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Brent Spence Bridge Corridor March 31, 2026 eNewsletter

MAJOR MILESTONE: PROJECT ONE STEP CLOSER TO CONSTRUCTION

Ohio and Kentucky announced approval by the Ohio Controlling Board for authority to finalize construction plans and put shovels in the ground this spring on the transformational Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project.

This milestone moves the project a big step forward toward major construction this spring, starting the transformation of I-71/I-75 in Kentucky and I-75 in Ohio and addressing one of the most severe traffic bottlenecks in the county, with no tolls.

The first portion of the project includes the construction of the new companion bridge located to the west of the existing bridge, as well as one mile of roadway in Kentucky and one mile of roadway in Ohio. The companion bridge is expected to open to traffic in 2031, with substantial completion of the approaches slated for 2033. A groundbreaking will be held in late spring to mark the beginning of construction.

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LINN STREET BRIDGE DEMOLITION TO IMPACT I-75 WEEKEND TRAFFIC

Interstate 75 will close temporarily next month to allow for demolition of the Linn Street Bridge in Cincinnati.

Reconstruction of the bridge over I-75 connecting Queensgate with the West End is a key component of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project. The work creates space for the approach to the new companion bridge to be built immediately to the west of the Brent Spence Bridge.

The northbound lanes will close at the U.S. Route 50 West exit on Friday, April 10 and reopen on Monday, April 13. The southbound lanes will close at the Freeman Avenue exit on April 17 and reopen on April 20. Below is the full schedule and recommended detours.

- 4/1: Linn Street closes over I-75.
- 4/10-4/13: Northbound I-75 closes at 11 p.m. at US-50 and reopens Monday morning at 5 a.m. Drivers can use 2nd Street and head north on I-71 as a detour.
- 4/17-4/20: Southbound I-75 closes at 11 p.m. at Freeman Avenue and reopens Monday morning at 5 a.m. Drivers are encouraged to exit at the Norwood Lateral (SR-562), but the closure will require all drivers to exit at Freeman Avenue.
- 4/17: Permanent closure of the southbound I-75 entrance ramp from Western Avenue.

Detour routes will be noted with signs. To receive the latest information on this and other **travel advisories**, sign up for email and text alerts at the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project website.

As part of the Linn Street Bridge Project, workers will rebuild:

- The bridge and its approaches;
- West Court Street; and
- Winchell Avenue.

Workers will remove and replace the pedestrian bridge over Winchell Avenue.

WORKFORCE SESSION SUCCESS

During the past few months, the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project team has connected with hundreds of community members through a series of workforce information sessions.

From project overviews and career pathway discussions to hands-on conversations with union representatives and project team members, these sessions gave attendees a closer look at the range of opportunities available as construction gets underway.

Local groups have also enjoyed personalized experiences, helping community members explore a range of career pathways in the construction industry. The most recent example was the Spring Break Workforce Educational Series, where attendees learned about career opportunities, the broader construction industry and professional development resources.



LONGWORTH HALL IS GETTING SHORTER

The demolition of Longworth Hall's eastern end is underway.

A 200-foot section adjacent to I-71/I-75 is being removed to make way for the new companion bridge to be built immediately to the west of the existing Brent Spence Bridge.



This section includes the newer portion of the building, added in the 1960s when part of the original building was demolished to accommodate construction of the Brent Spence Bridge.

The Ohio Department of Transportation, which acquired Longworth Hall in 2023, will preserve the building's historic character by salvaging bricks from the original building. The bricks will be used to construct a new exterior wall designed to match

the original east facade. Any remaining bricks are expected to be made available to local nonprofits.

The remaining original portion of the five-story structure, which was built in 1904, will undergo comprehensive upgrades, including brick cleaning, repairing and refreshing the mortar, brick replacement, and window improvements.

Originally a warehouse for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Longworth Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was once one of the longest buildings in the world at 1,277 feet.

Entrances to the building will remain open throughout demolition and construction. Tenants currently occupying the building include members of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project team.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project team provides updates on upcoming short-term road and lane closures and shares recommended detours to help you travel as safely and efficiently as possible during construction. Follow us on [X](#) and [Facebook](#) to get instant notifications, important announcements and traffic alerts in your newsfeed.

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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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