
Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Project Advisory Committee Meeting Summary February 16, 2024

Introduction

The Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was held on February 16, 2024 from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. The meeting was a virtual format hosted on Microsoft Teams. Invitations were sent to PAC members via email on January 25, 2024. A meeting reminder was distributed via email on February 15, 2024. See Attachment 1 for copies of meeting invitations and reminders. Attendees at the meeting included PAC members or their designated representatives and members of the project team from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The PAC meeting was open to the general public, although no members of the public attended. A list of attendees is included in Attachment 2.

Presentation

The meeting began with opening remarks by Tom Arnold, ODOT's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Manager. The remarks were followed by a presentation by Tom Arnold (ODOT) and Stacey Hans, KYTC's Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Manager. A copy of the presentation is included in Attachment 3. Major topics addressed in the presentation include:

- Project phasing and schedule;
- Logistics for the upcoming public hearings;
- Overview of the public hearing materials and presentation;
- Project update on aesthetics, the innovation period, and diversity & inclusion efforts.

Comments and Questions

No members of the general public attended the PAC meeting, and no public comments were received. The following comments and questions were provided by PAC members after the presentation:

- Robert Yeager – KYTC, District 6: ODOT and KYTC are doing a great job on the project and keeping everyone informed. ODOT and KYTC are to be commended for how well they are working together to achieve the common goal of delivering the project. Mr. Yeager encouraged members of the PAC to attend one of the upcoming public hearings.



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- Mark Policinski – Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments: How many people are expected to attend the public hearings?
 - KYTC and ODOT expect a good turnout at the hearings. A little over 300 people attended the open house meetings that were held in August 2023. The in-person hearings will have an afternoon and evening option. The afternoon options typically have lower attendance than the evening options. KYTC and ODOT also expect many people to take advantage of the virtual hearing option.
 - John Branzina – City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering: Nice presentation Tommy and Stacey. Thank you.
 - Melissa Wegman – Queensgate Business Alliance: I agree with Bob! Thank you for the efforts being made to keep us updated and informed. And giving the platform to be involved and heard.
 - Gary Valentine – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet: Great job Tommy and Stacey!!



Attachment 1: Invitations

From: Jodi Heflin
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024, 1:08 PM
To:

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Cc:
Subject: Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Advisory Committee Meeting (Virtual)
Attachments: Public Hearing Flyer.pdf

Dear Advisory Committee Member:

The next meeting of the Project Advisory Committee will be held on **Friday, February 16, 2024 from 10:00 AM – Noon**. This will be a virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams. You will receive an invitation with the meeting details in a separate email.

The purpose of the Project Advisory Committee meeting is to provide a preview of the information that will be presented at the upcoming public hearings and discuss next steps in the project’s development. The meeting will also include an opportunity for questions and comments. If you are unable to attend, we invite another representative from your organization to join the meeting in your place. If there is a new contact or representative for your organization, please respond with the name and contact information for that individual.

The Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the project will be made available for public review on Friday, January 26, 2024, and public hearings are scheduled to occur in February. Details about how to view the Supplemental EA, attend a public hearing, and submit comments are provided in the attached flyer.

Once the public availability period begins on Friday, we ask that you share the information about the Supplemental Environmental Assessment and public hearings as you continue to act as liaisons between your interested groups and the project team.

Please contact Jodi Heflin at [REDACTED] with any questions. Thank you for your involvement on the Project Advisory Committee.

Jodi S. Heflin, PE
Traffic and Planning
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You're Invited!

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) are holding **PUBLIC HEARINGS** for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the purpose of the hearings is to provide an opportunity for review and comment on the project's Supplemental Environmental Assessment and to provide feedback through written or recorded verbal comments.



You may view the Supplemental Environmental Assessment, submit comments and/or participate in the virtual public hearing by scanning the code at left or visiting www.PublicInput.com/bsbc.

Copies of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment are also available for public viewing at: Kenton County Public Library Covington Branch, 502 Scott Street, Covington, Kentucky • Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library West End Branch, 805 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio

Si desea que los materiales para esta reunión son traducidos a español, contacte a Domingo Martinez tan pronto que sea posible a Domingo.Martinez@dot.ohio.gov o por teléfono a (513) 933-6136.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. KYTC and ODOT are committed to providing access and inclusion and reasonable accommodation in their services, activities, programs, and employment opportunities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other applicable laws. To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability or to request language interpretation or translation services to participate in a hearing, please contact Keith Smith, 1-800-831-2142 or Keith.Smith@dot.ohio.gov within 1 business day of the hearing.

In-Person Public Hearing Options

The same information will be presented at each hearing.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Radisson Hotel

668 West 5th Street

Covington, Kentucky 41011

12:00 pm to 3:30 pm (formal presentation at 1:00 pm)

OR

4:30 pm to 8:00 pm (formal presentation at 5:30 pm)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Longworth Hall Event Center

700 West Pete Rose Way, Lobby C

Cincinnati, Ohio 45203

12:00 pm to 3:30 pm (formal presentation at 1:00 pm)

OR

4:30 pm to 8:00 pm (formal presentation at 5:30 pm)

Virtual Public Hearing Option

Thursday, February 22, 2024 |

www.PublicInput.com/bsbc

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

(formal presentation/verbal comment period only)

Public verbal comments will be accepted immediately following the formal presentation at each hearing. Individuals desiring to offer verbal comments at the in-person hearings must pre-register at the hearing. Comments will be limited to 2 minutes.

Comments may also be submitted via:

• www.PublicInput.com/bsbc • Email:

Keith.Smith@dot.ohio.gov • Phone: 1-800-831-2142

• Mail: ODOT District 8, Attn: Keith Smith, 505 South State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036-9518

Comments received by March 8, 2024 will be considered in the final NEPA decision.

Comments provided by any one of the methods listed above will receive equal weight in the project record.

Subject: Virtual BSBCP Project Advisory Committee Meeting
Location: Microsoft Teams

Start: Fri 2/16/2024 10:30 AM
End: Fri 2/16/2024 12:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Jodi Heflin

Required Attendees: [REDACTED]

Optional Attendees: [REDACTED]

Please note the start time has been adjusted to 10:30am.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 296 285 222 619

Passcode: WPiexK

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Join with a video conferencing device

hntb@m.webex.com

Video Conference ID: 112 992 220 0

[Alternate VTC instructions](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 838 665 999#

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From:
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To:

Jodi Heflin
Thursday, February 15, 2024 2:02 PM

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Subject:

REMINDER - Virtual BSBCP Project Advisory Committee Meeting

Dear Advisory Committee Member:

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Please reply to Jodi Heflin (jheflin@hntb.com) if you would like us to resend the original meeting invitation/details.

Jodi S. Heflin, PE
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Attachment 2: Attendees

1. Summary

Meeting title	Virtual BSBCP Project Advisory Committee Meeting
Attended participants	50
Start time	2/16/24, 10:03:45 AM
End time	2/16/24, 11:15:51 PM
Meeting duration	1h 12m 6s
Average attendance time	45m 51s

2. Participants

Name	Organization
Jodi Heflin	HNTB Corporation
James M. Auslander	Beveridge & Diamond
Doug Moormann	Development Strategies Group
Jeter, Todd	Federal Highway Administration
Melissa Wegman	Queensgate Business Alliance
Arnold, E.	Ohio Department of Transportation
Jill Bailey	City of Fort Wright
Mark Policinski	Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
Sharmili Reddy	Planning and Development Services of Kenton County
Pete Metz	Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Justin M. Weiss	Cincinnati Bulk Terminals, LLC
Johnson, Adam	Federal Highway Administration
Laura N. Brunner	Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority
Beck, Eric	Hamilton County Engineer
Hans, Stacey D	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Spencer Stork	Kenton County Engineer
Spinosa, Stefan	Ohio Department of Transportation
Yeager, Robert A	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Diop, Mour	Federal Highway Administration
Brazina, John	City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering
Erica Johnson	HNTB Corporation
Ballantyne, John	Federal Highway Administration
Schneider, Erica	Ohio Department of Transportation
Robert Koehler	Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
Hill, Timothy	Ohio Department of Transportation
Will Weber	Southbank Partners
Baughman, Pamela	Federal Highway Administration
Schurman, Scott R	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Valentine, Gary	Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Matt Jones	Cincinnati Business Committee
Haring, Duane	Cincinnati Bengals
Steve Pendery	Campbell County Fiscal Court
Carter, Markiea	City of Cincinnati Community and Economic Development
Lynn Corbitt	Rasor Communications
Gross, Joel	Cincinnati Park Board, Division of Planning and Design
Smith, Larry	Ohio Department of Transportation
Lee Crume	Northern Kentucky Tri-Ed
Tim O'Connell	Cincinnati Reds

Name

Williams, Bryan
Gus B. Bauman
Borres, Boday
Hoffman, Larry
Whitworth, David
Kristi Phillips
Lowry, Sara
Nathan Alley
Woodrow Keown, Jr.
Kathy Zembrodt
Sarah Lee
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Organization

City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering
Beveridge & Diamond
Federal Highway Administration
Ohio Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
Cincinnati Business Committee
Federal Highway Administration
Sierra Club
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
City of Park Hills
HNTB Corporation
N/A



[Attachment 3: Presentation](#)



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Project Advisory Committee Meeting
February 16, 2024

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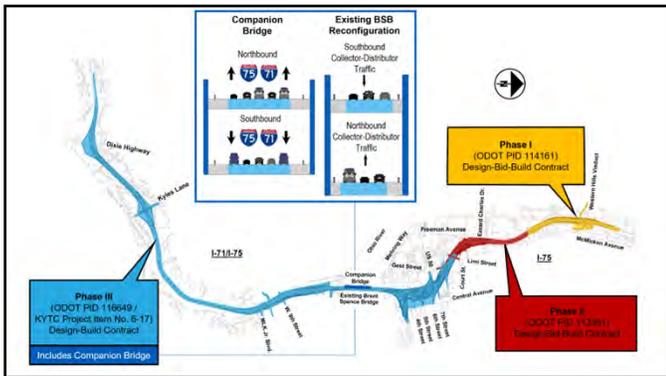


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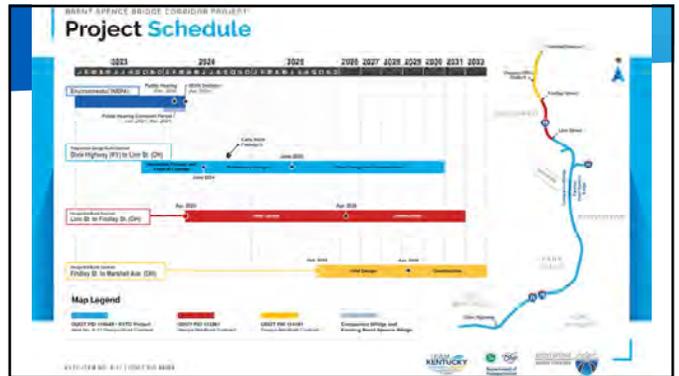
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- Public hearing preview
- Project update
 - Aesthetics
 - Innovation period
 - Diversity and inclusion
- Project Advisory Committee discussion
- Public comment opportunity



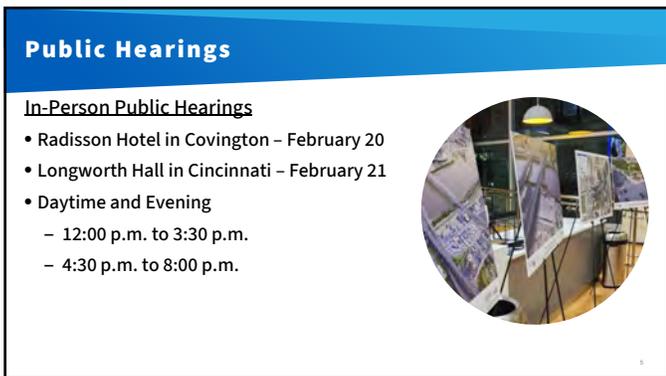
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Public Hearings

In-Person Public Hearings

- Radisson Hotel in Covington – February 20
- Longworth Hall in Cincinnati – February 21
- Daytime and Evening
 - 12:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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Public Hearings

In-Person Public Hearings

- 1-hour open house
- Formal presentation
- Formal public comment period
 - Commenters must register
 - Comments limited to 2-minutes
- Transcribed by a court reporter



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Public Hearings

Virtual Public Hearing

- www.PublicInput.com/bsbc
- February 22, 2024
- 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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Public Hearings

Virtual Public Hearing

- Begins with the formal presentation
- Formal public comment period
 - No registration required
 - Chat will remain private
- Hearing will be recorded



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Public Hearings

Comment Period

- Began January 26, 2024
- Ends March 8, 2024
- No monthly summaries during this time
- Formal responses published after the public comment period



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Public Hearings

Comment Options

- Verbal comments
- Written forms
- Email
- Phone
- Mail
- Website (www.PublicInput.com/bsbc)



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Supplemental Environmental Assessment

- Full impact evaluation
- Complete list of mitigation and enhancement measures
- www.PublicInput.com/bsbc




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Public Hearing Presentation

- Project history
- Project description/overview
- Notable environmental impacts
- Notable mitigation measures
- Notable enhancements



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Purpose and Need

- Improve traffic flow and level of service
- Improve safety
- Correct geometric deficiencies
- Maintain connections to key regional and national transportation corridors

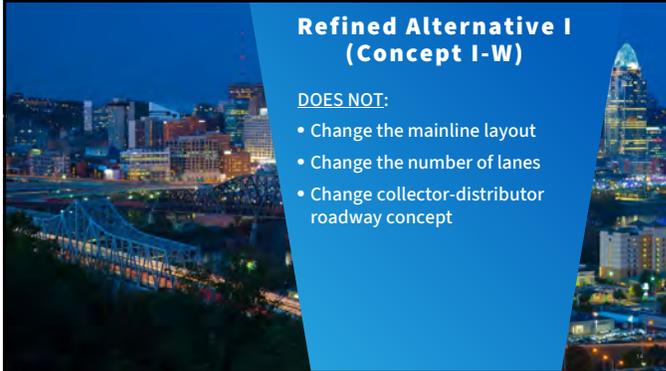


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Refined Alternative I (Concept I-W)

DOES NOT:

- Change the mainline layout
- Change the number of lanes
- Change collector-distributor roadway concept



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Refined Alternative I (Concept I-W)

- Reduces project footprint
- Improves how the project will operate
- Creates no substantial new or increased impacts



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Project Description

- Widen I-71/I-75, rebuild overpass bridges and interchanges
- Build collector-distributor systems
- Rehabilitate/restripe existing BSB
- Build new companion bridge
 - Arch
 - Cable-stayed



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Future Design Refinements

- Refined Alternative I (Concept I-W) = Base Design
- Innovation concepts
 - Currently being developed and evaluated
 - Shared after environmental approval



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Environmental Impacts

Anticipated impacts to the human and natural environment



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Innovation Period Update (Phase III)

- Dozens of refinements options
 - Ideas from local municipalities
 - Public comments
- Evaluated by KYTC and ODOT
- Vetted with local municipalities
- Review public hearing comments



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Diversity and Inclusion Update (Phase III)

- Diversity & Inclusion Outreach Committee meeting in December 2023
- Subcontracting opportunities
 - www.walshkokosing.com/bsbc-current-opportunities
 - List of current bidding opportunities
 - Several opportunities currently open for bid



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Project Advisory Committee Discussion

- Please raise your hand to speak.
- Please state your name and who you represent.
- Type a comment in the chat.

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Public Comments

- Please raise your hand to speak.
- Please state your name.
- Type a comment in the chat.

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THANK YOU!

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