be utilizing decades in the future, not the status quo. There are currently only 3 possible ways to cross on bicycle/shared path and 2 by rail in the Cincinnati area (with both bridges dating back to the late 1800s and rebuilt in the 1920s). Adding additional capacity in both rail and bicycle/shared path is critical to building a sustainable transportation future.</p> <p>Second, on the total land area taken up by the I-71/75 interchange and I-75 corridor on the Ohio side of the project, I agree that it can't be completely reduced to its previous zero-impact as the corridor does need to exist. I propose that the reduction of access to the interstates would benefit the local community more through the reduction of traffic and reduction of land needed for collector roads and on/off ramps. As a resident of OTR, I want to encourage people to explore the neighborhood (including attending events at TQL stadium) through non-individual automobile ways. We need to be building a better system of public transportation in and around our neighborhoods to encourage people not to use their automobile.</p> <p>Third, specifically regarding the overpass of I-75 on Ezzard Charles Drive, I would encourage the development of an overpass connects the Cincinnati Union Terminal on one end Music Hall on the other.</p>	<p>The project has not incorporated rail into the design because it is not supported by the project's purpose and need, and there are no current plans for new rail in the region. New rail facilities would need to be evaluated as part of a separate project.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE] <i>New rail facilities were not considered a feasible alternative for this project. Since there are no regional plans for new rail facilities in the foreseeable future, provisions for inclusion of a rail corridor have not been a part of the Brent Spence project. New rail facilities would need to be evaluated as part of a separate project. However, the current design will not preclude the future consideration of a rail corridor,</i></p> <p>In Ohio, pedestrian and bicycle connections will be included across I-75 on 6th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In addition, a new shared use path will be constructed along Winchell Avenue between 9th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive, including a pedestrian bridge connection to Freeman Avenue.</p> <p>In Kentucky, new shared use paths and sidewalks will be included along the frontage roads. Also new and rebuilt sidewalks will be included under the MLK/West 12th Street, Pike Street, West 9th Street, West 5th Street, and West 3rd Street bridges. A new shared use path will be built under the West 9th Street and West 5th Street bridges, which will tie into the shared use paths in Goebel Park. The shared use path will be extended along Crescent Avenue to connect to the existing shared use path along the river.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE] Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge or the existing Brent Spence bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. Preliminary investigations indicate that adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge may be feasible. KYTC and ODOT will further evaluate adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge during the project's progressive design-build phase.</p>

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128 (cont.)	Multimodal Project Footprint (cont.)	<p>This should be done by making the interstate less apparent/visible using green space and dedicated bicycle/shared paths (reducing the focus of automobile traffic). Also, the overpass should be designed with the potential to support a tram line in the future.</p> <p>Finally, thank you for your consideration. I know that these processes take time and resources but listening to the communities in and around these projects is vital to developing a greater Cincinnati Area that we all will be proud to call home in the next 50 years.</p>	<p>The project will reduce congestion and improve reliability for local bus routes, which use the Brent Spence Bridge for 210 trips every weekday. In addition, improved and new sidewalks, shared use paths, and bicycle lanes will improve connections to existing bus stops. Finally, future accommodation of bus service along the corridor's shoulder will not be precluded by the project. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge or the existing Brent Spence Bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge.</p> <p>ODOT and the City of Cincinnati have collaborated to reduce the project's footprint in downtown Cincinnati. The number of lanes and ramps provided were determined based on traffic operational analysis of existing and future traffic volumes traveling through the area. Further reductions in the number of lanes and/or ramps would negatively affect traffic flow, connectivity, and access to and from downtown Cincinnati.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE] ODOT has incorporated several features that reduce the project's footprint, including optimizing interchange geometry by utilizing the land formerly occupied by the Dunhamby building, reducing shoulder widths, and reducing the width of the new companion bridge. Most recently, ODOT and the City of Cincinnati collaborated on refinements to the downtown Cincinnati ramps that will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati throughout the progressive design-build process to identify opportunities to incorporate refinements to further reduce the project footprint and reclaim additional land.</p>

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129	Project Schedule	12/30/2022 - Web Comment - The document about says the project will start in the north with Phase 1 but the timeframe listed of 2028 thru 2031 is significantly later than the time frame given for Phases 2 and 3.	<p>The project phases are numbered from north to south. However, they will not be constructed in that order. As currently planned, Phase I will be constructed last. However, the timeframe for this particular phase will be adjusted to coordinate with the City of Cincinnati's Western Hills Viaduct Project.</p> <p>The Western Hills Viaduct project and the Brent Spence Bridge project overlap and coordination is on-going to develop the construction phasing and schedule for this area of the project.</p>
130	Right-of-Way	12/30/2022 - Web Comment - How do I find out if my house is one that will be affected by this project? I live at [REDACTED] in Fort Mitchell- just NE of the Dixie Hwy S- bound exit ramp. It's a concern because I have 3 children in the Beechwood School District.	<p>Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding potential impacts from the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Given the address provided in your email, your property will not be impacted by the project based on current plans.</p> <p>Thank you again for your interest in the project and I encourage you to continue to follow via the website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/</p>
131	Information Request	12/30/2022 - Web Comment - Please send me the appendices to the DESIGN SUMMARY REPORT dated AUGUST 23, 2022.	The requested information was provided to this individual.
132	Project Mailing List	01/02/2023 - Web Comment - Please place me on the B—S Bridge update email list.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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132A	Public Input	<p>01/02/2023 - Email Comment - I am a resident of the Cincinnati Central Business District (CBD) neighborhood and live within a half-block of the project area (the 300 block of W 4th St). A CBD neighborhood outreach meeting was held on 11/29/2022. Despite being a resident of the target neighborhood for the meeting and taking adequate steps to stay informed on the project, I did not receive any communication from ODOT/the project team that a CBD neighborhood outreach meeting was being held. My knowledge of the meeting came from a colleague who has no affiliation to the project team or its partners. Had it not been for that colleague, I would not have known the meeting was happening. Thus, the purpose of this letter is to document in the public comment register key facts that demonstrate the project team has circumnavigated their own communication tools regarding the impacted neighborhood outreach period which has resulted in a disingenuous public outreach where not all residents of impacted neighborhoods were aware of the engagement opportunity.</p> <p>To begin, the project's E-newsletter, the means for communicating project updates and news, failed to adequately advertise the outreach meetings. I signed up for and have received the project's newsletters beginning with the 10/21/2022 edition as well as the 11/10 and 12/5 editions. The 11/10 newsletter is the first communication regarding the neighborhood outreach; however, no communication was given for the meeting dates, times, or locations. The newsletter did not even indicate which neighborhoods the project team would be visiting nor was any information provided on where an individual could go to learn more of the neighborhood meetings or view the self-service comment website (www.publicinput.com/bsbc). This lack of notice comes despite text on the project website's newsletter sign up form indicating notice of upcoming meetings would be provided by signing up. The full text of the 11/10 newsletter is provided in Appendix A and the website sign up message is provided in Appendix B.</p> <p>The 12/5 edition did include the remaining events; however, when comparing with the full list of outreach meetings (Appendix C), 5 KY meetings were already held and 2 OH meetings were also already held (an additional KY meeting was held on 12/5- same day notice is hardly effective public engagement). While the newsletter references past meetings, there was no mention of which neighborhoods were</p>	<p>Thank you for sharing your concerns to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor web site regarding the public involvement process for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC value feedback as an important part of the project development process.</p> <p>ODOT and KYTC conducted the neighborhood outreach and other public involvement activities in accordance with the Public Engagement Plan developed for the project. The meetings were part of a targeted outreach plan tailored to each, specific neighborhood to provide community members within the neighborhood the opportunity to learn more about the project, ask questions of the project team, and provide feedback. The specific neighborhoods were chosen because a demographic analysis showed that they contained underserved populations and are directly adjacent to the project, where community impacts would be most likely to occur.</p> <p>In Ohio, individual, neighborhood meetings were held in November and December in the CUF (Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview), Central Business District (CBD), Camp Washington, and West End neighborhoods. Respectively, the meetings were held November 15, November 29, December 12, and December 20. These public involvement meetings were conducted during the established community council meetings in which community leaders hold regular meetings to provide their residents with information specific their neighborhood.</p> <p>Similarly, KYTC held meetings targeted to neighborhoods that are within the corridor between Covington and the Dixie Highway interchange; due the greater number of affected neighborhoods, it was deemed necessary to hold more meetings in Kentucky. The outreach strategy was outlined in an Environmental Justice Methodology memo and the project Public Engagement Plan, both of which were reviewed by FHWA.</p> <p>For those meetings held in Ohio, the decision on how to notify the neighborhood groups was based on discussions with city of Cincinnati, which is most familiar with the community councils and could provide contact information. Community Councils are recognized by the City and, historically, ODOT has engaged these councils as part of our outreach on projects we sponsor. We then</p>

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132A (cont.)	Public Input (cont.)	<p>In light of the aforementioned observations, the project team was questioned during the CBD meeting how the outreach meetings were communicated to the public. Given there was no information in the project newsletter nor the website prior to the CBD meeting, I questioned how the meetings were being publicized. The response from the presenter, Mr. Stefan Spinosa, was that the project team reached out to the neighborhood community councils to distribute the information. While the community councils are often viewed as the voice of the community, membership is voluntary, and their leadership is voluntary. When seeking public input, the entire public of the impacted neighborhoods needs to be made aware of their opportunity to provide input. Reaching out to community councils, because of their voluntary makeup, only addressed a portion of the targeted neighborhoods. It was irresponsible for the project team to put the responsibility of publicizing the outreach meetings on the community councils, especially in place of using the project team's own communication tools.</p> <p>In conclusion, the facts contained herein demonstrate the haphazard, figure-it-out-as-we-go communication plan being carried out by the project team to seek input from the impacted neighborhoods. The project team's own communication tools, the project website and newsletter, failed to communicate the dates, times, locations, or impacted neighborhoods until several meetings had already been held. The project team relied on the community councils to publicize the meeting information which did not reach every citizen of the impacted neighborhoods. As a result, the impacted neighborhood public outreach period did not effectively provide an opportunity for every citizen of the impacted neighborhoods to engage and provide feedback to the project team.</p> <p>Therefore, to ensure that the entire public of the impacted neighborhoods has been made aware of their opportunity to learn about the project and comment, I request that the impacted neighborhood comment period be repeated with a communication plan that guarantees the entire public of the impacted neighborhoods has been made aware of their opportunity to engage.</p>	<p>received - including making decisions regarding mitigation and enhancement measures - prior to finalizing the Environmental Justice Analysis Report and the supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA), submitted to FHWA on February 16, 2023.</p> <p>Additionally, anyone may submit comments on the project website Brent Spence Bridge Corridor at any time. Those comments and questions are captured and addressed accordingly, and then being shared on the project website each month. It is important to note that the project website is a very dynamic, evolving site, and it is being updated regularly with information pertaining to project development, public involvement information, meetings, and procurement.</p> <p>In addition to the comments you have already shared with the project team and the Federal Highway Administration, you may continue to submit comments via the project web site as listed above, as well as during the public hearings which will be held this summer. Although a date has yet to be established, these meetings will be announced through the project web site, both agencies' web sites, the e-newsletter, social and traditional media, our partners at the cities of Cincinnati and Covington, and other identified resources to assure that we engage with our communities on both sides of the Ohio River.</p> <p>Again, we thank you for your comments, your attendance at the November 29th, 2022 CBD meeting, and your participation in the public involvement process for this monumental project. As we move forward with this major new construction project, we will continue following the Public Engagement Plan while also evolving our process to meet the needs of the community. It is the goal of the project team to provide all members of the general public multiple opportunities and resources to comment on the project.</p>

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133	Construction	01/03/2023 - Web Comment - What is the projected advertisement for construction bid date? 2023? 2024?	The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams will be released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Additional information can be found on the project's procurement website: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx
134	Historic Resources	01/03/2023 - Web Comment - I was looking over the BS Bridge Corridor PDFs and there are some placed marked with a purple star. The legend says these are "NRHP Listed or Eligible Site" what does that mean to the structures? Are they going to be taken or might be taken?	On the project mapping, a purple star means that a structure (such as a building or a bridge) has been identified as either being listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). In addition, historic districts are shown on the project mapping with purple hatching. The purple stars and hatching only indicate that historic resources are present in and near the project area. Impacts to historic resources has been avoided and minimized to the greatest extent possible. The project will impact some areas within the Lewisburg Historic District (KY), and it will remove approximately 204 feet of Longworth Hall (OH), which is listed on the NRHP. KYTC is currently developing a Memorandum of Agreement to mitigate the impacts to the Lewisburg Historic District. In addition, ODOT entered into a Memorandum of Agreement committing to completing various repair, upgrade, restoration, enhancement, and refurbishment measures to be completed at Longworth Hall to mitigate impacts from the project.
135	Construction	01/03/2023 - Web Comment - Good afternoon, looking for a plan holders list for the bridge project. Poseidon Barge fabricates, sells, and rents portable sectional barges for floating cranes, excavators, drill rigs and other types of construction equipment. Thank you for your help!	ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of contractors for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.

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135A	Alternatives	<p>01/03/2023 - Email Comment - So I'm just confused as an outside observer looking to move to Cincinnati or Covington because of the opportunity for urban growth. In Cincinnati, a city famous for unbelievable destruction of a city's urban fabric in the name of highways, the plan is to create more lanes? With 1.6 or however many billion dollars there is no plan to at least add rail or public transit option? This is not the future younger generations want. We want to correct the mistakes of the past. At least have a street car option or something. Have you ever heard of induced demand? Evidence based policy? So disappointed in this city.</p>	<p>Traffic projections are based on a regional travel-demand model which assigns routes used by travelers based on detailed information for individuals, households, number of lanes, projected trips, and calculated travel times. Traffic projections show that adding lanes will increase traffic volumes in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some of that increase is due to travelers shifting trips they were already making from other congested routes. In addition, some travelers will make new trips they would not have made without the highway improvements (induced trips). The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is designed to accommodate all trips (including induced trips) projected by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) regional travel demand model through the year 2050.</p> <p>In 2004, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) completed a major planning study known as the North South Transportation Initiative (Initiative) that considered highway improvements in addition to transit improvements such as express bus, commuter rail, and others. The Initiative concluded that a highway improvement project was necessary to address capacity issues on I-75, including the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. While the original findings of the Initiative called for four lanes in each direction on I-75, traffic analyses completed as part of ODOT's Millcreek Expressway and Thru the Valley projects determined that five lanes were needed south of the I-74/I-75 interchange. This change was approved by OKI. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project addresses the highway component of the Initiative by improving interchanges and providing the number of lanes previously approved by OKI. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project will address traffic congestion, substantially improve safety, and enhance travel for other modes of transportation. The transit component included in the Initiative must be developed and championed regionally, and ODOT and KYTC are ready to support this when it is advanced at a regional level. The North South Transportation Initiative planning study can be accessed here: www.oki.org/studies/pdf/northsouth/ns-complete.pdf.</p>

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136	Alternatives	01/04/2023 - Web Comment - How about making that bridge light rail ready to link downtown to the airport? It would bring business downtown to and from the airport, have stops along the way to drop and pick-up people off at their places of work in and around the airport and increase the potential for economic growth. This would give us alternatives that would reduce the pollution of all the cars going back and forth. We could use the light rail already in the city of Cincinnati.	The project has not incorporated light rail into the design because it is not supported by the project's purpose and need, and there are no current plans for new rail in the region. New light rail facilities would need to be evaluated as part of a separate project.
136A	Alternatives	<p>01/04/2023 - Email Comment - I hope you are well. I write to you today to express my dissatisfaction with the current Brent Spence Bridge companion proposal. While I (as well as many other Cincinnati residents) have outwardly expressed their dissatisfaction over the past year and more, it seems to have fallen on deaf ears — whether that be at in-person meetings, in official public comments, or even just on social media. My comments today will be rather lengthy. I honestly would prefer to keep the feedback short and sweet, but at this point in time I see no other way to get the attention of ODOT and those planning for our city's future. Additionally, I will try my best to include references/URLs within this public comment to support the points laid out.</p> <p>First and foremost, it is of the utmost importance that something be done about the Brent Spence Bridge. It has been in official need of a replacement since 1998 according to the Federal Highway Administration (https://www.oki.org/brentspencebridge/). I am 100% in favor of repairs, a replacement, or a companion to the current bridge, and I'm sure those who utilize it regularly and see the first-hand dilapidation would agree. If the companion bridge is to be built, so be it. It would provide another link within the greater Cincinnati and larger Midwest regions that will prove invaluable in the coming years as Cincinnati continues to urbanize and densify. The issues begin to arise when we examine who (drivers) and what (cars and trucks) will utilize the new span, and the opportunity cost of what instead could be built in its place.</p> <p>The current proposed companion bridge (https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/traffic/2022/08/29/how-much-traffic-will-brent-spence-companion-bridge/65407695007/) allots 10 new lanes to exclusively car and truck traffic. While this bridge is set</p>	<p>Traffic projections are based on a regional travel-demand model which assigns routes used by travelers based on detailed information for individuals, households, number of lanes, projected trips, and calculated travel times. Traffic projections show that adding lanes will increase traffic volumes in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some of that increase is due to travelers shifting trips they were already making from other congested routes. In addition, some travelers will make new trips they would not have made without the highway improvements (induced trips). The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is designed to accommodate all trips (including induced trips) projected by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) regional travel demand model through the year 2050.</p> <p>ODOT thoughtfully considered the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition, which included burying the freeway. A detailed response is provided on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BF-Response-to-Public-Comment_w-Executive-Summary-1.pdf. ODOT is also coordinating with Bridge-Forward to schedule a working session to discuss their ideas about the project.</p> <p>The current design will open up an additional 9.5 acres of land for potential redevelopment adjacent to Cincinnati's Central Business District. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati throughout the remaining design activities to identify opportunities to incorporate refinements that reclaim additional land.</p> <p>In 2004, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) completed a major planning study known as</p>

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137	Project Mailing List	01/04/2023 - Web Comment - Keep me posted. Thanks	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
138	Alternatives	<p>01/05/2023 - Web Comment - 1. COMPANION BRIDGE WILL NOT WORK 2. HILLSIDE IS NOT STABLE ENOUGH 3. WILL REQUIRE EMINITE DOMAINE OF LAND NEAR 140 FEET WIDE. 4. CONSTRUCTION COSTS WILL MOVE IT TO COMPLETION NEAR \$7B. 5. TRUCKS WILL CONTINUE TO SLOW BECAUSE OF THE GRADE RISE. CONCLUSION.. NOT FEASEABLE 1960 THEY NEW THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM. 1. CANTALEVER DESIGN LIMITED CAPACITIY 2. GRADE LEVEL WOULD SLOW TRUCK TRAFFIC ANSWER. . . THIRD DECK 100 FEET WIDE, BYPASSING DOWNTOWN EXITS. 5* GRADE, FROM HOPPLE STREET TO KYLES LANE. TIME TO COMPLETION LESS THAN FOUR YEARS. COST THEN \$20MM, TODAY <\$2B. THIRD DECK ADDS NEW PILLINGS FIFTEEN FEET OUT IN RIVER (REQUIRES BARGES TO BE A LITTLE THINNER) AND ADDS MORE SUPPORT STRENGTH TO THE CANTELIVER.</p>	<p>The alternatives evaluation process and engineering study conducted for the project has shown that the new companion bridge is feasible and the preferred alternative for addressing the traffic flow and safety problems in the corridor. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (including the new companion bridge) is estimated to cost \$3.6 billion. While additional land will be required to build the project, ODOT and KYTC have worked to reduce the project's footprint. The project will not change the grade on the cut-in-the-hill in Kentucky. Adding a third deck to the existing Brent Spence Bridge would not satisfy the project's purpose and need, because it would not provide enough lanes to carry the traffic projected to travel through the corridor.</p>

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139	Construction	01/05/2023 - Web Comment - Ladies and Gentlemen This is [REDACTED] from Hebetec Engineering Ltd www.hebetec.com in Switzerland. We are a small company, part of the worldwide known Vinci group. Our passion is lifting, lowering, and hauling of heavy and very heavy loads. Among others we are specialized in Works related with building and demolishing bridges. Within the past years we took part on several demolition projects in the US such as Oakland Bay Bridge CA or Tappan Zee Bridge NJ. We also do large sliding projects, e.g., Lennetal Bridge in Germany, where we slid an entire, pre-constructed concrete bridge of over 3.200ft length and 33.000tons weight, laterally by 65ft in one piece. Seeing your landmark project Brent Spence Bridge Rehabilitation, we would be keen to support you or your contractors with our expertise.	Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future match-making opportunities.
140	Information Request	01/05/2023 - Web Comment - I'd like to speak to the public relations person who is handling the Brent Spence Bridge communications to the public. What's Happening! in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties would like to keep the citizens apprised of the plans for the Brent Spence Bridge Project and how it will impact their lives, commutes, and quality of life. For the past 33 years, we have mailed a semi-annual, full-color publication to every household in the NKY corridor. Please email or call me at [REDACTED] to discuss partnering with us. Thank you! [REDACTED]	This individual was contacted by a member of the project team.
141	Construction	01/05/2023 - Web Comment - I am interested in receiving information about bidding this project as a supplier. We are a DBE certified company that specializes in drilling, heavy construction equipment, perm and temp casing, tooling, etc. for sale or rental. The size of our equipment ranges from 2'(610mm) to 14'(4268mm) in diameter.	Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
142	Construction	01/05/2023 - Web Comment - Has this project been awarded to a GC yet	The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams will be released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023. Additional information can be found on the project's procurement website: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx
143	N/A	01/05/2023 - Web Comment - MAP OF CINCINNATI & COVINGTON	Comment noted.

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143A	Alternatives	<p>01/05/2023 - Email Comment - Please see the attached file of petitions regarding the Brent Spence Corridor Project. Please enter these into the public record.</p> <p>Text from attached letters: I'm writing to you today in hopes that you will oppose the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor expansion project. The project won't solve the bridge's traffic and safety problems, but it will harm local communities, cost taxpayers billions of dollars, and only heightens our reliance on cars and fossil fuels.</p> <p>Highway expansion projects harm already vulnerable populations. This expansion project will promulgate plumes of dust and fumes, worsening air pollution and health outcomes in nearby communities in the long term while interrupting people's everyday lives in the short term. After months of negotiation, Covington residents are still giving up over a dozen properties to the state to build this highway. And despite all of this, the project likely will not even solve the problems it is setting out to fix. Research strongly suggests that expanding highway capacity attracts more vehicles and increases traffic, the reverse effect of what KYTC's proposed plan is supposed to achieve.</p> <p>Our region carries the burden from hundreds of trucks crossing the bridge corridor daily, but most of the freight crossing the bridge is neither made here nor delivered here. The chronic truck congestion on the bridge makes it extremely unsafe. Rather than spend billions on an un-aesthetic, unnecessary highway, Kentucky and Ohio should be investing in the livelihoods of its residents. Funding should be shifted to expanding transit options and multi-modal transportation projects while reducing non-local truck traffic. We should be reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, not creating opportunities to worsen them.</p> <p>We cannot remain fully dependent on cars as transportation. As we have seen recently, the financial precariousness of car ownership places a mounting burden on American families. Investing in better public transit systems will reduce traffic congestion, reduce the cost to taxpayers while seeing a more beneficial use of their money, and improve the quality of life in neighboring communities.</p> <p>I am hoping that you will not support expanding the Brent Spence highway but rather invest in our communities, our transportation system, and our health and safety.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The provided petition and accompanying form letters have been included in the project record.</p> <p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is a direct outcome of a major planning study known as the North South Transportation Initiative (Initiative) that was conducted by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) in 2004. The study considered highway improvements in addition to transit improvements such as express bus, commuter rail, and others. The study and subsequent update concluded that additional highway capacity (five lanes) were needed south of the I-74/I-75 interchange, including the Brent Spence Bridge.</p> <p>The agencies (ODOT and KYTC) then established the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project to address the highway capacity needs. At the onset of the project and continuing through today, the identified goals of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve traffic flow and level of service • Improve safety • Correct geometric deficiencies • Maintain connections to key regional and national transportation corridors <p>The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project will address traffic congestion, substantially improve safety, and seek to enhance travel for other modes of transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian, within the project corridor. In addition to engineering feasibility studies, the project has followed and will continue to follow the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate environmental impacts from the project. As such, the project team has worked to reduce the project footprint and impacts, specifically to properties located within Covington.</p>

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143B	Public Input	01/05/2023 - Email Comment - Please see attached for a progress report taken today of results from a survey that Bridge Forward Cincinnati has been circulating in the community, here. Each response is from a unique respondent. Final results and an analysis will be forwarded when the survey period is complete.	Comment noted.
143C	Alternatives	<p>01/05/2023 - Email Comment - Please also see attached for letters of support for Bridge Forward's design direction goals to date from local Community Councils. More will follow. The final attachment is procurement language that Bridge Forward is requesting be included in the initial RFQ or as an addendum to the RFQ.</p> <p>[Attached letters from: Camp Washington Community Council (undated), Over the Rhine Community Council (12/20/2022), West End Community Council (10/25/2021 and 10/28/2022).]</p>	<p>The provided letters of support for Bridge Forward's design direction goals have been added to the project record. We are continuing to work on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project with our stakeholders to capture opportunities to address shared community priorities.</p> <p>The specific language in the progressive design-build contract documents is developed and vetted through a rigorous process led by a multidisciplinary team of industry and legal professionals. The draft contract documents released on January 13, 2023 include requirements for the design-build team to develop draft alternative design concepts and an innovation plan that improve project quality, reduce costs, shorten schedule, and support the project goals and objectives. Stated objectives in the draft contract documents include: building a good project by building a project with a context sensitive design that fits within the community, minimizing footprint to maximize public investment and potential for developable space, improving neighborhood connectivity across the interstate, providing strong aesthetic value, minimizing physical intrusion, and designing for sustained quality of life, among others. Draft alternative concepts will be evaluated through a collaborative effort with ODOT and KYTC and other community partners, as appropriate, and will consider long term maintenance and operation costs. The draft contract documents also require adherence to all environmental commitments in the supplemental EA.</p>
144	Construction	01/06/2023 - Web Comment - When are RFPs due?	<p>The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams will be released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Proposals from design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023. Additional information can be found on the project's procurement website:</p> <p>https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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145	Construction	01/06/2023 - Web Comment - I am a licensed professional Civil Engineer in Ohio. I would be thrilled to work on the new bridge project.	Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
146	Historic Resource	01/06/2023 - Web Comment - I have noticed, after looking at the renderings of the new bridge, that a major portion of the B&O Freight Terminal will be demolished. I am not sure if anyone is aware or not, but this building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. As a supporter of historic preservation, I implore you to consider the historic aspects of this building and find a way to avoid demolishing this historic building. As a starting point, may I direct you to the Golden Gate Bridge? When it was initially designed, Fort Point, a historic fortification on the shores of San Francisco Bay, was to be demolished. But, after a redesign of the bridge, an arch span was incorporated into one of the approaches that straddled the fort. Hopefully, this may be an option to preserve this historic freight terminal.	ODOT and KYTC are aware of Longworth Hall's historic significance. The alternatives analysis for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project evaluated ways to avoid impacts to Longworth Hall. Out of 25 alternatives that were studied, only one alternative was found to meet the project's purpose and need while avoiding impacts to Longworth Hall. This alternative would have resulted in substantially greater residential and business impacts, including the largest employer in the Queensgate area. This alternative was also projected to cost substantially more than other alternatives under consideration. In addition, the cities of Covington and Cincinnati strongly opposed this alternative. As a result, impacts to 204 feet of Longworth Hall were found to be unavoidable. To mitigate the impacts, ODOT entered into a Memorandum of Agreement committing to completing various repair, upgrade, restoration, enhancement, and refurbishment measures to be completed at Longworth Hall as part of the project.

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147	Roadway/Bridge Design	<p>01/09/2023 - Web Comment - I was reviewing the documents for the KY aesthetics committee from August of 2022. The proposed street designs and under pass designs around the bridge concern me. Firstly, does the highway off-ramp to 5th street need to have two lanes? Currently the off-ramp has only one lane and it is seems more than sufficient. Eliminating the second lane would reduce the project's footprint and likely lead to a reduction in costs even if minimal.</p> <p>Secondly, turning radii of the proposed intersections along 5th and Crescent look very generous, which will likely encourage cars to speed. Please consider tightening the turning radii as this will greatly improve the safety of streets for all users. Vehicles will move slower. Pedestrians will have less distance to travel across the roads leaving less time interacting with vehicles in the street.</p> <p>Another thing I would encourage you all to look at is the necessity of slip lanes, as well as the four lane intersection of Crescent and West 3rd. Given those are the streets that enter Botany Hills and the Kenton Hills neighborhoods, the intersection should be more welcoming. The current and proposed designs create a confusing intersection that is hostile to drivers and pedestrians. Please consider reducing the number of lanes and "dieting" the intersection.</p>	<p>Regarding the number of lanes on the 5th Street off-ramp, there is only one lane exiting the collector-distributor northbound to 5th Street. The second lane at the 5th Street intersection is from the local street connecting 9th Street and 5th Street. The number of lanes on the 5th Street ramp is based on traffic operational analyses completed for the project, which consider the traffic projected to travel in the corridor through the year 2050. To promote safety for bicycles and pedestrians, the ramp connections with local streets are being designed as lower-speed urban roadways. The design of the intersections of local streets will be in accordance with City of Covington design standards.</p> <p>For your comment regarding the intersection of 5th and Crescent, the plans shown in the exhibits are still preliminary. Once on board, a Design Build Team will develop more detailed project plans that will take a better look at the intersections within the project limits. To promote safety for bicycles and pedestrians, the ramp connections and other intersections with local streets are being designed as lower-speed urban roadways. The design of the intersections of local streets will be in accordance with City of Covington design standards.</p>

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148	Roadway/Bridge Design	01/09/2023 - Web Comment - How come the new bridge can't be a bridge for traffic taking I75 (4/5 lanes) while Brent Spence Bridge (reduced to 3 lanes) is a bridge solely for traffic going from I71/I75 onto Fort Washington Way and onto Columbus? Both bridges could still have exits/on ramp to/from downtown Cincinnati thus meaning the insane spaghetti looking ramps of an interchange on the Cincinnati side would likely take up less? I feel this idea should very much be considered since we only get to do this right once!	<p>The project will build a new double-decker companion bridge that will carry through (Interstate) traffic. The project will also build a collector-distributor system that will provide access to and from local destinations. The existing Brent Spence Bridge will be used for local traffic as part of the collector-distributor system. Access to I-71 will be provided via the new companion bridge and the existing Brent Spence Bridge. Ramps to and from the Interstate will provide access to the collector-distributor system, from which travelers will be able to access local destinations. Adding additional exits/on ramps to and from downtown Cincinnati from the through (Interstate) lanes would increase the number of ramps on the Cincinnati side and would take up substantially more space than the current design.</p> <p>Various configurations of lanes at the crossing of the Ohio River have been considered throughout the project's development, including suggestions similar to what the commenter describes. The preferred solution, Concept I-W, has been found to best meet the goals identified for the project.</p>
149	Public Input	01/10/2023 - Web Comment - what is the public participation process for the BS bridge and the corridor?	<p>KYTC and ODOT completed a series of 16 targeted neighborhood outreach meetings for the project in November and December 2023. The public is also able to submit comments via the project website (www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com). Public hearings scheduled in July/August of 2023 will provide another opportunity for public participation. The public can also access information about the project by visiting the project website, signing up for project updates, and viewing the project's social media accounts: https://www.facebook.com/BrentSpenceInfo and https://twitter.com/brentspenceinfo.</p>
150	Construction	01/10/2023 - Web Comment - I simply wanted to know if this contract has been awarded. I also would like to know who the contract was awarded to. Our company has several deck barges and spud barges that may be able to help with the project. I appreciate your time.	<p>The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams was released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Proposals from design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023. Additional information can be found on the project's procurement website: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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151	Roadway/Bridge Design	01/10/2023 - Web Comment - Will the NEW Brent Spence Bridge for I-71-75 also be a double-decker bridge?	Yes. The new companion bridge will be a double-decker structure. The top deck will carry five lanes of northbound traffic, and the bottom deck will carry five lanes of southbound traffic.
152	Construction	01/10/2023 - Web Comment - --Could you send me information on who is doing the work on this bridge? I heard you needed welders, etc. I have bridge building experience. Have supervised total construction of bridges, experienced welder, etc. Just need to know who I need to contact to get more information on working on this project. Thanks for you help any help is greatly appreciated.	Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
153	Noise	01/11/2023 - Web Comment - I live on the corridor very close to the highway and want to do everything I can to get the walls built so that it isn't as loud for the residents.	KYTC has identified several locations for potential noise walls to mitigate noise impacts in accordance with its noise policy. In addition, both KYTC and ODOT are evaluating additional walls or other features to further reduce noise and provide visual screening to the highway in noise sensitive areas that did not warrant noise walls according to their noise policies.
154	Noise	<p>01/11/2023 - Web Comment - I, along with the members in my household, are in full support of a sound wall to improve the quality of living on W Maple as well as avoid potential problems involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Property values on West Maple will, undoubtedly, go down should noise levels increase. * Currently as a resident of West Maple, we can't hold a conversation in our front yard with friends and neighbors given the intense noise levels. * West Maple currently has the highest noise level reading in all of Fort Mitchell. This will only get worse with this project, and even with a sound wall, this West Maple Avenue will still be the highest noise level reading in all of Fort Mitchell. * Even before this project, the noise from the traffic and trucks, specifically, wake us up in the middle of the night. This will only get worse as traffic increases. * The sound wall along West Maple has been deemed unreasonable, meaning it doesn't affect enough people to make it cost effective; however, the taxes paid by the residents of West Maple are significant given the home values associated with this area. <p>We pay WAY to much to the city to not be considered for this sound wall. It affects our lives!</p>	<p>You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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157	Noise	<p>01/11/2023 - Web Comment - Hello, I reside on W Maple Ave, and am very hopeful that this team can help us resolve the noise pollution that exists on the interstate immediately behind our street. Driving to work today, I noticed that there are sound walls just north of Dixie Hwy on the interstate. Any help you can offer would be tremendously appreciated. The cars and mostly trucks driving south on I-75 wake me up routinely throughout the night. Thank you for listening.</p>	<p>You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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158	Noise	01/11/2023 - Web Comment - I am in favor of a sound wall or other device to minimize I-75 traffic noise on West Maple Ave in Fort Mitchell, Ky.	<p>You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>
159	BSB Companion Bridge	01/12/2023 - Web Comment - How will a name for the new bridge be chosen?	The process for naming the new bridge has not been established.
160	Noise	<p>01/12/2023 - Web Comment - I am writing this to express my strong support for a Sound/Noise Wall along the I-71/75 South Expressway running along West Maple Avenue. We have lived on West Maple for roughly 8 years, and it is frightening how much the noise has increased since we moved in.</p> <p>CURRENTLY, WEST MAPLE HAS THE HIGHEST NOISE LEVEL READING IN ALL OF FORT MITCHELL. We are not able to hold a conversation with neighbors and/or entertain in our front or side yards given the significant disruption/noise levels in the area. I am not exaggerating when I say that my dog, Huey, can't even here me call him from the porch when he is in the front yard. We also have sound proof windows on the entire front of the house, and the noise from the traffic/trucks on the expressway (especially at night) is disrupting and wakes us up often several times a night. It's frightening to think about how much worse the noise levels will get as the Expressway expands and traffic increases.</p> <p>Between the increase in additional traffic noise and the potential reverberation from the Sound Wall running along the opposite side of</p>	<p>You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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160 (cont.)	Noise (cont.)	<p>the Expressway (near Beechwood School), the noise levels will be unbearable.</p> <p>It is extremely upsetting that a Sound Wall in our area is not currently a part of the recommendation based, primarily, on the number of residents living on our street. As residents of Fort Mitchell, we pay significant state, county and city taxes and deserve the same quality of life as others living in the cities affected by this project. There is no question that if we do not secure a Sound Wall for this area, there will be significant negative implications to those of us living on this street (i.e., our quality of life will decline, our homes will become less desirable and; therefore, our home values will decrease).</p> <p>Based on the future (post project) Noise Level Reading, EVEN WITH A SOUND WALL, WEST MAPLE WILL STILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NOISE LEVEL READING IN ALL OF FORT MITCHELL. This is simply crazy and unacceptable. Given all of this, not providing support for this Sound Wall is simply unacceptable.</p> <p>In closing, I respectfully ask that you revise your proposal/draft to include a Sound Wall along I-75/71 South Expressway along West Maple Avenue in Fort Mitchell.</p>	
161	Noise	<p>01/12/2023 - Web Comment - I am writing to voice my concern about the expansion of I75 through Ft. Mitchell. I understand the reasoning behind this and the expansion itself is not my issue. My issue is the fact that there is no plan to put a sound wall in on the "Old Fort Mitchell" side of the expressway. From my understanding, there is a plan in place to put a sound wall on the Beechwood School side, however not our side, which will make it even worse. It will bring all of our property values down if the noise gets any worse than it already is. Please rethink this and put up a sound wall!</p>	<p>You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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162	Project Mailing List	01/12/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to receive updates on this project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
163	Construction	01/13/2023 - Web Comment - I'm with United Rentals. I'm looking to learn who the general contractors will be. I can help with the equipment that will be required to perform coffer dams	<p>The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams was released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Proposals from design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p>
164	Noise	<p>01/14/2023 - Web Comment - Thank you for seeking feedback on the perceived benefit of including a sound wall to the Brent Spence Corridor Project serving the residents of Ft. Mitchell, KY.</p> <p>I have a good and longtime friend who lives 100 yards from Interstate 71 in Montgomery, Ohio, approximately 20 miles from the proposed project. When Interstate 71 was improved many years ago a sound wall was built which he can see today from his home.</p> <p>He told me this week that the sound wall was of immense benefit to him and his neighbors as it greatly reduced the sounds of traffic 24/7, improving their quality of life.</p> <p>I believe in similar fashion the residents of the corridor in KY leading to the bridge who will be affected by any roadway additions would benefit from a sound wall as did the residents of Interstate 71 in Cincinnati. I am thus asking for similar consideration. Thank you.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding noise walls in Kentucky. KYTC has identified several locations along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor for potential noise walls to mitigate noise impacts in accordance with its noise policy, including several areas in Fort Mitchell. In addition, both ODOT and KYTC are evaluating additional walls or other features to further reduce noise and provide visual screening to the highway in noise sensitive areas that did not warrant noise walls according to their noise policies.</p> <p>In Fort Mitchell, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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165	Roadway/Bridge Design	01/15/2023 - Web Comment - I know the plans have been agreed to and changes to it have zero percent of happening. But. I'd like to know who came up with No facelift to the existing bridge and who thought up using the same Blueprint from the big Mac bridge. The steel of the 75 bridge isn't getting any younger and down the road Will have issues you should try to avoid now. Doing so the old bridge SHOULD look the same as the new bride. As for the new bride. I'm guessing the designer has no imagination at all. Do they want to paint it blue and yellow also? When the plans were presented and agreed on, BOTH people or groups of people should have been fired. If you'll notice, no to buildings on either side of the river look the same. Why would you COPY an existing bridge and not replace any of the steel on the old? It's another case of people in charge have no clue. Just a bunch of Gumby's. Which equals SAD COMMENTARY.	<p>Alternatives that removed the existing Brent Spence Bridge were evaluated during the project's development. Those analyses concluded that the existing bridge has a long life, and removing it to build a wider companion bridge was not cost effective. However, the proposed project will include a deck replacement and steel repairs on the existing bridge.</p> <p>The design of the new companion bridge is not yet determined. It may be an arch design or a cable stayed design. The decision about bridge types was made in close coordination with the project Aesthetic Committee, which will continue to have input on the appearance of the new companion bridge throughout the project's design-build phase.</p>
166	Noise	01/16/2023 - Web Comment - As a resident of [REDACTED] West Maple Ave. in Ft. Mitchell, we can't hold a conversation in our front yard with friends and neighbors given the intense noise levels. Even before this project, the noise from the traffic and trucks, specifically, wake us up in the middle of the night. This will only get worse as traffic increases and becomes closer to our properties. Please install sound barrier along West Maple Ave.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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168	Noise	<p>01/16/2023 - Web Comment - I live on West Maple and am in strong support of a wall to help reduce the noise. It is already difficult to have a conversation outside with neighbors and my 3 children cannot hear their friends when playing in our front yard.</p> <p>Added noise with additional traffic would be terrible. Please put up a wal to block the noise.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>

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170	Construction	<p>01/17/2023 - Web Comment - What day in the 1st week in Feb with they announce companies that are doing the work on the bridge.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	<p>The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams was released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Proposals from design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p>
171	Project Mailing List	01/19/2023 - Web Comment - Trying to sign up for updates only. Thank you.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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172	Multimodal	01/19/2023 - Web Comment - Seeing as Covington and Cincinnati are currently connected for local traffic via the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge and the current plan calls for the existing Brent Spence Bridge to serve as an additional local traffic bridge, would the project consider protected bicycle lanes to be added to the Brent Spence Bridge ?	Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge or the existing Brent Spence bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. Preliminary investigations indicate that adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge may be feasible. KYTC and ODOT will further evaluate adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge during the project's progressive design-build phase.
173	Noise	01/19/2023 - Web Comment - I am the owner of [REDACTED] W Maple Avenue, Ft Mitchell, KY. I am writing to plead for a sound wall along this stretch of 71/75. The noise from the highway now is very bad (the highest in the whole corridor already). With the expansion it will increase, by your own studies, even more. Please remember that though apparently we do not have quite enough people affected, however, the homes on W Maple are higher value than much of Ft Mitchel and the property taxes as well as personal taxes are significantly higher. Property values (and taxes) will go down with the higher noise levels.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>
174	Right-of-Way	<p>01/19/2023 - Web Comment - On the Ohio side, is there a property acquisition Map showing parcels to be purchased for the I-75 project? Will the mid rise hotel in Queensgate be acquired and removed? Part of the power structure along the Ohio River will have to be purchased and demolished for the project. Has this been acquired ?</p> <p>Has property purchase begun on the KY side?</p> <p>I am a former Cincinnati resident now living in California and have been following this proposed project for years - glad it is finally moving forward !!!</p>	<p>Maps showing proposed right-of-way limits (where properties will be impacted) for the project can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf.</p> <p>The mid-rise hotel in Queensgate will not be acquired or removed as part of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT has already acquired the majority of the property required for the project. Duke Energy facilities near the Ohio River were relocated in 2019. KYTC began purchasing property in Kentucky in 2022.</p>

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175	Noise	01/20/2023 - Web Comment - I am a resident at [REDACTED] w maple ave. Ft Mitchell, KY. I have spoken with neighbors and agree that we are in need of a sound wall to be added to the I-75 project as it can get very loud behind our home.	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>
176	Noise	<p>01/20/2023 - Email Comment - We were at the Ft. Mitchell KY information meeting and spoke with the staff afterward. My wife [REDACTED] subsequently spoke with Mr. Craig Craig to discuss noise abatement.</p> <p>I know that in the next few days there were several noise measurements taken in the neighborhood (not at peak noise times, but nonetheless measurements were taken).</p> <p>We wondered if the process is moving forward and if need to provide any further input. Appreciate any follow-up that you or Mr., Craig can provide.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.</p> <p>You requested information regarding a noise wall near your residence on Summit Lane. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC's) noise policy considers abatement for areas within 500 feet of the proposed edge of pavement for the highway, and Summit Lane is outside of that distance. However, based on requests we received at the neighborhood outreach meeting in Fort Mitchell, KYTC conducted additional analysis to study extending the recommended noise wall north and west of Dixie Highway. Based on that analysis, KYTC determined that constructing a noise wall along I 71/I-75 would not substantially reduce noise in the vicinity of Summit Lane, and is therefore, not recommending a noise wall in this location.</p>



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

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177	Noise	01/23/2024 - Email Comment - I live right behind the Mercedes dealer and would see it [a noise wall] as a helpful deterrent to more noise. Please keep us posted on what is needed with this project.	<p>Thank you for the clarification. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) analyzed the residences north of the Mercedes dealership in Fort Mitchell and did not identify noise impacts in this area. Future noise levels were predicted to be below thresholds established by KYTC's noise policy. Therefore, KYTC is not recommending a noise wall in this area.</p> <p>Also, you may direct future questions about the BSB Corridor Project in Kentucky to Stacey Hans, the KYTC project manager. Her email address is Stacey.hans@ky.gov.</p>
178	Right-of-Way	I currently live on 11st st in Covington, KY to the west of I-71/75. I see in the rendering that my street is shown in the phase 3 portion. I am wondering when/if I will hear whether I will be required to relocate. Additionally, if I do not need to relocate, how will the widening of the interstate affect my current home and those closer to the interstate? Will the interstate be expanded closer to my home?	<p>The Brent Spence Bridge Project will widen I-71/I-75 near 11th Street in Covington. Two homes on 11th Street in Kentucky will be required to relocate due to impacts from the project. Without knowing the exact location of your residence, I can't determine specific impacts to your property. However, mapping on the project website shows the limits of the new interstate and homes that will be relocated: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf.</p> <p>The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will formally notify property owners and residents in this area about the relocation process after the project's supplemental Environmental Assessment is approved. Please keep in mind that if you are impacted, you are entitled to compensation for the property (if you own) but also relocation expenses (if you own or rent). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions.</p>
179	Public Input	01/26/2023 - Email Comment - Please video tape all future meetings so they can be viewed online. Many interested parties cannot attend in person, for various reasons such as being disabled, lack of transportation, out of town and 100 other reasons so please, tape these meetings to truly serve our whole community.	<p>Summaries of all the neighborhood outreach meetings, including the Q&A, presentations, and exhibits from each meeting are posted on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/public-involvement-and-comments/. The public hearings currently scheduled for July/August 2023 will have a virtual option for those who can't attend in-person.</p>

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180	Construction	01/23/2023 - Web Comment - Good afternoon. My name is [REDACTED] with Hercules Machinery. We are a pile driving equipment supplier located in Indiana. I was wondering if there is a bidders list for the project? If so, could you possibly help me to locate it. Thank you in advance for your time.	<p>The draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for progressive design-build teams was released on January 13, 2023. The final RFP will be advertised on February 17, 2023. Proposals from design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023. The design-build contract will be awarded on May 31, 2023.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p>
181	Noise	<p>01/24/2023 - Web Comment - Please allow this letter to serve as my formal request for you to include a wall when expanding the I75 bridge project.</p> <p>I recently moved to 125 W Maple Ave Ft Mitchell, Ky. I have never lived in a condo but never expected the noise i would experience. I cannot use my deck or patio due to the expressway noise and i am awakened from large trucks and motorcycles during the night. Anything you can do to get approval for this wall will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Another lane on the expressway will make my property value decrease. This was to be my home for retirement.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You provided a comment regarding a noise wall near West Maple Avenue. As part of the environmental work for the project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) evaluated several noise walls and noise wall systems along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some were found to be warranted based on KYTC's Noise Policy. However, a noise wall was not found to be cost effective in the vicinity of West Maple Avenue.</p> <p>Recognizing that traffic noise is a concern, KYTC conducted a technical study to further evaluate a noise/visual screening wall to help provide about a 3-6 decibel noise reduction for residences near West Maple Avenue and to shield views of the highway. Based on the technical feasibility and public comments, KYTC is currently recommending a noise/visual screening wall at this location. KYTC and the project team will conduct additional coordination with the people who will benefit from the walls during the project's design-build phase.</p>
182	Information Request	01/26/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to schedule a call with the project team please.	A member of the project team contacted this individual.



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183	Noise	01/26/2023 - Web Comment - I want to know how my house will be affected. I live at [REDACTED] Kyles Lane in Ft. Wright, KY. I already hear all of the traffic. How much worse is it going to be?	<p>Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Based on current design, the project will not directly impact this residence. Kyles Lane and the ramp from northbound I-71/I-75 will be rebuilt in the existing location. Exhibits showing the current corridor configuration can be found here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf.</p> <p>Noise walls recommended along I-71/I-75 will lower noise levels at this location in future conditions. Detailed maps showing predicted noise levels near Kyles Lane can be found in the presentation from the Ft. Wright neighborhood meeting, which is included in the meeting summary on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2022-12-01_Fort-Wright-Neighborhood-Meeting-Summary.pdf.</p>
184	Information Request	01/26/2023 - Web Comment - Hi is there anyway someone can contact me about a picture on your website? We would like to use it but need permission. Thanks!	A member of the project team contacted this individual.
185	Project Mailing List	01/26/2023 - Web Comment - Please send updates	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
186	Project Mailing List	01/27/2023 - Web Comment - [REDACTED]	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
187	Project Mailing List	01/29/2023 - Web Comment - Thank you for the opportunity to keep abreast of this vital project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
188	Project Mailing List	01/30/2023 - Web Comment - Thanks for adding me to the email/updates list!	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
189	Construction	01/31/2023 - Web Comment - I would like the link and or advice on prequalification. Our company is an MBE that specializes in Construction Management (CM) and project control (Cost Schedule and document control)	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Information about prequalification for both ODOT and KYTC is provided in the presentation from the DBE Information Session held on December 7, 2022. That presentation can be accessed here (beginning with slide 27): https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-07-BSBC-Event-Slides_Combined.pdf</p> <p>Contact information for specific prequalification questions is also provided in the presentation.</p>

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190	Construction	02/03/2023 - Web Comment - What is the timeline for this new bridge? When is construction expected to start and when will it be finished?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Project. The groundbreaking for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is anticipated to occur in late 2023 with construction beginning in earnest in 2024. The sequence of construction will not be determined until after the design-build team is selected and develops plans, but construction on the new companion bridge is not anticipated to begin until late 2024 or 2025. The project is expected to be substantially complete in 2029.
191	Historic Preservation	01/28/2023 - Online submission to Governor Mike DeWine - Mr. DeWine, Sir, I know the new bridge to replace or supplement the Brent Spence I-75 / I-71 Bridge over the Ohio River from Cincinnati to Newport Ky and its upcoming replacement. There are concerns that I think should be addressed. The building IS on the National Register of Historic Places as of 1986. Link attached. https://catalog.archives.gov/id/71988967 The B&O Freight and Warehouse saignage on the end of the building next to the Brent Spence Bridge. Another sign like that is on the opposite side as well and that end of the structure will have to be removed to make room for the new bridge. Thoughts are to have the signs, on both sides of the building moved to the west end of that structure and remounted as a best scenario. Otherwise would like to salvage the signs but they are large letters. Looks like at 4 or 5 feet tall, each. Not sure what else to do but remount them. In addition to the building we feel the signage is also as important as it reflects our transportation history. It means a lot to many in the area. The B&O was the Nations first railroad so the signage should be viewed as a reminder. Local railroad clubs and individuals have limited funds to say the least and would not be able to afford a project like this so I would like to ask that the State for help in saving that bit of history for us and future generations. It would seem that funding the new bridge would allow a small portion of those funds and equipment to help move the signs, PLEASE. Please reply by email Sir. It would be appreciated greatly and Thank You for your help and consideration in this matter.	<p>Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and your interest in historic preservation.</p> <p>The project will demolish 204 feet of the B&O Freight Terminal/Longworth Hall building located along Pete Rose Way in Cincinnati. This structure, constructed as a warehouse for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, currently operates as a mixed-use office and retail space. To mitigate the impacts to Longworth Hall, ODOT committed to completing various repair, upgrade, restoration, enhancement, and refurbishment measures on the remaining structure. These commitments were documented in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between FHWA, ODOT, and Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) executed on June 28, 2012. A First Amendment to the MOA was executed on June 22, 2017, and a Second Amendment was executed on May 24, 2022. Both amendments extended the period of the MOA.</p> <p>The mitigation measures included in the MOA include refurbishing the original lettering across the top of the building. The mitigation measures also include installing exterior storm windows, restoring the east wall to an approximation of its original appearance using materials salvaged during demolition, adding a cornerstone commemorating the date of construction on one side and the date of the renovation on the other side, repairing masonry, constructing a plaque/interpretive signing describing change to the property that have occurred over time, and returning removed materials that retain historic integrity and nature to the building owner to be used in future repairs or expansion.</p>

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192	Information Request	02/08/2023 - Web Comment - How much freight in dollars/day is transported across the Brent Spence Bridge?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Project. The BSB corridor forms a critical freight route connecting Canada to Florida, carrying more than \$2 billion of freight every day and more than \$700 billion of freight every year.
193	Construction	02/08/2023 - Web Comment - I work for Nelson Stud Welding and I want to ensure that our studs are used in this bridge project. Our studs are made in Ohio with American steel and meet all welding standards. The best part about using our studs is our service....I will be on jobsite to assist all stud Welding to ensure the job is on schedule. None of our competitors do this. Please feel free to contact me.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
194	Construction	02/08/2023 - Web Comment - I was hoping to connect with someone about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. Is there a plan-holders list available?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of contractors for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
195	Construction	02/08/2023 - Web Comment - Please be kind to send more information on new planned bridge. works description bid opportunities SBA opportunities	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's work description and procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>Information about SBA opportunities is provided in recent Diversity and Inclusion presentations for the project. Those presentations can be accessed using the following links: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-11-07-Final-BSBC-Slides.pdf, https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-07-BSBC-Event-Slides_Combined.pdf, https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/DI-Committee-Slides-2023_01_25.pdf.</p>

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196	Construction	02/08/2023 - Web Comment - As a domestic manufacturer of fence and security products, Ameristar offers design input, drawings, specifications, budget numbers, and samples to assist in the design process. If you have an immediate need we can meet virtually to discuss and review your project. With time we can schedule an in person meeting for your team and I will be happy to make arrangements to visit and review the full range of Ameristar solutions. Please let me know what works best for the Brent Spence team.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.
197	Project Mailing List	02/10/2023 - Web Comment - I'm interested to get updates on how the project progresses	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
198	Project Mailing List	02/10/2023 - Web Comment - Up to date we own property along Dixie Highway	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
199	Construction	02/11/2023 - Web Comment - Could you please share how West Covington will be impacted while the building of the new bridge plans to take years. It feels as this area of Covington has been forgotten. Also, where will the staging areas for construction and materials be located?	Thank you for your interest in the BSB Corridor Project and potential impacts to West Covington. KYTC is working with the City of Covington to mitigate impacts during construction. During construction, KYTC will develop an overall Traffic Management Plan and a detailed MOT plan to maintain traffic operations through the corridor and minimize disruption to the surrounding communities. When preparing the MOT plan, KYTC will work to minimize impacts to local businesses; evaluate impacts to public transportation and develop measures to maintain existing services; evaluate temporary detours to limit impacts created by redirecting traffic through community sensitive areas; establish an Incident Management Plan to minimize diversion resulting from incidents that occur during construction in the corridor; include provisions for communicating with trucking companies and mapping services to provide information about re-routing and delays; and provide for adequate signing during construction. The City of Covington, and all relevant agencies within the city will have an opportunity to review and provide input into all aspects of MOT planning, plan development, and construction operations affecting the city. MOT and Incident Management Plans will also be coordinated with first responders, transit agencies, and the Regional Incident Management Task Force. Staging areas for construction and materials have not yet been identified. The Design-Build team will work to identify construction staging areas as they develop the detailed design plans for the project. The design-build team will be selected in May 2023 and will begin working on the detailed design at that time.

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200	Construction	02/13/2023 - Web Comment - I am with Quinn Consulting Services, Inc. and we are an ODOT DBE certified firm that provides Construction Management and Inspection services. We are a VA based firm that just completed the \$3.2B VDOT I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Toll Lanes project. We have provided lead QAM and QA inspection services for this project. We are interested in providing CM/CEI services for the Brent Spence Bridge project. When/how can we register for the upcoming DBE matchmaking event that is supposed to take place in March?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You can sign up for the ODOT/KYTC Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Networking Meet and Greet even on March 7, 2023 using this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/odot-kytc-brent-spence-bridge-corridor-project-networking-meet-greet-tickets-529800857627
201	Construction	02/14/2023 - Web Comment - I represent a company called Uneathr. We provide a map-based communication and collaboration tool. We work with both owners such as PG&E and Duke, and contractors such as Kiewit and Aldridge Electric. We've been hearing from our customers that our platform would be useful on large-scale infrastructure projects, as it allows users to geolocate and layer their drawings, aerial images, photos, documents, etc. on a live map. From there, users can walk around in their drawings via the mobile app and see where data is located relative to their current location. We've also heard from some of our customers that Uneathr is "sort of like a combination of Bluebeam and Google Earth." Do you think a map-based communication tool might be worth exploring for this project? We'd be happy to meet with a couple of members of the team to give a brief overview/demonstration of the platform, to see if it's something that may provide value.	A member of the project team contacted this individual to discuss the opportunity.
202	Information Request	02/14/2023 - Web Comment - Hi, my name is [REDACTED] and I am a student at the University of Cincinnati. I am reaching out to see if someone from the Project Team or Owners Group would be interested in speaking to my club, American Society of Civil Engineers. This would be during the Fall Semester. Thankyou in advance.	A member of the project team contacted this individual to discuss the speaking opportunity.

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203	Construction	02/16/2023 - Web Comment - Where can I find a list of all the items to be purchased for the bridge project?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. A list of all the items to be purchased for the project has not been prepared, as the design has not yet progressed to the point that such a list can be prepared. For more information, including project's Request for Proposals and Technical Requirements, please visit the project's procurement website: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/odot-kytc-brent-spence-bridge-corridor-project-networking-meet-greet-tickets-529800857627
204	Construction	02/17/2023 - Web Comment - Where or how can I find names of the companies that are awarded the contracts to do the work on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor? I would like to know who they are so I can reach out to them about staffing. Thank you!	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of contractors for the project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>You may also sign up for a networking event on March 7, 2023 using this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/odot-kytc-brent-spence-bridge-corridor-project-networking-meet-greet-tickets-529800857627</p>
205	Construction	02/17/2023 - Web Comment - When is this project estimated to begin?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Project. The groundbreaking for the project is anticipated to occur in late 2023 with construction beginning in earnest in 2024. The project is expected to be substantially complete in 2029.
206	Public Input	02/21/2023 - Email Comment - The below email was sent on 1/4/2023 which included the attached letter [Comment 132A]. Over a month has passed since it was sent. When can I expect a response?	A response to the original email/letter (Comment 132A) was sent on February 24, 2023.

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207	Construction	<p>02/24/2023 - Email Comment - I'm [REDACTED] from China, we are a professional lighting manufacturer.</p> <p>We have developed a new LED flexible light strip now, which has a low operating voltage and will not cause safety hazards. It also has stable shockproof performance, focuses on waterproofing, and has a longer lifespan.</p> <p>This lamp is suitable for decoration and lighting on buildings, bridges, gardens, furniture, signboards, commercial, etc., it can adding endless joy and festivals to various festivals such as Christmas, Halloween, Valentine's Day, Easter, National Day, etc.</p> <p>If it is possible, can I send you more details of this LED flexible light strip for your reference please?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC have not yet selected the design-build team for the project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: You may also email your product information to the following address: BSBProcurement@dot.ohio.gov</p>
208	Information Request	<p>02/21/2023 - Web Comment - Wondering if you would be willing to forward the BIP grant application that you submitted for this with appendices? I'm working with FDOT down in Florida and we're considering a large-scale project like this. I'm happy to submit a public records request if you need me to. If you're able to forward electronically, that would be perfect.</p>	<p>A copy of the BIP grant application was forwarded to this individual.</p>
209	Information Request	<p>02/21/2023 - Web Comment - I am very interested in the new bridge and any information I can get. I am a senior at Clark Montessori and doing a project on the bridge. Is there a way I can virtually watch any meetings?</p>	<p>A member of the project team contacted this individual.</p>
210	Construction	<p>02/22/2023 - Web Comment - Looking for a listing of the Pre-qualified Design Build teams identified for this project.</p> <p>Also, did ODOT advertise a Request for Qualifications before the RFP. Please advise.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Because the project is following a progressive design-build process, ODOT and KYTC did not advertise a separate Request for Qualification before the Request for Proposals was released. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of pre-qualified design-build teams for the project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023.</p> <p>Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p>

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211	Miscellaneous	02/22/2023 - Web Comment - I understand you are trying to keep this project local, but we would appreciate the opportunity to help with anyone with extended stay needs. I am the Area Director of Sales for Sonesta. My Sonesta ES Suites Cincinnati Blue Ash location has fully equipped kitchens that include ovens. We are the perfect home away from home. We provide a nice, safe, yet affordable place to stay. I can send you a virtual tour of our property, if interested.	Comment noted. A member of the project team returned a call received on this issue from the commenter.
212	Project Mailing List	02/23/2023 - Web Comment - Just wanted to be included in the information website	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
213	Public Input	02/26/2023 - Email Comment - Please see attached for additional survey results from unique respondents submitted between 1/5/23 and 2/21/23 (with PII removed), and for a letter from the Mt. Auburn Community Council.	Comment noted.
214	Information Request	03/02/2023 - Email Comment - I am looking at the 2006 Planning Study Report available at https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/documents/ , but I can't find the appendices anywhere online. Can you either send me a link or the actual appendices themselves, and especially Appendix D, which lists all of the 25 or so alternatives that were initially considered? I would very much appreciate it.	The requested information was provided to this individual.
215	Construction	02/28/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to find out the names of the contracting teams that have expressed an interest in this project. We are expansion joint fabricators and would like to reach out to them.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Due to confidentiality concerns, ODOT and KYTC are not able to provide a list of contracting teams that have expressed an interest in the project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process. This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>You may also email your product information to the following address: BSBProcurement@dot.ohio.gov</p>

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216	Alternatives	02/28/2023 - Web Comment - Our downtown is landlocked between the hills, river, and I-75. I believe that we should consider Bridge Forward's (https://www.bridge-forward.org/) ideas to reclaim land around the Ohio side of the I-75 approach to the proposed bridge. This reclaimed land along with their other ideas could be the catalyst to re-development of the entire West End / Queen's Gate area. Now is the time to slow this thing down and get it right since we will have to live with the result for generations.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project. ODOT thoughtfully considered the designs offered by the Bridge-Forward Cincinnati Coalition. A detailed response is provided on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BF-Response-to-Public-Comment_w-Executive-Summary-1.pdf.</p> <p>ODOT and the City of Cincinnati have also held multiple working sessions with Bridge Forward to discuss their ideas about the BSB Corridor Project, West End, and Queensgate. The City of Cincinnati has also invited a representative of Bridge Forward to participate in an advisory committee it is forming to represent local concerns in the development and construction of the BSB Corridor Project.</p>
217	Project Mailing List	03/01/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to obtain notifications on this important project.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
218	Construction	03/01/2023 - Web Comment - Is there a way to know who is bidding on the design-build? Is there a copy of the RFP available? We are trying to submit bids to subs for aggregates.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of teams bidding on the progressive design-build project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on March 31, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process, including links to the request for proposals (RFP). This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>You may also email your product information to the following address: BSBProcurement@dot.ohio.gov</p>
219	BSB Companion Bridge	03/02/2023 - Web Comment - A COMPANION BRIDGE IS A FAILURE. THE ANSWER LIES BACK IN 1960.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Your comment has been included in the project record.

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220	Stakeholder Input	03/03/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to know why certain economic development organizations were not included on the list. For instance, the Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce was not included. Representatives of that organization attended at least two meetings and offered to sponsor outreach programs. There are other organizations that are working on this as well. It appears to be an oversight which may be indicative of how inclusion will be addressed in this project.	Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and for your participation on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The membership on this committee is dynamic and has grown since the original list was published on the project website. ODOT and KYTC agree that the most current membership of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee should be reflected on the project website and will update the list accordingly. We will also work to keep the list updated moving forward. Thank you again for your feedback, and we look forward to collaborating with you as the project moves forward.
221	Stakeholder Input	03/03/2023 - Web Comment - The Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky African American Chamber are on the Outreach Advisory Committee. We have attended and actively participated in the meetings, yet we were not listed. Why? Answer that question.	Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and for your participation on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. The membership on this committee is dynamic and has grown since the original list was published on the project website. ODOT and KYTC agree that the most current membership of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee should be reflected on the project website and will update the list accordingly. We will also work to keep the list updated moving forward. Thank you again for your feedback, and we look forward to collaborating with you as the project moves forward.
222	Construction	03/06/2023 - Web Comment - ***Contractor Housing*** Hello we are pre-leasing housing for the upcoming bridge project. Please let us know if we can help any construction companies secure their housing needs.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC anticipate that the design-build team will be announced in May 2023 and under contract by June 2023. You may reach out to the selected design-build team at that time.
223	Construction	03/06/2023 - Web Comment - Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I am the Northern Kentucky Regional Procurement Consultant for the KY APEX Accelerator (formerly known as the KYPTAC). We assist small businesses in obtaining local, state, and federal government contracts and assist in the completion of socio-economic small business certification application, including DBE. I am writing to offer our support in helping to meet the DBE goals for the Brent Spence Bridge project. Would someone be available to participate in a 45-minute Zoom meeting to discuss the type of subcontracting opportunities that are available?	A member of the project team contacted this individual.

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224	Construction	03/07/2023 - Web Comment - Looking for the latest on the bridge project. Will there be associated structures for maintenance, etc.?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The technical requirements are provided on the project's procurement website: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>ODOT and KYTC have longstanding maintenance agreements in place with respects to bridges over the Ohio River. The maintenance of the new companion bridge will be covered by the Interstate Cooperative Agreement: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023.2.17-OH-KY-Interstate-Cooperate-Agreement_Fully-Executed.pdf</p>
225	Construction	03/08/2023 - Web Comment - I am certain that the team that has been assembled for the design of the bridge is very capable and efficient, but I would like to offer a suggestion. The Weirton-Steubenville Bridge (Veterans Memorial Bridge) crossing the Ohio River is nationally recognized. This was designed by the T.Y. Linn Group. The Walsh Group out of Chicago is one of the largest bridge designers in the country. Would it make sense to get some perspective from a different source?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC are currently requesting proposals from design-build teams interested in working on the project. This request for proposals is open to all firms that meet the qualifications outlined in the procurement documents, which are available here: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspxopen. Proposals from prospective design-build teams are due on March 31, 2023.</p> <p>An extensive bridge type selection process was undertaken by the project team that included public involvement and input from the project Aesthetics Committee. See the Executive Summary of the process here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Bridge-Type-Selection-Executive-Summary-1.pdf. As the design continues to be refined, the Aesthetics Committee will continue to be engaged.</p>
226	Project Mailing List	03/15/2023 - Web Comment - Representing Camp Washington and SpringDot.	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
227	Construction	03/17/2023 - Web Comment - When is the construction going to start?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Project. The groundbreaking for the project is anticipated to occur in late 2023 with construction beginning in earnest in 2024. The project is expected to be substantially complete in 2030.



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

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228	Multimodal	03/17/2023 - Web Comment - Please consider going to 2 lanes and having a nice, protected bike lane. This would be an important addition to connecting the community.	<p>The project is designed to accommodate traffic projected to travel through the corridor by the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects. The traffic projections are based on a regional travel-demand model which assigns routes used by travelers based on available capacity, projected trips, and calculated travel times. Reducing the number of lanes on the freeway would not meet the project's primary purpose, which includes improving traffic flow and safety in the I-71/I-75 corridor.</p> <p>Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on I-71/I-75, the new companion bridge, or the existing Brent Spence bridge because of the proximity of other reasonable accommodations, including a crossing of the Ohio River at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. Preliminary investigations indicate that adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge may be feasible. KYTC and ODOT will further evaluate adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge during the project's progressive design-build phase.</p> <p>Although not provided on I-71/I-75, the project will incorporate pedestrian and bicycle facilities along local streets to improve connectivity to transit, employment, healthcare, cultural, recreational, and commercial destinations. In Ohio, pedestrian and bicycle connections will be included across I-75 on 6th Street, 7th Street, 9th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In addition, a new shared use path will be constructed along Winchell Avenue between 9th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive, including a pedestrian bridge connection to Freeman Avenue.</p> <p>In Kentucky, new shared use paths and sidewalks will be included along the frontage roads. Also new and rebuilt sidewalks will be included under the MLK/West 12th Street, Pike Street, West 9th Street, West 5th Street, and West 3rd Street bridges. A new shared use path will be built under the West 9th Street and West 5th Street bridges, which will tie into the shared use paths in Goebel Park. The shared use path will be extended along Crescent Avenue to connect to the existing shared use path along the river.</p>

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229	Information Request	03/28/2023 - Web Comment - I'm a reporter with WCPO 9 News. I was hoping to speak with someone on the Diversity & Inclusion committee about minority contractors being included in the construction of the Brent Spence Corridor Project. My deadline to have this interview completed is Tuesday March 28 at 2pm.	A member of the project team contacted this individual.
230	Construction	03/28/2023 - Web Comment - when will it start?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Construction on the project is expected to begin in earnest in 2024. The portion of the project south of Linn St. in Ohio is expected to be essentially complete in 2030. Two phases north of Linn St. will start in 2025 and 2028 and will take 3 to 4 years each to complete.
231	Diversity and Inclusion	03/29/2023 - Web Comment - You retards. Building a bridge properly has nothing to do with civil rights unless you don't want to build it properly.	Comment noted.
232	Diversity and Inclusion	03/29/2023 - Web Comment - As a female minority of the Jewish culture, I represent a minority of construction workers. As much as I enjoy seeing minorities given more opportunities, I also think all minorities need representation and a chance to further their careers into a positive future. Especially as a Jewish woman. We represent the smallest amount of actual construction workers. I just want a fair shake and think all minorities deserve a fair opportunity too	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx , which includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities. In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/
233	Diversity and Inclusion	03/29/2023 - Web Comment - This ridiculous. The project is a bridge. The most qualified engineers, contractors and workers should be employed regardless of what they may be if on a bridge that fails I wouldn't be consoled by learning that standards and qualifications were forwarded for diversity Assuming I survive of course	Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT are committed to hiring qualified professionals to work on the BSB project while also promoting and growing a diverse and inclusive workforce. We firmly believe that we can accomplish both. Any entity that works on the project will be required to adhere to all federal, state, and local design standards, specifications, and construction practices.
234	Diversity and Inclusion	03/29/2023 - Web Comment - I want the best company's working on the job. My family will be using the bridge on a daily commute and all I care about is that the most qualified people work on it and design it.	Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT are committed to hiring qualified professionals to work on the BSB project while also promoting and growing a diverse and inclusive workforce. We firmly believe that we can accomplish both while building a project that will benefit you and your family during your daily commutes.

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235	Diversity and Inclusion	03/30/2023 - Web Comment - Regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Project and "diversity and inclusion" as far as the contracts go, I feel that it is only fair that black businesses and workers have an equal shot at the project. It's only right. BUT I want you to make sure that the contracts you give out, the workers on the project, DESERVE the selection. This is a bridge over water we're talking about. Just giving out work to businesses and workers solely based on their skin color and a rule to include all races, is absurd and outrageous. I believe everyone deserves a fair shot. But not based on color. Base it on COMPETENCE. Having this bridge collapse full of vehicles all because you had to pick someone of a certain race is a very real concern, I hope you take into account. COMPETENCE, not COLOR.	Thank you for your feedback about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT are committed to hiring qualified professionals to work on the BSB project while also promoting and growing a diverse and inclusive workforce. We firmly believe that we can accomplish both. Any entity that works on the project will be required to adhere to all federal, state, and local design standards, specifications, and construction practices.
236	Construction	03/30/2023 - Web Comment - We are a Belzona distributor, an international manufacturer of solid based epoxies for coating steel and concrete to prevent long term corrosion. Our 2 products for steel would be Belzona 5811 (Immersion Grade) and topped off with a Urethane called Belzona 5115. Both are non-solvent materials. We would like to know where to start? Who is the governing engineering firm we should talk with?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC are currently soliciting proposals from teams bidding on the progressive design-build project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on April 14, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process, including links to the request for proposals (RFP). This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>You may also visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Materials/new-products/Pages/default.aspx for information on how to get materials approved for use on ODOT projects.</p>
237	Project Mailing List	03/31/2023 - Web Comment - I live directly west of the Brent Spence at 405 Western Avenue, Covington. I wish receive updates as they become available. Thank You !!	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
238	BSB Companion Bridge	03/31/2023 - Web Comment - I noticed the email stating the companion bridge has been reduced to 84', but the total bridge width is 107'. Is this 107' smaller than the previous footprint?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The original total width for the companion bridge was 172 feet. Because of refinements incorporated into the design, the total width has been reduced to 107 feet.

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239	Information Request	03/31/2023 - Email Comment - The Cincinnati Herald would like to use this article and photos in our edition for next week. Please advise since it has a copyright.	A member of the project team authorized the use of the referenced article and photos.
240	Construction	04/01/2023 - Web Comment - Hi my name is [REDACTED] and I'm the owner of Good Hand Hauling llc. Our primary focus is hauling away cement, asphalt sand gravel and other bulk items. On March 7 I went to the meet and greet hosted by ODOT and was advised to filled out paperwork with Walsh and kokosing. at the time I was in the process of getting my approval for my DBE Certification I filled out the paperwork with the companies and never heard anything from those companies I have several dump trucks and I would like to be part of the project.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. We encourage you to reach out directly to any firms with which you have ongoing coordination to determine the status of those activities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
241	BSB Companion Bridge	04/01/2023 - Web Comment - Is the new bridge going to have a name or just be called the. "Companion Bridge?"... Thanks	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The new companion bridge is anticipated to be formally named, but process for naming the new bridge has not yet been established.
242	General Support	04/01/2023 - Web Comment - Great to hear about new bridge	Comment noted.
243	Construction	04/03/2023 - Web Comment - The company I work for owns and manages the Holiday Inn Cincinnati-Riverfront at 600 W 3rd St. Covington, KY. Of course, we are interested in providing accommodations for crews during this project when they are in need of securing lodging needs. Do you happen to have a point of contact for whom I can reach out to regarding this matter when the time comes?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC anticipate that the design-build team will be announced in June 2023 and under contract by July 2023. You may reach out to the selected design-build team at that time.
244	Information Request	04/05/2023 - Web Comment - To whom this may concern, my name is [REDACTED], and I am a current senior at Mariemont High School, located in Cincinnati. I have been tasked with a "Civic Engagement Project" for my AP Government and Politics class. I decided I wanted to research and write about the Brent Spence Bridge. While it is definitely controversial, I would like to highlight the importance of it. It would be an honor to include primary insight in my research. Is there someone who would be willing to answer a couple of questions about the project, and other aspects of the bridge? Over the phone, or via email, whichever is preferred.	A member of the project team contacted this individual.

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245	Construction	04/06/2023 - Web Comment - Hi, I am a regional sales manager for Champion Fiberglass. We manufacture fiberglass conduit and bridge hangers, fiberglass bridge drain, along with fiberglass strut. I would like to reach out to your team to possibly meet for a product demonstration and presentation. We have successfully done these with a lunch and learn format if you are interested or any other time would work for me. It would typically take 1 hour however I have shared a 30-minute version if this would be the time you all could give me. Please get back with me via email or phone [REDACTED] if I could meet with the people in your group that would be interested. Thank you and have a great day.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in May. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Also, The following link will give you information and contacts on how ODOT can incorporate new products into its work: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Materials/new-products/Pages/default.aspx</p>
246	Construction	04/06/2023 - Web Comment - Hope all is well I was wondering if they had the transportation part filled. I am An MBE and edge holder just seeing if they may need some tractor trailers or dump trucks, please let me know I would like to be a part of this project Thank you for your time have great day.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC are currently soliciting proposals from teams bidding on the progressive design-build project. Proposals will be due from design-build teams on April 14, 2023. Please visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx for information on the project's procurement process, including links to the request for proposals (RFP). This web site also includes a form to sign up for email alerts to be notified of any future networking opportunities.</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>You may also visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Materials/new-products/Pages/default.aspx for information on how to get materials approved for use on ODOT projects.</p>

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247	Construction	<p>04/06/2023 – Email Comment - I was hoping I could get your assistance as I'm trying to gather information on the Brent Spence Bridge Project which has gradually been moving forward. Champion Fiberglass manufactures an electrical conduit system that is utilized on bridges all across the country, so we are very interested in being a part of this project. With our products light weight yet rigid design, Champion Fiberglass could provide a substantial savings to not only material costs but also with installation and labor costs. I understand that the project is still in the early stages however I wanted to be diligent in making our interests in the project known, our main targets would be the firm(s) responsible for the electrical engineering portion of the project.</p> <p>Any information you could share at this time would be appreciated. Just to give you an idea of how our product is utilized in bridge applications below is an image of a bridge in Seattle, WA. where our conduit is being used. Should you have any questions on the material I have provided please let me know. Thank you in advance for your help.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in May. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Also, The following link will give you information and contacts on how ODOT can incorporate new products into its work. https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Materials/new-products/Pages/default.aspx</p>
248	Construction	<p>04/07/2023 - Web Comment - I represent the Courtyard Cincinnati Covington and would love the opportunity to host any upcoming meetings or updates related to the Brent Spence Corridor project. We would also welcome the opportunity to host any construction crews or project management teams in the area. Are you able to connect me with someone who handles this?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC anticipate that the design-build team will be announced in June 2023 and under contract by July 2023. You may reach out to the selected design-build team at that time.</p>
249	Construction/ Design	<p>03/27/2023 - Email - Thanks for the response. So I'm a bit confused now that I look more into the project. So my understanding is there will be a new companion bridge with be I-71/I-75, correct? This will be 5 lanes of traffic in either direction. Then, the old bridge will be 3 lanes in either direction. Then, what is going to happen with the railroad bridge? Is car-traffic being added to the railroad bridge?</p>	<p>The design for the new, companion bridge, which will carry I-71/75 traffic, calls for five travel lanes in each direction, with two, 12-foot shoulders on each deck. The existing Brent Spence Bridge will remain in service, and it will be reconfigured to carry three lanes of local or commuter traffic in each direction.</p> <p>As indicated below, preliminary studies have indicated that adding bike lanes to the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge may be feasible. This structure carries U.S. Route 42 and U.S. Route 127 across the river between Cincinnati and Covington, adding bike lanes to this bridge will be evaluated during the project's progressive design-build phase. Vehicular traffic will not be added to the C&O Railroad Bridge, which runs alongside the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge.</p>

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250	Right-of-Way	04/09/2023 - Web Comment - Hello , We live in Ludlow, Ky & have interests in west Covington .I was wondering what structures in West Covington well the new Bridge alienate, I can not find any plan on the net.	<p>Maps showing proposed right-of-way limits (where properties will be impacted) for the project can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf. Impacted structures are shown with red hatching on the exhibit.</p> <p>The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is currently in the process of acquiring the property needed to build the project and will formally notify property owners and residents as part of the relocation process. Please keep in mind that if you are impacted, you are entitled to compensation for the property (if you own) but also relocation expenses (if you own or rent). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions.</p>
251	Construction	04/11/2023 - Web Comment - Happy Tuesday! I have an existing construction company. How do I get connected with the Prime contractors for this project? I'd love to connect with them!	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of contractors for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, as the project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
252	Construction	04/12/2023 - Web Comment - Hello - I was wondering if there is a plan-holder list for this project. Thanks	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT and KYTC do not have a list of contractors for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, as the project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>In addition, the project website has information for those interested in working on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>

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253	Construction	04/14/2023 - Web Comment - I am a Logistics Account Executive at Total Quality Logistics. With expertise in Oversize-Overweight solution development here at the Lexington, KY office. I am already in talks with a company in Maysville, KY about finding solutions for them to tear down the current bridge associated with this project near CVG. If you would like to talk to me about how I may be able to assist with this project, please send me an email or call my cell at [REDACTED].	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for developing means and methods for delivery and removal of oversize-overweight items, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>
254	Project Schedule	04/20/2023 - Web Comment - Where can I find a schedule of construction for the project?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Construction on Phase I of the BSB Corridor Project (Findlay Street to Marshall Avenue) is anticipated to begin in 2028 and be complete in 2031. Construction on Phase II (Linn Street to Findlay Street) is anticipated to begin in 2025 and end in 2029. Construction on Phase III (the remainder of the project corridor, including the companion bridge over the Ohio River) is anticipated to begin in 2023 and be complete in 2030.</p>
255	Miscellaneous	<p>04/21/2023 - Web Comment - I saw your website and I wanted to reach out because I think I can be of great assistance.</p> <p>I provide Virtual Assistants to Business Owners. We help aid with their tedious day-to-day tasks like; prospecting, administrative tasks, cold calling, database management, social media branding, content writing, and accounting work.</p> <p>Are you currently looking for any help?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for day-to-day tasks, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>

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256	Construction	4/21/2023 - Web Comment - Hello, I am filling out this field because I am interested in providing logistics/transportation needs for the construction of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. TQL (Total Quality Logistics) is a locally owned company with our HQ in Cincinnati. My team and I are located in the Lexington, KY office, so we have assets in both states. We are confident we can provide any and everything you need as far as project transportation for the construction of the project.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for overseeing logistics/transportation needs for the project, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>
257	Public Input	<p>4/24/2023 - Email Comment - My name is [REDACTED], and I'm a volunteer with Bridge Forward Cincinnati. I'm writing today to share with you a digital copy of the Bridge Forward Community Engagement & Participation Report 2023. Several hard copies of this report will also be sent to the Ohio FHWA office and ODOT, those should be received in the next few days.</p> <p>Bridge Forward Cincinnati is a grassroots non-profit organized around making the Brent Spence Project as beneficial to the local community as possible. There have been reports recently about a group that wants to stop the Brent Spence Project. That is not our position, and we are not affiliated with that group.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Your comments and provided information will be included in the project record.</p>
258	Roadway/Bridge Design	4/22/2023 - Web Comment - Where can I view a drawing of the new bridge and surrounding area. Not on-line, it's too small. I'd like to see how it may affect my home.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Maps showing the new companion bridge and surrounding area can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-04-24_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf. You can access renderings showing what the project might look like from various locations here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Renderings-for-Boards-Reduced.pdf.</p> <p>The maps and drawings linked above have enough resolution for you to zoom in to look more closely at specific locations. If you would prefer hard copies of project mapping, please provide your address, and we would be happy to mail them to you.</p>

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259	Construction	<p>04/24/2023 - Web Comment - I work at TQL and I am wanting to get in touch with a project manager for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Just wanting to extend any services necessary for this project. Whether it is OSOW, FTL, drop-trailer, or warehousing, TQL and I can assist with the best service in logistics.</p> <p>Feel free to reach out to my work line [REDACTED] or my personal line [REDACTED] and I would love to help out in any way.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for overseeing logistics/transportation needs for the project, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>
260	Roadway/Bridge Design	<p>04/25/2023 - Web Comment - I noted that there would be a move of the us 50 entrance ramp westward ... what effect will that have on the buildings directly off the Linn exit ramp? Will they be demolished in the construction? Thank you for your response. If there is a map that I could view as well, I would be interested if you could tell me how to view it. I could not tell much by the overview.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Based on coordination with the City of Cincinnati, the northbound I-75 exit to 5th street will be reconfigured to create a new signalized intersection with the US 50 ramp approximately 300 feet west of Central Avenue. This change will take place in the area that is already occupied by the highway and will not impact on any existing buildings. Maps showing the proposed project can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-04-24_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf.</p>
261	Information Request	<p>04/27/2023 - Web Comment - Would like additional information on how to be in touch with contractors bidding project.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>
262	Project Mailing List	<p>04/29/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to get the project updates.</p>	<p>This individual was added to the project mailing list.</p>

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263	Right-of-Way	04/29/2023 - Web Comment - I don't know why you guys aren't taking the back end of Hermes Avenue in Covington there are a lot of empty run down homes the noise is deafening now, water from Dixie highway runs off the hill because all of the condos they have built behind it; this street could connect Pike Street and the express way and ease traffic from the 12th street on ramp. There's no places to park which causes tempers to flair. It should be used to ease traffic congestion.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and your inquiry regarding property along Hermes Avenue. In accordance with State and Federal laws, KYTC will only acquire properties that are directly impacted by the project. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project does not impact any homes along Hemes Avenue; therefore, they will not be acquired. In addition, KYTC is proposing noise walls that will help to reduce noise levels along Hermes Avenue. The issues raised about local development patterns, stormwater management, parking, and traffic patterns are outside of the scope of this project and would be best addressed by local agencies.</p> <p>Maps showing proposed right-of-way limits (where properties will be impacted) for the project can be accessed here. Impacted structures are shown with red hatching on the exhibit. This exhibit also shows the locations of proposed noise walls.</p>
264	Alternatives	<p>04/29/2023 - Web Comment - YOU NEED TO THINK IN THE 1960 BOX.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p> <p>A. CURRENT DESIGN 1. THE UNDERGROUND RIVER PROBLEM 2. B/S IS CANTILEVERED 3. LANES ARE SMALL 4. COMPLETION HAD A COST FACTOR BELOW NEED 5. GRADE DEGREE SLOWS HEAVY VEHICALS</p> <p>B. FUTURE 1. CORRECT GRADE TOO FLOW THRU TRAFIC AT DESIGN SPEED 2. RESTRUCTURE CURRENT BS BRIDGE TO LESSON CANTALEVER 3. REDUCE PROPERTY ACQUASSION TOO A MINIMUM. 4. REDUCE TOTAL COST TOO BELOW THE \$3B PRICE</p> <p>C. CONSIDER CORRECTION OF 1960 1. SET NEW PILINGS ABOUT 20 FEET OUT IN RIVER ON EACH SIDE 2. CONNECT CURRENT DECKS ON EXISTING PILINGS AND NEW PILINGS (REDUCES CANTILEVER PROMBLEM) 3. CONSTRUCT A THIRD DECK (BYPASSING CINCY AND COVINGTON EXITS) AT APPX 100 FEET WIDE 4. CONSTRUCT ELEVELATED HIGHWAY OVER EXISTING ROADWAY STARTING BETWEEN OHIO HOPPLE / WESTERN HILLS EXITS AND KENTUCKY KEYLES LANE. 5. ESTIMATED COST BASEED ON CALIFORNIA ELEVATED HIGHWAY PRICES < \$2.4B.</p> <p>!!!!!!!!!!!!!!YOUR IDEA WILL KEEP THE PROBLEM IN PLAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The alternatives evaluation process and engineering study conducted for the project has shown that rehabilitating the existing Brent Spence Bridge and building a new companion bridge is feasible and the preferred alternative for addressing the traffic flow and safety problems in the corridor. KYTC and ODOT will work with the selected design-build team to prepare detailed design plans for the new companion bridge. The project will not change the grade on the cut-in-the-hill in Kentucky. Adding a third deck to the existing Brent Spence Bridge would not satisfy the project's purpose and need, because it would not provide enough lanes to carry the traffic projected to travel through the corridor. Likewise, constructing an elevated highway above the existing roadway through the majority of the 8-mile corridor would substantially increase the project's costs and impacts and is not required to satisfy the project's purpose and need.</p> <p>KYTC and ODOT have incorporated several refinements (including refinements to the design of the new companion bridge) to minimize project costs and will continue to work with the selected design-build team to identify additional cost-saving measures. While additional land will be required to build the project, ODOT and KYTC have worked to substantially reduce the project's footprint, including reducing the residential relocations from over 40 to 4.</p>



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (PID 89068 | Item No. 6-17)

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265	Project Schedule	04/29/2023 - Web Comment - Completion date. ???	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Construction on Phase I of the BSB Corridor Project (Findlay Street to Marshall Avenue) is anticipated to begin in 2028 and be complete in 2031. Construction on Phase II (Linn Street to Findlay Street) is anticipated to begin in 2025 and end in 2029. Construction on Phase III (the remainder of the project corridor, including the companion bridge over the Ohio River) is anticipated to begin in 2023 and be complete in 2030.
266	Construction	<p>05/03/2023 - Web Comment - We were at the Tri-state conference last week. We are a KYTC DBE/SBE certified company. We also are certified in Indiana.</p> <p>Can someone help me navigate the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. We heard that DBE's from Kentucky can bid on projects. I'd like to better understand that and what are the first steps we need to do.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>In addition, here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>
267	Construction	<p>05/05/2023 - Web Comment - I am reaching out to find out how I go about applying for appointment and an opportunity to work on this project, may I get a list of contractors who will be on job site? If I'm not mistaken this would be considered Union work? Should go to Union Hall in Kentucky or Ohio to seek employment? I'm assuming Ohio cuz that's where I resign? Any information would be greatly appreciated not too savings with trying to work this site. Thank you for taking the time out to read and gather information in regard to my question.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for individuals that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
268	Construction	05/10/2023 - Web Comment - Has their already been a bid meeting?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. Proposals have been received and are being evaluated by ODOT and KYTC. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future announcements about the project's procurement activities: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p>

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269	Miscellaneous	05/11/2023 - Web Comment - Good morning. I am the Immigrant Liaison at Hamilton County Community Action Agency. We are interested in joining the Diversity and Inclusion committee for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. We believe our presence with the immigrant communities in the region will be instrumental in your outreach efforts to diverse entrepreneurs and workforce development trainees. Please let us know if we are able to join your efforts at this point, and how do I go about doing that. Thank you in advance for your response. Best regards.	Thank you for your request to join the Diversity & Inclusion Outreach Committee. The ODOT Office of Opportunity, Diversity, and Inclusion will reach out to the Hamilton County Community Action Agency with a formal invitation.
270	Construction	05/26/2023 - Web Comment - I just wanted to reach out to see if it was possible to lend a hand with this project. I work for a logistics company called Total Quality Logistics! We can provide Crane and Forklift rentals along with rigging crews. We can also assist with drop trailer, warehouse storage and transportation of materials and equipment if needed! I am currently located in Evansville, IN. However, we have capacity in all 50 states for all of these services. So location is never an issue with any of the projects that I help with. If anything comes up that I can help with, please feel free to reach out at anytime!	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for overseeing logistics/transportation needs for the project, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>
271	Construction	05/31/2023 - Web Comment - We are a bridge AISC certified fabricator. Do you know when this project will go out for bid? Would you know who might be bidding on this project?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for developing means and methods for construction of the project, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p> <p>You may also visit https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/Materials/new-products/Pages/default.aspx for information on how to get materials approved for use on ODOT projects.</p>

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272	BSB Companion Bridge	05/31/2023 - Web Comment - Think BOLD, not boring! Consider this type of cable bridge: https://www.roadtraffic-technology.com/projects/i-280/ The design is already in the box and ready to be utilized.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The design of the new companion bridge is not yet determined. It may be an arch design or a cable stayed design. Pictures showing what the arch or cable stayed design might look like can be found on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Renderings-for-Boards-Reduced.pdf. These bridge types were selected through an extensive bridge type selection process that was undertaken by the project team that involved public involvement and input from the project Aesthetics Committee. An Executive Summary of this process can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Bridge-Type-Selection-Executive-Summary-1.pdf.</p> <p>KYTC and ODOT are committed to building an iconic, aesthetically pleasing bridge. KYTC and ODOT will determine the final bridge type for the new companion bridge based on a technical evaluation performed by the design-build team. Once the bridge type is determined, that information will be made available to the public, and the project Aesthetics Committee will be engaged to provide feedback on the aesthetic elements of the new companion bridge and the existing BSB.</p>
273	Project Mailing List	06/06/2023 - Web Comment - Please keep me updated on public hearings.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You have been added to the project mailing list and will receive future project updates, including information about the public hearings, when they are scheduled.
274	Right-of-Way	06/09/2023 - Web Comment - I have a client on the Ohio side of the River that owns a large tract of land near the River that appears to be in the construction path, but he indicates that no one has contacted him. Is there someone I can speak to and explore this question? again, property on the Ohio side.	A member of the project team contacted this individual.

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275	Right-of-Way	06/09/2023 - Web Comment - I own [REDACTED] in Covington and when we met in the fall, I was told property procurement for my area would begin in the spring and was wondering if you have a date when that may begin? My tenant was asking me, and I told him I would reach out to you.	<p>Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, and more specifically, the timeline associated with the acquisition of your property located within the project area.</p> <p>Due to the location of your property within the historic district, initiating the Right of Way process for you (as the property owner) and your tenant is contingent upon completing the update to the environmental documentation for the project. Unfortunately, that process is taking longer than originally anticipated and was not completed as planned. We continue to be actively engaged in the environmental process, but current schedule shows a delay of approximately a year. However, we continue to work to accelerate the timeline.</p> <p>I understand the uncertainty in the timeline for you and your tenant is difficult. Please feel free to reach out to me directly (contact information below) with any additional questions or periodic updates.</p>
276	Alternatives	<p>06/15/2023 - Email Comment - I just thought that there's a local effort to try to have the highway department change their alignment on expanding the Brent Spence Bridge and this effort is an angle that they're playing as Leverage. The group is called Bridge Forward they could be blackmailing the municipality like this. Is that legal??</p> <p>Are they creating any liability for ODOT or USDOT? Please forward to me email addresses for the US.councils all they got is their phone numbers I would like to register what is attached to them also. I don't need to tell you but this city is out of control and the governor should take over like they do in other states their MSD is running wild among everything else.</p> <p>They are \$400 million deferred maintenance for Paving and another \$100 million for deferred facilities and that's only what I know about.</p> <p>I worked in the expressway design office in this time period As a draftsman/technician working on all the part takes and whole takes for IH75-IH74 and IH71.</p>	<p>I am in receipt of your correspondence to ODOT's Office of Chief Legal Counsel regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project, and as with all new construction projects, we are reviewing community input as part of our public involvement process. For more information about the project, please visit the project website at Brent Spence Bridge, where you can learn more about the current status of the project, sign up for our newsletter, submit comments, and review documents.</p>

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277	Diversity and Inclusion	<p>06/09/2023 - Web Comment - I am a principal at 7PM Group LLC (7PM). 7PM is a DBE and MBE certified consulting company, and we led the team that wrote and managed the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) component for the \$4 billion dollar Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (LSIORBP), which included us physically traveling to all 120 counties in Kentucky, 8 counties in southern Indiana and 2 counties in southern Ohio. We participated in Public Involvement, Community Engagement, built strategic databases and managed PR and media relations as it related to DEI. We have grown in expertise, technical capability and overall capacity and would like to work with the BSBC Team. Currently we are working around the state as the Owners' Rep as it relates to DEI (some clients include, Norton Hospital, JCPS, FCPS, Hosparus, WKU and Gray Construction). We would love to speak with someone about the possibility of joining the BSBC Team and sharing lessons learned on the previous twin bridges project, as well as new initiatives and insights gained on current projects. We work all over the state and have established satellite offices in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Nashville in the past to execute contracts. I can be contacted personally by email or cell @ [REDACTED].</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in June. Here is a link to the procurement website, and you can sign up for notification emails to be notified of any future networking opportunities through this site: https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ConstructionMgt/design-build/bsb-project-procurement/Pages/default.aspx.</p> <p>The design-build team will be responsible for implementing the DEI component of the project, so they would be the appropriate group to work with once selected.</p>
277A	Project Development Process	<p>06/13/2023 - Email Comment - The Downtown Residents' Council (DRC) represents the interests of Downtown Cincinnati residents and businesses. DRC recognizes the importance of the impending Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (BSBCP) to our community and the need to emphasize some critical priorities that we believe should be incorporated into the BSBCP. The BSBCP, a joint project by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), has publicly committed to building the project using a "progressive design-build process." We believe that such a process calls for ODOT / KYTC, the design-build team (DBT), impacted municipalities, and the local community to collaborate through the entire project lifecycle, especially now during what is being called Phase IA or the "proof of concept phase."</p> <p>DRC submits that the progressive design build process should be leveraged to the greatest extent possible to benefit the Downtown urban environment, the substantial impact that the BSBCP will have on Downtown, and the transformational opportunity that the BSBCP</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. We received the letter you sent on behalf of the Downtown Residents Council. We will consider the concerns that were discussed in the letter and ensure they are considered prior to making a NEPA determination.</p>

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277A (cont.)	Project Development Process (cont.)	<p>presents for Downtown. For that purpose, we request that the following priorities be involved in guiding the project's design development so as to improve the quality of Downtown's urban environment adjacent to the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximize the amount of pedestrian connection between the Central Business District, Queens gate, and the West End, minimizing the walking distance of each of those connections; • Maximize the number of local streets that are designed for maximum beneficial use and flow; • Minimize the number of lane miles using high-speed directional ramps; and • Achieve best expenditure of public dollars measured in life-cycle return on investment. <p>Specifically, Phase 1A of the project should proactively require robust alternative design concepts, that are specifically guided by these community priorities. DRC asks that the City, County, and ODOT each play a role in ensuring that these community design priorities be substantially incorporated into the project during Phase 1A.</p> <p>Please accept this notice as documented support for the community design priorities stated herein for Phase 1A.</p>	
278	Construction	<p>06/15/2023 - Web Comment - Regarding the construction of the noise wall in particular, where may I see the geological impact studies and what engineering methods will be used to prevent the landslide on our street from getting worse during construction? Is there a contingency plan if the construction affects our properties?</p>	<p>Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project specific to the construction of noise walls.</p> <p>In evaluating opportunities for noise walls within the corridor, the project team utilizes both geotechnical information specific to this project and historical data collected along the corridor. The historical data can be located through an interactive map on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) website located at: https://transportation.ky.gov/StructuralDesign/Pages/Geotechnical-Projects.aspx.</p> <p>For the independent noise wall project along Crescent Avenue, a significant component of the project is the construction of a retaining wall along the eastern side of Crescent Avenue (closest to the interstate). The retaining wall will be constructed and secured; the noise barrier system will then be constructed on top of the retaining wall area. All design and construction work will be conducted to current engineering standards.</p>

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279	Miscellaneous	06/15/2023 - Web Comment - https://twitter.com/JoshJunker2/status/1668957389784064006?t=CMJpyUN37epoQwK2F0vYA&s=19 . I will suggest that the link above will be used as blackmail to the city of Cincinnati to force you to redesign the connections to front Spence Bridge. FYI. Actually, I should say it's the beginning of the blackmail with the city and your legal Beagles and District 8 pi didn't pay attention to me that's right I got in-laws to do that.	Comment noted.
280	Information Request	06/15/2023 - Web Comment - Each NKY city is wondering how the new twin bridge will effect each of our cities. Crescent Springs is often back-up on a daily basis. Many wrecks have occurred North & South. Crescent Springs access to West I-275 is a difficult access as travelers often speed posing safety concerns as they speed forward to CVG. Those wanting to access South bound lanes find it difficult to move into those lanes. Has KYDOT planned to make access lanes to remediate these concerns?	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (BSBCP) website. With the southern limit of the BSBCP being just south of the Dixie Highway Interchange, the City of Crescent Springs is located south of the project limits and is not anticipated to be directly affected by the project.</p> <p>As part of a separate effort that is independent of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is currently studying ways to address transportation problems in the vicinity of I-75/I-275 interchange, the area specified in your comment. You can access information and provide comments specific to that separate project here: https://www.75275interchange.org/</p>
281	Miscellaneous	<p>06/19/2023 - Web Comment - I'd appreciate the opportunity to contribute an article to your website. My goal in writing the piece is to assist parents of special needs children in assessing their level of fatigue and create a self-care "treatment plan" that is unique to their needs. While the doctor is still the expert on the best type of treatment, having your own self-care routine helps a great deal. [REDACTED] of Mightymoms.net.</p> <p>~Interested in my guest post proposal, just not on the topic I mentioned? That's not a problem! Kindly reply to let me know and we can come up with an alternative topic. Or, if you're not interested in an article at all, I'd respect your wishes. Let me know, please.</p>	<p>We received your offer to contribute an article to the www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com website. The content on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project website is focused exclusively on the aforementioned transportation improvement project, and the content is developed by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).</p>
282	Information Request	06/21/2023 - Web Comment - I am wondering if a design firm and contractor has been selected or announced yet?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in July.

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283	Alternatives	06/23/2023 - Email Comment - Please find an economic study examining the benefits of the Bridge Forward Concept. Also, please find attached a binder of the "Reconnecting Cincinnati Westway Design Improvements" letters sent from 8/22/22 through 12/22/22. And lastly, an op-ed for inclusion in the SEA / administrative record.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The provided information has been included in the project record.
284	General Support	06/29/2023 - Web Comment - Great to know this all will happen. I am sure it will be great . . . Thanks! For much needed work.	Comment noted.
285	Design-Build Process	07/05/2023 - Email Comment - Thanks for the information – do you know when this project will be officially awarded? Also, what companies have showed interest and have bid on this?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in July. Due to confidentiality concerns, ODOT and KYTC are not able to provide a list of contracting teams that have expressed an interest in the project.
286	Design-Build Process	06/30/2023 - Web Comment - Who did you award as the design team / construction?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in July.
287	Project Schedule	07/01/2023 - Web Comment - Appears to me more analyzing and discussions and surveys and studies to kick the can down the road for another 30 years. This project will never come to fruition and is probably the biggest and longest boondoggle in the nation's infrastructure history.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Construction on the project is expected to begin in earnest in 2024 and be completed by 2030.
288	Design-Build Process	07/05/2023 - Web Comment - Had a design team been awarded or a GC?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in July.
289	Roadway/Bridge Design	07/06/2023 - Web Comment - Would you please include in your plans the proper storm drainage systems to remove the ponding that occurs in the first two miles of road as one enters or leaves Ohio (Lake ODOT)? The existing poor drainage has existed for at least 50 years and has been responsible for many deaths and injuries to both travelers and commuters. Lake ODOT appears design related and may have existed since conception.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project drainage system will be designed in accordance with the applicable federal and state standards and will be adequately sized to capture project storm water runoff from the highway pavement.
290	Project Mailing List	07/07/2023 - Web Comment - Updates	This individual was added to the project mailing list.

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291	Information Request	07/10/2023 - Web Comment - when will the public meetings be scheduled and when will we see the draft environmental documents?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will be hosting two open houses in August – Aug. 22 and 23 – to update the public on progress toward completion of the bi-state Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Additional details about those meetings will be released in the near future.</p> <p>Recent developments in the project include an alteration of the environmental schedule that affords more time to ensure compliance with all environmental laws and new guidance issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Both states will continue to work together to ensure construction is completed on-time. The environmental documents are currently scheduled to be available for public review and comment in February 2024.</p> <p>[UPDATED RESPONSE]</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. We previously responded to a question you posed about the schedule for draft environmental documents for the project. Since we sent that response, ODOT, KYTC, and the Federal Highway Administration have identified opportunities to compress the project schedule. Based on the current project schedule, the environmental documents are anticipated to be available for public review and comment in late 2023.</p> <p>Also, public open houses are currently scheduled for Aug. 23 (Kentucky) and Aug. 24 (Ohio). Please visit the project website for additional information about the open houses. https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/public-involvement-and-comments/#notice</p>
292	Construction	07/18/2023 - Web Comment - My name is [REDACTED] and I am President/CEO of Capital Transportation Inc. I am a certified DBE with ODOT and I am interested in participating in the Spencer Bridge project. Can I get more information about the project or have someone contact me about the project. Also, I would like to get updates on any pre-bid conference or information meeting about the project. I can be reached at office number [REDACTED]. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project is still in active procurement. We expect to announce a design-build team in July. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project.</p> <p>In addition, please visit the "DBE/D&I Resources" page on the project website for a list of upcoming networking events.</p>

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293	Construction	<p>07/19/2023 - Web Comment - We are a Kentucky DBE. Is there a form to fill out for the Brent Spence project?</p> <p>If so, where can I find the form to apply or is there a reciprocity agreement? If there is a reciprocity agreement, what do we need to do to be registered as a qualified DBE.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "DBE/D&I resources" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project and for a list of upcoming networking events:</p> <p>https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
294	Miscellaneous	<p>07/23/2023 - Web Comment - Thank you for your diligence on this project. It's good to adjust plans in response to concerns that are reasonable. However, the vast majority of negative concerns I see are based on anecdotal, myopic observations. Selfish, short-term perspectives never recognize the fact this project is long overdue, and that has had long term impact on health, safety, and regional, if not national, economic concerns.</p> <p>Covington Mayor Meyer focused on "devastating" impact of two events but neglected to note that dire predictions about changing access to Covington were proven baseless, during work to build the Texas Turnaround. Destination traffic concern is more of a marketing matter than an engineering concern. Also, keeping (inevitable) traffic moving safely is better for the environment than jammed up traffic.</p> <p>Covington needs to address its own existing traffic woes as we indulge fear of impact from the bridge project - poor parking management is a major culprit here. Lack of strategic loading zones promotes double parking and lane hazards from delivery trucks, for starters.</p> <p>I appreciate the broad, studied planning provided by our state road management professionals. Concessions allowed for good reason can benefit us all, but please don't allow political pressure to undermine the long-term goals.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting a comment on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project (BSBCP) website. Your concerns are noted. The project team will continue to develop concepts that meet the goals and objectives of the project and that benefit the entire region.</p>
295	General Support	<p>07/23/2023 - Web Comment - Let's get this thing going!</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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296	Design-Build Process	07/24/2023 - Web Comment - I am inquiring about any 3rd party QA/QC inspection work that Bureau Veritas can provide a proposal. We have extensive experience providing 3rd party QA services to fabrication shops for infrastructure projects, working with 39 State DOT's. We also have extensive experience in field inspection on design-build projects similar to the Brent Spence project. One such current project is on the Gordy Howe Bridge across the Detroit River into Canada. We would appreciate any opportunities to provide a proposal. Thank you.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The Bi-State Management Team recently selected a team through ODOT's consultant services for construction, engineering, and inspection services.
297	Information Request	07/25/2023 - Web Comment - I'm from a community (over the Rhine) where neighbors are constantly asking me how can they get prepared to join a team for employment with the bridge, and I don't really have an answer for them. Can you give me some suggestions that I can pass on to the people who live in the community on what they can do to start getting prepared for employment on the brent spence bridge project? Thank you	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/
298	Construction	07/27/2023 - Web Comment - Why will it take SIX YEARS for construction?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. A \$3.6 billion dollar project that covers 8 miles of interstate highway is an extensive undertaking that requires balancing production and impacts. The current estimated construction time frame is based on historical production rates for similar projects.
299	Information Request	07/28/2023 - Web Comment - Where may I find the PDF for the design request for proposal?	The Request for Proposal can be found at the following link: https://ftp.dot.state.oh.us/pub/Districts/D08/116649/RFP/
300	Construction	07/28/2023 - Web Comment - Would Love to chat with someone about the needs of Deep Foundation support on this project. Look forward t talking with someone soon.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/ A member of the project team will reach out to the commenter.
301	Construction	07/28/2023 - Web Comment - I am interested in working on the Brent Spence bridge. We have a dump truck company. Please contact us.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/

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302	Aesthetics	<p>07/28/2023 - Web Comment - I was horrified to find out the one design that EVERYONE HATES, the ugly monstrosity arch bridge (we already hate the McDonalds bridge)</p> <p>Please tell me there will be public input on the choice. I have been following this closely for years and it seems the decision as to the design wasn't really published. Who makes this decision? Can we have a public debate? I would be heartbroken if our beautiful our city is made ugly by this horrible clashing architecture that is completely WRONG for the city. The other bridge was ugly and we all had hop that it's replacement wouldn't be this .. I'm horrified that people would be this tasteless. I guess the designer doesn't live here and just doesn't care that it's just WRONG for the city.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. An extensive bridge type selection process was undertaken by the project team that included public involvement and input from the project Aesthetics Committee. See the Executive Summary of the process here.</p> <p>The design of the new companion bridge has not yet been determined. The new bridge will be either an arch or a cable-stayed design. KYTC and ODOT are committed to building an iconic, aesthetically pleasing bridge. KYTC and ODOT will determine the final bridge type for the new companion bridge based on a technical evaluation performed by the design-build team. Once the bridge type is determined that information will be made available to the public, and the project Aesthetics Committee will be engaged to provide feedback on the aesthetic elements of the new companion bridge and the existing BSB. You can view renderings of what the different bridge designs might look like on the project website.</p>
303	Alternatives	<p>07/29/2023 - Web Comment - Can a streamlined toll system like Chicago loop be developed to add a minor tax for members and a swift pay station for nonmembers. Benefits to be split to both Ohio and KY. Specifically in Cincinnati to help pay for new covered stadium for football and future venues. This could be a boon to local economy as well as invest in other light rail extensions from Cincinnati to CVG. Helps to reduce traffic flow issues on Cincinnati to local KY as well as the/from suburbs.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Tolling the I-71/I-75 corridor is not permitted in the State of Kentucky.</p>
304	Alternatives	<p>07/29/2023 - Web Comment - Since I-471 already crosses the Ohio River, why not convert I-471 to I-71 then route I-71 along I-275 to I-75. Then the current freeway between I-71 and I-75 can be removed and replaced with a boulevard that reconnects the Riverfront area to the downtown. That eliminates the current I-71/I-75 interchange downtown that makes the new Brent Spence Bridges much simpler without the wide footprint.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Reducing congestion and maintaining connections to key regional and national corridors are primary goals of the project. The corridor forms a critical freight route connecting Canada to Florida, carrying more than \$1 billion of freight every day and more than \$400 billion of freight every year. I-71/I-75 also provide regional and local access to the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky regions. Diverting traffic away from I-71/I-75 would place additional vehicles on other routes that are also experiencing congestion and would not meet the established purpose of the project.</p>

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305	Construction	07/30/2023 - Web Comment - We are a small business and DBE certified with Ohio State DOT. We bid on this project, but we did not see Walsh. Do you have a contact person from Walsh Group to send them our cost estimate? They might still need our vibration monitoring services.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>In addition, please visit the "DBE/D&I Resources" page on the project website for a list of upcoming networking events: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/dbe-di-resources/</p>
306	Construction	07/31/2023 - Web Comment - Hopefully during construction they will not detour. Any traffic on Dixie highway/Pike Street.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and potential traffic impacts to Covington. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is working with the City of Covington to mitigate impacts during construction.</p> <p>During construction, KYTC will develop an overall Traffic Management Plan and a detailed Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan to maintain traffic operations through the corridor and minimize disruption to the surrounding communities. When preparing the MOT plan, KYTC will work to minimize impacts to local businesses; evaluate impacts to public transportation and develop measures to maintain existing services; evaluate temporary detours to limit impacts created by redirecting traffic through community sensitive areas; establish an Incident Management Plan to minimize diversion resulting from incidents that occur during construction in the corridor; include provisions for communicating with trucking companies and mapping services to provide information about re-routing and delays; and provide for adequate signing during construction. The City of Covington, and all relevant agencies within the city, will have an opportunity to review and provide input into all aspects of MOT planning, plan development, and construction operations affecting the city. MOT and Incident Management Plans will also be coordinated with first responders, transit agencies, and the Regional Incident Management Task Force.</p>
307	Construction	07/31/2023 - Web Comment - I represent two companies both with MBE/DBE STATE CERTIFIED MBE COMPANY NAME BSI TRUCKING AS WELL AS A WBE TRUCKING COMPANY D AND H TRUCKING COMPANY BOTH ARE LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED I HAVE 45 TRUCKS AND CAN HELP THEM FILL THE TRUCKING ORDERS THANK YOU PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME [REDACTED]	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project.</p> <p>In addition, please visit the "DBE/D&I Resources" page on the project website for a list of upcoming networking events.</p>

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308	Construction	07/31/2023 - Web Comment - PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT [REDACTED] WITH ASHCRAFT SAN AND GRAVEL FOR TRUCKING PLEASE I ALSO HAVE MBE/DBE/WBE PETICIPATION THRU SOME OWNER OPERATORS THAT WORK WITH OUR COMPANY PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP THANK YOU	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>In addition, please visit the "DBE/D&I Resources" page on the project website for a list of upcoming networking events: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/dbe-di-resources/</p>
309	Right-of-Way Noise	07/31/2023 - Web Comment - What houses on Ashton Rd in Ft Mitchell will have to go? And will there be a sound wall?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and your inquiry regarding property along Ashton Road. In accordance with State and Federal laws, KYTC will only acquire properties that are directly impacted by the project. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project does not impact any homes along Ashton Road; therefore, they will not be acquired. In addition, KYTC is proposing a noise wall that will help to reduce noise levels along Ashton Road.</p> <p>Maps showing proposed right-of-way limits (where properties will be impacted) for the project can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf. Impacted structures are shown with red hatching on the exhibit. This exhibit also shows the locations of proposed noise walls.</p>
310	Project Mailing List	08/01/2023 - Web Comment - Just want updates	This individual was added to the project mailing list.
311	Alternatives	08/01/2023 - Web Comment - Which lane has the train from the airport to downtown?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project addresses the highway needs along the corridor. Transit improvements must be developed and championed regionally, and ODOT and KYTC are ready to support these improvements when they are advanced at a regional level.

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312	Construction	08/01/2023 - Web Comment - Hello, I own a property on [REDACTED] Hermes in Covington and am wondering how this project will affect my home.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and your inquiry regarding property along Hermes Avenue. In accordance with State and Federal laws, KYTC will only acquire properties that are directly impacted by the project. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project does not impact any homes along Hermes Avenue; therefore, they will not be acquired. In addition, KYTC is proposing noise walls that will help to reduce noise levels along Hermes Avenue.</p> <p>Maps showing proposed right-of-way limits (where properties will be impacted) for the project can be accessed here: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-12-06_Corridor-Exhibit.pdf. Impacted structures are shown with red hatching on the exhibit. This exhibit also shows the locations of proposed noise walls.</p>
313	Construction	08/03/2023 - Web Comment - We have office space available directly near the project site on both the Ohio and Kentucky side of the river. Would welcome the opportunity to connect and understand if I can be of assistance.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT announced that the Kokosing-Walsh team was awarded the progressive design-build contract on July 27, 2023. You may reach out to the selected design-build team regarding office space needs.</p>
314	Construction	08/03/2023 - Web Comment - We are interested in providing pricing for the project. We are a minority, woman-owned disadvantaged business enterprise heavy-highway contractor.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p> <p>In addition, please visit the "DBE/D&I Resources" page on the project website for a list of upcoming networking events: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/dbe-di-resources/</p>

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315	Construction	<p>08/04/2023 - Web Comment - I just want to get in touch with you about the job vacancies for steel deck fabrication/erection, PT systems, the cable structures.</p> <p>Frankly, I am a Civil Engineer and Welding Engineer with 12 years of experience in Civil / Bridge Engineering across the UK, Europe (EU), Turkey, and North Africa. Such as: Braila Bridge/ Romania, 1915 canakkale Bridge / Turkey Osmangazi bridge/ Turkey, Currently working at the HS2 Project in Birmingham which is one of the most famous projects in the UK.</p> <p>If you will share an email address, I can share my cv for evaluation.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Please visit the "Work With Us" page on the project website for links to resources for firms that want to work on the project: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
316	Construction	<p>08/08/2023 - Web Comment - We have a fully fenced lot off of Evans st about a mile from the bridge. Would make a great job trailer or staging lot. Please contact if interested. Thank you</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for firms that want to work on the project are available on the "Work With Us" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
317	BSB Companion Bridge	<p>08/08/2023 - Web Comment - Approximately how long will it be before the bridge type (arch versus cable-stayed) for the new BSB? (I'm hoping for an arch.) Thanks!</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT will determine the final bridge type for the new companion bridge based on a technical evaluation performed by the design-build team. Once the bridge type is determined that information will be made available to the public, and the project Aesthetics Committee will be engaged to provide feedback on the aesthetic elements of the new companion bridge and the existing BSB.</p> <p>The design-build team has been selected and is in the process of developing their design and construction schedule. Specific dates and activities are still being developed and have not been finalized. This schedule is expected to be finalized in the next month and will be shared on the project website at that time.</p>

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318	Alternatives	<p>08/09/2023 - Email - I knew that the concept of rerouting I-71 and removing the section along the Riverfront was not an option ODOT was even considering, but I wanted an "official" response to verify this as a lot of people believe removing freeways is the answer to a better life that will magically end crime in the big city.</p> <p>Since I-75, I-71, I-74, I-471, and I-275 are heavily congested (as you stated in your response), and traffic study after traffic study across the nation shows that widening highways eventually increases congestion, the I-75 transcontinental corridor will not be capable of handling the increasing freight and general congestion within the next 10 to 20 years through widening alone. Therefore, NOW is the time to start planning an alternative future interstate corridor that completely bypasses Cincinnati. The Ohio Valley Regional Planning Commission is still planning a feasibility of the I-73/I-74 corridor and the Ohio Legislature passed a resolution for ODOT to begin this feasibility study even though both the I-74 extension and I-73 were cancelled in 2000. The people of Cincinnati opposed extending I-74 east of the city and the people of Columbus opposed building I-73 to and around the city. Also, the current routing of I-73 south of Portsmouth through southern West Virginia along U.S. 52 will never be funded by the State of West Virginia. The Virginia DOT also cancelled further study in the state. North Carolina is the only place that build both I-74 and I-73, and South Carolina is not able to fund I-73 to Myrtle Beach. None of this routing of I-73 offers any traffic benefit to I-75. Extending I-74 east would only add to Cincinnati's congestion. Even proposed concepts like the Eastern Cincy Bypass have been studied and rejected at unfeasible. Further widening of I-75 will only raise more and more opposition with little traffic benefit after the next 10-20 yrs.</p> <p>That leave only one option not explored, building a north-south future interstate corridor as an alternative to I-75, a Future I-73 (or Future I-67). This new route for I-73 begins at I-75 in Findlay, then run along the U.S. 68 corridor to the U.S. 23 corridor either following OH 73 to Portsmouth or U.S. 35 to U.S. 23 in Chillicothe. From Portsmouth, the new Future I-73 concept would follow U.S. 23 through Kentucky and Virginia to connect to I-26 in Kingsport Tennessee to form a major freight corridor from Findlay Ohio to the port at Charleston South Carolina, relieving a lot of traffic congestion from I-75 from Cincinnati to Knoxville. This should be the focus of the I-73 feasibility study that the Ohio State Legislature directed ODOT to conduct.</p>	<p>Thank you for your continued interest in the project. The project is designed to accommodate traffic projected to travel through the corridor by the year 2050, which is the standard design horizon for large infrastructure projects. The traffic projections are based on a regional travel-demand model which assigns routes used by travelers based on available capacity, projected trips, and calculated travel times. Traffic projections show that adding lanes will increase traffic volumes in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor. Some of that increase is due to travelers shifting trips they were already making from other congested routes. In addition, some travelers will make new trips they would not have made without the highway improvements (induced trips). The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project is designed to accommodate all trips (including induced trips) projected by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana (OKI) regional travel demand model through the year 2050.</p> <p>Your comments about other potential projects are noted. Other regional and statewide improvements will be independently studied and evaluated as appropriate as ODOT continues to manage the existing and future transportation needs in the state.</p> <p>More information on ODOT's Statewide Planning can be found here: https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/programs/statewide-planning-research/welcome</p>

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319	Construction	08/11/2023 - Web Comment - I am interested in having a virtual or in-person discussion to share details with you on our access solutions. Could someone from the team please email me back to coordinate a time? Feel free to call my cell.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for firms that want to work on the project are available on the "Work With Us" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
Responses to all comments received between 08/11/2023 and 09/08/2023 were addressed separately as part of the comment period for the open-house project update meetings held on August 23 and August 24, 2023 and can be accessed HERE.			
320	Construction	09/12/2023 - Web Comment - Rivera & Associates LLC is an award winning public relations and marketing firm in Milwaukee Wisconsin. We are DBE, MBE, SBE, SWMBE, NCMSDC, and SBA HUBZONE Certified. We would like to work with you. Please visit our website www.riveraprfirm.com .	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT already have vendors under contract to support the services described.</p>
321	Construction	09/21/2023 - Web Comment - I'm a journeyman carpenter with an extensive resume. I live in Cincinnati and I would like to be a part of this project.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for firms that want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>



PUBLIC COMMENT AND RESPONSE SUMMARY

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322	Historic Resources	09/21/2023 - Web Comment - How and when will the project effect Longworth Hall and it's parking area?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.</p> <p>The project will remove 204 feet of the B&O Freight Terminal/Longworth Hall building located along Pete Rose Way in Cincinnati. This structure, constructed as a warehouse for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, currently operates as a mixed-use office, retail, and event space. ODOT has committed to mitigating the impacts to historic Longworth Hall. The mitigation measures include installing exterior storm windows on the exterior of the building, restoring the east wall to an approximation of its original appearance using materials salvaged from the impacted portion of the structure, restoring windows that are removed and using them in the east wall reconstruction or returning them to the building owner, adding a cornerstone commemorating the date of construction on one side and the date of the renovation on the other side, repairing masonry, refurbishing the original lettering across the top of the building, and constructing a plaque/interpretive signing describing changes to the property that have occurred over time.</p> <p>While the timeline has not yet been established, it is anticipated that the work described above is anticipated to begin later in 2024 at the earliest. The remaining portions of Longworth Hall will continue to be utilized as mixed-use office, retail, and event space during the reconstruction and mitigation efforts.</p>
324	Construction	09/24/2023 - Web Comment - I have 10 or 12 years left to work. I'm strong and healthy and have an abundance of skills. I'd love my last experience to be helping build something I can be proud of and tell my grandchildren.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for individuals who want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>

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325	Multimodal	<p>09/25/2023 - Web Comment - Has there been consideration to include pedestrian and rolling (wheelchair, scooter, bike) accommodations on the bridge of the Brent Spence or in the companion bridge to connect people who don't drive to Cov and Downtown Cincy?</p> <p>I am a homeowner in the neighborhood of West Covington. I do not own a car and choose to take transit, walk and ride bikes instead.</p> <p>I was recently traveling in Pittsburgh and got an opportunity to walk alongside a pedestrian bridge built along the Fort Duquesne bridge which carries I-279. https://www.flickr.com/photos/radunzel/8435926717 It's a 4 lane double decker built in late 1950s very similar to the Brent Spence.</p> <p>I know of the bike connections considered for under the bridge, but given the poor infrastructure on the Clay Wade Bailey for pedestrians and people rolling (wheelchair or by bike or scooter) has there been consideration to include a pedestrian and cycling accommodations in the expansion of the Brent Spence or in the companion bridge?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Pedestrian and bicycle accommodations are not planned on the new companion bridge or the existing Brent Spence Bridge because of the proximity of a reasonable crossing at the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge. Based on public feedback, during the progressive design-build process, KYTC and ODOT will evaluate reconfiguring the lanes on the Clay Wade Bailey Bridge to add bicycle lanes.</p>
326	Construction	<p>09/26/2023 - Web Comment - When is it estimated that phase III would begin? Would Longworth Hall be affected during that phase or earlier?</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The construction Phase III is scheduled to begin in 2025, although some limited construction activities may begin in 2024.</p> <p>While the timeline has not yet been established, it is anticipated that the work affecting Longworth Hall will begin in late 2024 at the earliest.</p>
327	Construction	<p>10/01/2023 - Web Comment - Hello! My name is [REDACTED]. I am 56 years of age and still healthy and strong. I have 20 plus years of industrial maintenance experience as well as construction and labor experience. Also have an OSHA ten hour certification. I have 12 years or so left to work and would love the opportunity to be a part of this historic achievement. As well as the steady good paycheck to end my working career. I would be an experienced asset to any workforce and would appreciate the chance more than you could know. Thank you so much and hope to hear from you soon.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for individuals who want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>

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328	Construction	10/03/2023 - Web Comment - Asphalt milling, chip seal, paving, VRAM installer from Cleveland area. Willing to travel.	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for firms that want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/</p>
329	Multimodal	10/03/2023 - Web Comment - What are 'new shared-use paths'?	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. A shared-use path is a 10-foot paved path that can be shared by pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized users. Renderings of what the shared-use paths might look like on 6th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive in Ohio are shown in Slides 23-28 of this link: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Renderings-for-Boards-Open-House.pdf. The shared-use paths are shown on the north (right) side in these renderings.</p>
330	Miscellaneous	10/03/2023 - Web Comment - What time does the tunnel at the East End Bridge Close. I go that way every day and do not want to be stuck on the IN side. Please change the signs that state there will be nightly closures and in stead tell us when they start I cannot find this information on your website thanks	<p>Thank you for your comment. The website you used to submit your comment is dedicated to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, which is in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC's) District 6 area. The East End Tunnel is located in KYTC District 5. The East End Tunnel was recently scheduled for nightly closures from October 1 through October 3. You may read more about those closures here: https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictFive/Pages/News-Archive.aspx</p> <p>In addition, you may sign up to receive press releases about future traffic closures in KYTC District 5 here: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/KYTC/signup/13673</p>

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331	Construction	<p>10/03/2023 - Web Comment - I would love to join your team</p> <p>I'm a very hard and dedicated worker</p> <p>I'm 21 and willing to learn</p> <p>LET ME WORK</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for individuals who want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/.</p>
332	Construction	<p>10/05/2023 - Web Comment - Are you planning to Re-design or build a new website completely? We propose to create a new website design for your business that will improve the user experience, increase engagement, and boost conversions. We are committed to delivering a website that meets your business needs and goals.</p> <p>Please let us know if you would like to discuss other options or have any questions.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. KYTC and ODOT have already contracted for website support services.</p>
333	Construction	<p>10/07/2023 - Web Comment - I am a service-connected disabled veteran who would like to be a part of this project. I bid on several government contracts shortly after returning from Iraq tour. However, I was not successful at that time. Are any opportunities available for veterans in my situation.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team regarding opportunities to work on the project using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p> <p>Additional links to resources for individuals who want to work on the project are available on the "Explore Construction Careers" page on the project website: https://brentspencebridgecorridor.com/work-with-us/.</p>
334	Construction	<p>10/09/2023 - Web Comment - This is [REDACTED] with the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Riverfront. We would like to know how we can get in touch with the Contractors, Subcontractors to offer special lodging discounts for their out of town crew members when they start working at the Brent Spence Bridge.</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com. You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/.</p>

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335	Construction/ Design	10/17/2023 - Web Comment - I am the Director of the Seamen's Church Institute's Center for Maritime Education. I am happy to provide an overview of our feasibility and navigation study capabilities. Our facility in Paducah, KY has previously assisted in over 25 major port infrastructure, and highway bridge projects, and has assisted project planners to build consensus among stakeholders on the best layout of proposed bridge crossings, pier placements, traffic analysis, and dredge profile analysis, for lower cost than traditional methods. By leveraging a multi-bridge maritime simulator, we can quickly get feedback from Captains who can navigate different types of tows, for a variety of environmental factors. We have the Cincinatti database and updated tugs, tug and barge combinations, and vessels in our training library and hope you will keep us in mind for testing and providing feedback for this project.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com . You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/ .
336	Alternatives	10/20/2023 - Web Comment - Why not reroute the corridor to the west of its current location do a much better job for the next 15-20 years	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Rerouting I-71/I-75 west of its current location was evaluated as a conceptual alternative during early project development activities. This conceptual alternative resulted in adverse impacts to communities, residences, businesses, regulated materials sites, and utilities, which were substantially higher than other alternatives under consideration. In addition, the alternative that moved I-71/I-75 to the west had substantially greater overall complexity, constructability risk, and cost when compared to other alternatives. Finally, the concept was strongly opposed by both the City of Cincinnati (Ohio) and the City of Covington (Kentucky). Based on these factors, it was dismissed from further study.
337	BSB Companion Bridge	10/23/2023 - Web Comment - I think that it should be called the Gateway Bridge as it is the gateway to the North and to the South.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and for your ideas about a name for the new companion bridge. While the new companion bridge may be formally named, the process for naming the new bridge has not yet been established.
338	Construction	10/23/2023 - Web Comment - The Brent Spence bridge project looks exciting for all involved. I noticed that renderings include the potential for transparent noise walls. The company I work for provides transparent plastic materials used for noise wall applications. We are headquartered in the U.S. with a location in Cincinnati as well as Lexington. I would like to know if you can point me in the right direction to participate in the bidding or quoting process.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. You may reach out directly to the design-build team using the following email address: WalshKokosingBrentSpence@walshgroup.com . You can also visit the Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Team website at https://walshkokosing.com/ .

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339	Construction	<p>10/30/2023 - Email Comment - Just wanted to circle back after seeing the latest Cincinnati.com article on the construction project. In the article it states the project is "expected to break ground early in 2024". Is it possible you can confirm?</p> <p>Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati has an agreement with Longworth Hall to host our 30th anniversary 5K event on the East end of the parking lot with our 5K course running out and back from the Pete Rose Way entrance (under the bridge). Therefore, construction would directly impact our event and we would need to secure another venue A.S.A.P.. Appreciate any assistance you may provide!</p> <p>[Note: Comment provided as follow up to Comment 322.]</p>	<p>Thank you for providing this additional information. With a date of 5/11/2024, there is no conflict with any work planned for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project. We are working on the purchase of the building, aiming to complete that transaction by the end of the calendar year. Once complete, the State of Ohio (Ohio Department of Transportation) will be the owner. We are also working on hiring a property management firm to manage the property when we take over ownership. I checked in with our real estate team working on the project, and we believe that the property management firm will be able to coordinate with you on the event. So, long story short, we believe that you can proceed with using Longworth Hall. If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please let us know. In the meantime, let's plan to touch base in January to check-in on preparations.</p>
340	Bridge Forward Concepts	<p>10/30/2023 - Email Comment - Please see attached for a binder of letters submitted to date supporting the Bridge Forward street grid concept (local urban roads added on both sides of the interstate; east-west connection at 5th Street; etc.). This binder of letters is separate and apart from the "Reconnecting Westway" letter binder that I previously sent to this list of recipients on 6/23/23. Please ensure this is included in the project record.</p> <p>[Note: Provided materials included three versions of form letters advocating for concepts developed by Bridge Forward sent to the City of Cincinnati Mayor and/or City Council members between 12/22/2022 and 10/23/2023.]</p>	<p>Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The provided information has been included in the project record.</p>

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341	Innovation Process	<p>10/31/2023 – Email Comment – The Greg Fischer Management Professional Support Team, comprised of Kent Ahrenholtz with Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Diana Martin of RL RECORD LLC, Fred Wagner of Venable LLP, and Annie White of Karp Strategies, has provided significant well researched and documented support for its position that there is a better transportation, social, economic and environmental solution. It is extremely unusual for private resources to be committed to technical analysis to the extent seen here. This local investment should be respected and given significant attention and analysis by the progressive design build team. During our due diligence, we evaluated a number of options that we dismissed as not meeting ODOT's publicly stated goals (for example separation of local and through traffic provided by a collector-distributor system). Please note that these possibilities are not excluded by the 2012 Purpose and Need Statement. Significant among these options is one designated east-east/west-west, which more closely resembles ODOT Alternative I, while falling squarely within the NEPA envelope currently under evaluation. Separately furnished to HNTB are Open Roads dgn. files in accordance with our practice of providing all of our data transparently. These were developed to a horizontal, but not vertical level of design. We are also forwarding a modification of the I-75/US 50 interchange at Freeman Ave. This was developed at the concept level only. Included below are descriptions of these concepts. We are not advocating for these solutions, but think they deserve evaluation by your progressive design-build team of creative engineers. Thus, we provide them as a starting point to stimulate thought. The following provides a brief description of the two additional concepts for consideration by the Bi-State Management Team and their Progressive Design/Build Team.</p> <p><u>Modification of I-75/US 50/Freeman Interchange</u> This concept would effectively remove the US 50 ramp movements from the vicinity of the I-75 Downtown Cincinnati interchange ramps, between 5th and 7th, and provide all of the ramps at the existing I-75/US 50/Freeman Road Interchange. The existing ramps provide a direct connection to and from US 50 to I-75 to the north. New ramps to and from I-75 to the south would be added to those existing ramps. See attached exhibit.</p>	<p>Following up on my previous email, thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. ODOT has received the concepts provided by the Greg Fischer Management Professional Support Team and has forwarded them to the design-build team for further evaluation as part of the innovation process. ODOT will continue to work with the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County during the innovation process and provide them the opportunity for review and comment on any recommendations within their jurisdictions. In addition, the City of Cincinnati has established an advisory group to provide feedback on innovations affecting the City.</p>

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341 (cont.)	Innovation Process (cont.)	<p>One main advantage of this concept is removal of the US 50 ramp movements from the highly congested I-71/I-75 Interchange. A disadvantage is the additional "out of direction" travel for US 50 traffic that is destined for both I-71 to the east and I-71/I-75 to the south. This travel is less than one mile, but that traffic would exit existing US 50 and travel north to the Freeman Interchange.</p> <p><u>East-East/West-West Alternative Concept</u> This concept would eliminate the Collector-Distributor (C/D) system of roadways on the current preferred alternative I-W and place I-75 on the new Ohio River Bridge and I-71 on the rehabilitated existing structures. The ramps to and from Downtown Cincinnati would thus connect to I-71 and I-75 mainline, instead of the C/D roads. See attached exhibits.</p> <p>A potentially large advantage of this approach would be the reduction in cost through removal of several directional ramps on the Ohio side of the river that connected the CD roadways to the existing Ohio River bridge and consolidation of access on the Kentucky side. It also reduces the footprint of the project on the Kentucky side, similar to what has been done with the I-W Street Grid concepts on the Ohio side.</p> <p>One possible disadvantage is the safety of connecting the lower-speed local access ramps directly to the high-speed mainline lanes. It also has the potential of causing congestion on the mainline lanes from backup on the ramps, where this would occur on the C/D roadways, rather than the mainline, in the other concepts. There is also no direct ramp to I-75 northbound from 4th St in Kentucky, although that traffic can access I-75 north by crossing the Wade Bailey Bridge and the ramps on the Ohio side. Plus, more ramps are converging on 5th Street in Kentucky, so the signal or intersection spacing may become an issue. In addition, there may be a need to add a 4th lane to I-75 NB and SB through the ramps on the Ohio side, since this concept removes the C/D roadways entirely.</p> <p>[Note: PDFs and OpenRoads files of the concepts described above were provided under separate cover on 10/31/2023.]</p>	

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342	Innovation Process	11/01/2023 – Email Comment – As a co-chair of the CRBC Regional Assets & Community Improvement Committee, I would like to thank you for your time last week discussing the bridge design with Keven, Jeff and Greg, including opportunities and challenges around the street grid concept. I apologize that I could not join the conversation, but wanted to let you know that we really value the partnership and engagement with ODOT. As was discussed on the call, we are extremely appreciative of the opportunity presented by the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and are excited about the City of Cincinnati's recent proposal. We plan to continue to advocate for an enhanced outcome, including the possibility of reducing the footprint and expanded street grid options, if not a full street grid, that connect both sides of the interstate during the innovation period. A reliable and flexible, human scale street grid strengthens opportunities for improving the value of reclaimed and adjacent lands, and most importantly connects Queensgate to the Central Business District for long-term community redevelopment. We are excited to hear that you are already looking at various options and look forward to more engagement during the innovation period. If necessary, the local community should have the option to fund any cost difference and optimize the return on investment. Importantly, we will continue to advocate that any adaptations do not cause delay or have negative impacts on traffic flow. Thanks again for your partnership. We look forward to continuing to work with you.	Thank you for writing to express your views regarding options to enhance local connectivity and to provide support for options that do not cause delay or have negative impacts on traffic flow. Ohio and Kentucky have worked closely with our local partners to strike that balance with our base design, and we are now working diligently with the Design Build Team, which consists of national expert contractors and designers, to seek further opportunities. Thank you for your partnership as well, and I look forward to continuing to work together to deliver this project.
343	Right-of-Way	10/30/2023 - Web Comment - I own property on Willow run and have yet to hear from anyone regarding what will be occurring there. My tenant requires constant access to the building and the space it leases must be licensed by the state of Kentucky and wants to know what is going on. Please advise.	Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and potential impact to property located on Willow Run Road. Without knowing the specific parcel you own, I will try to address your concern on a broader scale. In the area of Willow Run Road, the project team tried to limit any impacts outside of existing state-owned property. Based on current design, there is not an intent to purchase additional property along Willow Run Road in the block north of Fry Street. For proposed project impacts and lane configurations, I encourage you to visit the project website . Additionally, the project's construction documents will require the contractor to maintain access to all properties during construction activities.

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344	BSB Companion Bridge	10/30/2023 - Web Comment - I would like to suggest a name for the new bridge - how about a woman for a change ??? What about The (Margaret)"Garner Freedom Bridge" in memory of the Garner Family who crossed the Ohio River at this point seeking Freedom from slavery.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project and for your ideas about a name for the new companion bridge. While the new companion bridge may be formally named, the process for naming the new bridge has not yet been established.
345	Right-of-Way	10/30/2023 - Web Comment - What will happen to the properties around Carr?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Project. The proposed improvements will be centered on existing I-75 in Cincinnati and will not impact any properties on Carr Street.
346	Alternatives Aesthetics Quality of Life	10/30/2023 - Web Comment - Re.: Ezzard Charles Bridge. Having seen the impact of building exterior structures with landscaping, in Brazil can say that (1) very few people will use a noisy bridge to socialize or relax. (2) Planting trees and landscaping on a concrete bridge will increase the risk of water infiltration from roots seeking and widening cracks, (3) Landscaping increases wind stress on the structure. may I suggest a trellis on the exterior of the bridge with climbing plants and increasing the number of trees on adjacent streets leading to the bridge? This will shade pedestrians walking toward it and from it thus providing incentive to walk.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has designed the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project to avoid the removal of mature trees along the Ezzard Charles Drive approaches to the bridge. ODOT has also committed to building a wider bridge on Ezzard Charles Drive over I-75. The widened bridge will provide an additional 50 feet of green space on each side that could support potential future civic space or retail development to be determined and implemented by the City of Cincinnati. We have shared your feedback with the City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering for their consideration in future planning for the widened bridge area.
347	Design Details	11/02/2023 - Web Comment - I'm wondering if road lighting can be solar powered? And also request lighting to be directed downward only to the roadway to preserve or restore a dark night sky.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) do not have the infrastructure to support solar power for interstate lighting in the project area. However, the project will install energy efficient LED lighting in accordance with KYTC and ODOT specifications. The lighting of the roadways in the project area will be in accordance with KYTC, ODOT, and local standards. The lighting design process takes into account surrounding land uses and with the goal of providing roadway lighting that balances the safety of the traveling public with local concerns, such as light pollution.



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348	Historic Resources	10/31/2023 - Email - I have heard that the State of Ohio plans to purchase the former B&O Freight House, now Longworth Hall as part of the project. You had told me nearly a year ago that 200 feet of the east end would be removed and the end wall reconstructed and signage relocated. If Ohio buys Longworth Hall, what are the plans for the building? Will the tenants that are there now be staying or will they need to vacate. Just curious as to what may transpire.	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project and your inquiry regarding the project's impact on the former Baltimore & Ohio Railroad warehouse, now known as Longworth Hall. While the project will require 204 feet of the building to be removed along the eastern portion, ODOT has committed to mitigating the impacts to historic Longworth Hall. The mitigation measures include installing exterior storm windows on the exterior of the building, restoring the east wall to an approximation of its original appearance using materials salvaged from the impacted portion of the structure, restoring windows that are removed and using them in the east wall reconstruction or returning them to the building owner, adding a cornerstone commemorating the date of construction on one side and the date of the renovation on the other side, repairing masonry, refurbishing the original lettering across the top of the building, and constructing a interpretive plaque/signing describing changes to the property that have occurred over time. The building will remain occupied, and only businesses directly impacted by the removal of 204 feet from the building's east end will be relocated. Tenants currently renting space within Longworth whose units are affected by the removal have been notified and offered relocation assistance, with some choosing to relocate to other areas within Longworth Hall. ODOT may use interior space or the exterior grounds surrounding the building during the project's construction, but no impacts to the building's continued use for commercial office, retail, and event space are anticipated.
349	Historic Resources	11/05/2023 - Web Comment - When you begin demolition of the east side of Longworth Hall, would there be any chance of getting some of those bricks? My wife and I met in a dance club called Oscars in 2000 on that end of the building. We have been happily married since 2002. So that end has a lot of sentimental value in our lives. We would love to have a piece of that history from when our lives began together. Any info you could give me on this would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.	Thank you for your inquiry about Longworth Hall. Because Longworth Hall is a historic structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, ODOT has entered into a programmatic agreement that will govern the work on structure. Materials from the demolition will be salvaged and used in the restoration of the east wall. All other salvaged materials must be returned to the building owner to be used in future repairs or expansion.



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350	Construction	11/08/2023 - Web Comment - Great news, what is the projected completion?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project will be completed in three phases. Construction of the portion from Dixie Highway (KY) to Ezzard Charles Drive (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2025 and be substantially complete by 2030, although some limited construction activities may begin in 2024. Construction of the portion from Linn Street to Findlay Street (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2026 and be substantially complete in 2031. Construction of the portion from Findlay Street to the Western Hills Viaduct (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2029 and be substantially complete in 2032.
351	Construction	11/08/2023 - Web Comment - When is work expected to begin, and be completed?	Thank you for your interest in the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The project will be completed in three phases. Construction of the portion from Dixie Highway (KY) to Ezzard Charles Drive (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2025 and be substantially complete by 2030, although some limited construction activities may begin in 2024. Construction of the portion from Linn Street to Findlay Street (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2026 and be substantially complete in 2031. Construction of the portion from Findlay Street to the Western Hills Viaduct (OH) is anticipated to begin in 2029 and be substantially complete in 2032.
352	Innovation Process	11/10/2023 - Web Comment - Love the caps at Ezzard Charles. Suggestion for DBT during this innovation period, look at if you can widen caps by 15-20 feet. I think it's more possible to do so on Kenner side than Hopkins with existing 75 elevation. This brings flexibility that there could be development and park mixture instead of one or other. It's great work just would like to see if 50 feet on either side can be increased.	ODOT has committed to building a wider bridge on Ezzard Charles Drive over I-75. The dimensions of the new bridge were determined in coordination with the City of Cincinnati. Though there is potential for additional width, ODOT and the City agreed upon the proposed 50 feet taking into account future plans by the City, including cost constraints.

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353	Noise	<p>11/10/2023 - Web Comment - I have looked at the Project Corridor Map and see a number of places where there is a Noise Wall. My property sits at the end of Scenic Drive (map #4. On looking at that map, the right of way is just below my property [REDACTED]. I do not see any indication that there will be a Noise Wall anywhere on that hillside, yet there is before and after.</p> <p>Can you explain why the noise wall ends Just after the Alberta Historic District and starts up again close to West Pike street.</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent inquiry on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project specific to the selection of noise wall locations.</p> <p>The locations of the proposed noise walls are based on the results of noise analyses prepared for the project. Several factors influence the placement of noise walls, including proximity to the highway, traffic volumes and topography. KYTC's noise policy considers noise walls when the projected noise levels based on proposed traffic at a residential dwelling or area of outdoor use are 66 decibels and above or if there is a 10 decibel or greater increase in sound levels as a result of the project. Where those parameters are met, KYTC recommends noise walls at those locations.</p> <p>Noise modeling completed for the project determined that the noise levels at your residence will be 54.1 decibels after the project is built. In addition, the project is only anticipated to increase noise levels at your residence by 1.2 decibels. Because sound is measured on a logarithmic scale, an increase of 1.2 decibels is generally not perceptible to the human ear. Based on the results of the noise study, the projected sound levels at your residence do not meet the minimum thresholds for a noise wall, and KYTC is not proposing a noise wall in this location.</p>
354	Noise	<p>Email - 11/9/2023 - Thank you for taking the time to respond to my comment [Comment 352]. I would recommend that prior to any final decision, that the planners go to the current bridge on Ezzard Charles and attempt a normal conversation at conversational levels. My guess is it will be difficult due to noise from I75. If that is the case the selection of the bridge for civic interaction is suspect.</p>	<p>Thank you for your follow up email. Your comments have been forwarded to the City of Cincinnati for their consideration.</p>