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Brent Spence Bridge Corridor December 23, 2025 eNewsletter

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2025 WAS A TABLE-SETTER

If the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor (BSBC) Project were a banquet, then 2025 was the year the table was set. An ODOT building in Cincinnati was demolished to make way for the widening of I-75. Mussels in the Ohio River were moved upstream to make way for the companion bridge. Utilities, meanwhile, both overhead and underground, were moved to accommodate new roadways. With major construction scheduled to begin next year, 2026 promises to be busy thanks to the preparations made in 2025.

Find out all about those preparations here.



THROWBACK: NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRESS

As the 1962 holiday season came to a close, work on the original Brent Spence Bridge continued, captured in this black-and-white photo taken on New Year's Eve. This image, taken on the Kentucky side of the river, looks west toward the junction of the new bridge with Pier No. 4.

The year was full of milestone moments. Just a day earlier, on December 30, 1962, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New York Giants to win the 1962 NFL Championship Game at the Polo Grounds.

It was a banner year for culture and history as well. Spider-Man made his debut, Johnny Carson took over The Tonight Show, and The Beatles released their first single, "Love Me Do," a song about connection written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. That same year, John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth.

Construction would continue all year, with a November 1963 opening.



**PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS HIGHLIGHT WORKFORCE
OPPORTUNITIES**

The BSBC Project is brimming with workforce opportunities, according to two of its leaders.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Tommy Arnold, project manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation, at a recent event for community members and other stakeholders. “Six million labor hours will be required to build this project. That’s an incredible amount of work.”

Hosted by the Urban League, the event also featured Marvin Jackson, business and workforce engagement program manager for Walsh Kokosing, which is the prime contractor on the project.

In addition to describing the project’s scope and timeline, Arnold and Jackson highlighted:

- Key trades needed on the project;
- Anticipated wages; and
- Related projects tied to the corridor, north and south of the new companion bridge.

The event was conducted at the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio’s Holloman Center for Social Justice.

[Learn more here.](#)

SIGN UP FOR TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

It’s finally happening in 2026! Project construction is expected to start in earnest by summer, and that means sometimes we’ll need new routes to familiar places. Don’t worry – the BSBC Project team has got you covered so you don’t miss a thing.

Stay in the loop by signing up for our dedicated traffic advisory email or text alerts, delivered right to your phone. You’ll receive timely updates, including:

- Traffic and detour notices
- Construction schedule information
- Milestones and progress updates

[Check out our Traffic Advisories page and sign up here.](#)

CREATING PATHWAYS FOR OPPORTUNITY: ELITE WELDING ACADEMY

Completing the BSBC Project takes skilled trades and strong partnerships that connect people to opportunities. One of those partners is Elite Welding Academy, which works with the project team to help prepare students for careers in construction.

Elite Welding graduate Keri Baskin has a passion for welding and learned about the BSBC Project during a classroom visit from the project team. Hear from Keri and Elite Welding President Genoio Mayer on how career connections can change lives.



BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE OUTREACH: 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project Team participated in hundreds of outreach events this year. These efforts helped connect students, job seekers and businesses to career opportunities.

Here are a few highlights from this year:

Junior Achievement – Inspire to Hire Event

The project team participated in the Junior Achievement Inspire to Hire event in Northern Kentucky, reaching hundreds of regional high school students. This large-scale career fair introduced students to construction career paths and workforce opportunities connected to the BSBC Project, while also helping establish new workforce partnerships in Kentucky.



Trucking Companies Meet and Greet

The project team hosted a meet-and-greet event for trucking companies and small businesses from across the tri-state area. Attendees learned about upcoming transportation needs and business opportunities associated with the project and had the chance to ask questions and connect directly with the project team.



Lloyd High School Senior Reverse College and Career Fair

At Lloyd High School, seniors showcased their skills and accomplishments during a reverse career fair, allowing employers and organizations to visit student booths and learn more about their interests and abilities. The event created meaningful, one-on-one conversations and was one of the most engaging workforce outreach events of the year.



We're already planning for another busy and productive year in 2026 as we connect the community with workforce opportunities on this transformational project. For more information, visit WalshKokosing.com.

Giving Back to the Community

The project team is committed to supporting the communities along the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor.

Our Christmas Drive benefitted the Welcome House in Covington, KY. Personal items were donated before Christmas to help bring care, support and meaningful holiday cheer to over 2,000 men, women and children served by Welcome House.



**'TIS THE SEASON
TO GIVE BACK**



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Stretching from the Western Hills Viaduct in Ohio to Dixie Highway in Kentucky, the project will be built without tolls and transform an eight-mile portion of the I-71/75 interstate corridor, including a companion bridge immediately to the west of the existing bridge. More information about the project is available at

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