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Brent Spence Bridge Corridor November 26, 2025 eNewsletter

PRE-CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES RAMPING UP

Early work is under way in preparation for a busy 2026 on the Brent Spence Corridor Project. In their latest project update, Stacey Hans of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Tommy Arnold of the Ohio Department of Transportation say construction on the new companion bridge is expected to begin next year.

[Get the scoop here.](#)



APPRENTICESHIP READINESS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for the next session of the Building Futures apprenticeship training program.

Conducted by the **Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio**, Building Futures is a 12-week class that prepares participants for major regional projects such as the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The program's goal is to help graduates obtain living-wage jobs in the building and construction trades.

The Urban League conducts the first three weeks of the program, focusing on skills such as financial literacy and interviewing techniques. The remainder of the program consists of a curriculum developed and taught by local building trade unions.

To apply, visit <https://www.ulgso.org/buildingfutures>. The application period ends Jan. 8.

Classes, which are conducted Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., begin Feb. 23.

In addition to the **Ohio Department of Transportation**, program sponsors include the **Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council**, **Hamilton County Office of County Commissioners**, **AFL-CIO** and **TradesFutures**.

Find out more about **Building Futures here**.



BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR SPOTLIGHT: RAYHAVEN VIDALEZ

Team members are diving deep to help protect native mussels ahead of work on the new companion bridge. Divers with BioSurvey Group gathered and relocated mussels upstream to keep them safe and the river healthy.

We're shining a spotlight on one of the people behind relocation efforts, Rayhaven Vidalez. In this short video, Rayhaven shares her experiences as a diver, offering a look

into the challenges and rewards found under the surface.

[Watch Rayhaven's story here.](#)



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH: NOVEMBER RECAP

November was a busy month for workforce development outreach across the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project area! Take a look at some of our efforts:

Holmes High School Construction Technology Program Visit

The project team visited Holmes High School in Covington, KY, and spoke with dozens of students about careers in construction. Students learned about the many opportunities connected with the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. Union representatives also attended the event.

Workforce Innovation Center Collaboration

Members of the Workforce Innovation Center visited the project team at Longworth Hall for an overview of work ahead. Their organization helps connect job seekers with stable, high-quality careers. By sharing project needs and timelines, both teams are prepared to work together to support job placements for residents across the region.

Quality Week 2025

Walsh Kokosing hosted Quality Week 2025 to reinforce the importance of quality in every phase of work. The team participated in learning sessions, training and hands-on demonstrations focusing on concrete vibration, understanding survey data and more.

Library Pop-Ups

The project team continues to hold library information sessions in both Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati, giving the public, students and workforce partners a chance to learn about the project and ask questions. The sessions are also a chance to explore career and business opportunities. Two more library sessions are planned

this year:

- Thursday, Dec. 11 | 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Downtown Main Library Branch Pop-Up | 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH
- Tuesday, Dec. 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Boone County Main Library Branch Pop-Up | 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY

These sessions are open to everyone and provide a chance to learn about the workforce and business opportunities connected to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. For the latest, visit WalshKokosing.com.

Giving Back to the Community

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

In November, the project team came together for a Thanksgiving Food Drive, donating 211 food and household items before Thanksgiving. These contributions helped ensure local families could celebrate the holiday with comfort, warmth and a little extra joy.



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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

BrentSpenceBridgeCorridor.com.

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