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Brent Spence Bridge Corridor April 30, 2026 eNewsletter

DEMOLITION OF LINN STREET BRIDGE COMPLETE

Work makes way for new multi-modal bridge

The companion bridge to be built immediately west of the existing Brent Spence Bridge understandably gets most of the attention when talking about the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.



But Cincinnati residents have an additional bridge to get excited about now that the Linn Street Bridge over Interstate 75 has been demolished to make way for the approach to the companion bridge.

The new Linn Street Bridge, scheduled to open in 2028, will better connect the Queensgate and West End neighborhoods, offering two, 10-foot driving lanes with protected bike lanes and sidewalks on each side. The project will also include minor reconfiguring of West Court Street and Winchell Avenue to the west, as well as replacement of the pedestrian bridge over Winchell.

The overall project will complement Cincinnati's State-to-Central Complete Street project that is in development and will include various improvements or enhancements to Linn and other streets.

Please visit the State-to-Central project site for more information: [State-to-Central Complete Street Project - Transportation & Engineering](#).

**NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK:
"SAFE ACTIONS SAVE LIVES"**

Safe Actions Save Lives

National Work Zone Awareness Week

April 20 - 24, 2026



Behind every orange cone is someone doing their job.

The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project team joined transportation safety partners across the country in observing National Work Zone Awareness Week April 20–24, rallying around this year's theme: Safe Actions Save Lives.

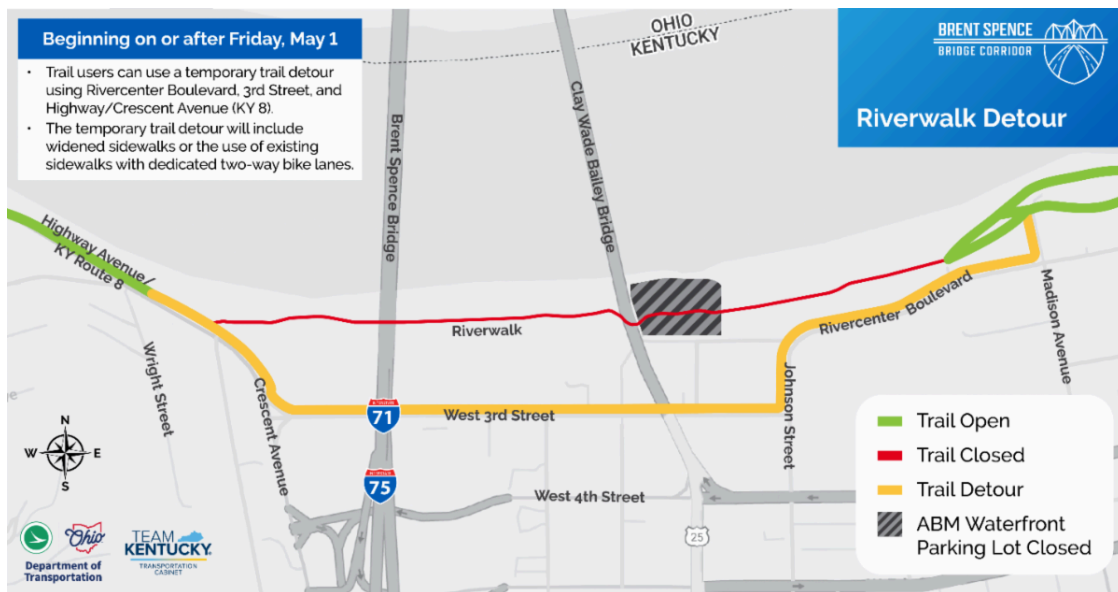
The annual campaign, organized by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) and hosted this year by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, calls attention to the dangers faced daily by the men and women who build and maintain America's roads, bridges and highways.

According to ATSSA, more than 100,000 crashes occur in work zones every year. Nearly 900 people lose their lives. Another 39,000 are injured. Behind each of those numbers is a worker, a commuter, a father, a daughter or a friend.

The message from this year's awareness campaign is simple: when you see the signs and orange cones, slow down and put down your phone. Work zone crashes are largely preventable, and the choices made behind the wheel can have consequences that last a lifetime.

RIVERWALK DETOUR IN COVINGTON BEGINS ON OR AFTER MAY 11

To ensure public safety, a 0.8-mile portion of Covington's Riverwalk (formerly known as Riverfront Commons Trail) will be temporarily detoured as construction begins on the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project.



On or after May 11th crews will close just over a half mile of the trail between Madison Avenue and Wright Street. The ABM Waterfront Parking Lot will also close. The ABM Waterfront Parking Lot is not part of the Riverwalk.

Trail users will be directed to a temporary route along Rivercenter Boulevard, West Third Street and Highway/Crescent Avenue (KY 8).

The closure supports construction of the new companion bridge west of the existing Brent Spence Bridge and allows crews to safely move materials and equipment through the area. The trail and parking lot will be fully restored and reopened once the new companion bridge is complete, currently anticipated in 2031.

The temporary detour accommodates both cyclists and pedestrians, and meets design standards for safety and operations as outlined by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. On Rivercenter Boulevard, the roadway will be restriped to accommodate a 10-foot-wide two-way bike lane within the existing roadway. Pedestrians will continue to use the adjacent 4-foot-wide sidewalk. On West Third Street and Highway/Crescent Avenue (KY 8), the north-side sidewalk will be widened to accommodate an 8-foot-wide shared-use path for both cyclists and pedestrians. On Highway/Crescent Avenue (KY 8), a concrete barrier will separate the path from traffic for added protection. Where design standards warrant, a 2-foot-wide striped buffer will be incorporated to separate bicycles from traffic. Advance signage will be installed to alert trail users of the closure and guide them along the detour.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS ON 9TH STREET IN COVINGTON

Long-Term Closure of West 9th Street Begins May 1

As preparations continue for Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project work, crews will close W. 9th Street in Kentucky between Crescent Avenue and Willow Run Road in both directions beginning Friday, May 1.

This closure will remain in place for the entirety of the project, with substantial completion expected in 2033. Traffic will be detoured via W. Pike Street under I-71/I-75.

Vehicle Detour

- At 8 p.m. on Friday, May 1, W. 9th Street will close in both directions between Crescent Avenue and Willow Run Road.
- Traffic traveling from north to south should use Philadelphia Street.

- Traffic heading east on Pike Street may take Main Street back to 9th Street.

Pedestrian Route from Goebel Park

- Turn left on W. 9th Street toward Philadelphia Street
- Turn right on Philadelphia Street
- Turn right on W. Pike Street
- Turn right on Lewis Street
- Turn right on Western Avenue to reconnect with W. 9th Street

CONSTRUCTION TEAM STARTING STRONG

To kick off major construction, leadership from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Walsh Kokosing, prime contractor for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, and key subcontractors participated in a session designed to enhance communication, coordination and trust.



The team-building exercise was led by Sydne Jacques, a civil engineer and leadership trainer with 40 years of experience in highway construction, and Randy Park, a retired executive from the Utah Department of Transportation.

Jacques said the meeting focused on how team members could build trust, resolve issues on a timely basis and communicate quickly and effectively.

Ohio and Kentucky recently announced a critical milestone achievement with the approval of an increase in contracting authority from the Ohio Controlling Board for the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project.

This 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 and its one-mile approaches in each state to the west of the existing bridge. The companion

bridge will open to traffic in 2031, with substantial completion of the approaches slated for 2033.

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WORKERS NEEDED: LEARN MORE AT EVENING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Construction starts this year on the new companion bridge and more workers are needed to support this important project. The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project team is kicking off a new round of evening workforce information sessions in May to connect community members with related job opportunities.

Upcoming sessions in both Ohio and Kentucky are open to anyone interested in learning more about jobs, union participation and other business opportunities tied to the project.

Upcoming Workforce Information Sessions

- May 5: Kenton County Library, Covington Branch | 502 Scott St., Covington, KY
- May 6: Longworth Hall | 700 W. Pete Rose Way, Ste. 127, Cincinnati, OH
- May 12: Campbell County Library, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch | 1000 Highland Ave., Fort Thomas, KY
- May 13: Longworth Hall | 700 W. Pete Rose Way, Ste. 127, Cincinnati, OH
- May 19: Campbell County Library, Newport Branch | 901 E 6th St., Newport, KY
- May 20: Longworth Hall | 700 W. Pete Rose Way, Ste. 127, Cincinnati, OH
- May 26: First Financial Bank | 601 Madison Ave., Covington, KY
- May 27: Longworth Hall | 700 W. Pete Rose Way, Ste. 127, Cincinnati, OH

Sessions are scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and include a project overview, workforce information and details on job opportunities, followed by Q&A. Wages start at \$30 per hour. Attendees are encouraged to [RSVP here](#).

For more information and future updates, visit BrentSpenceBridgeCorridor.com and follow the project on [X](#) and [Facebook](#).

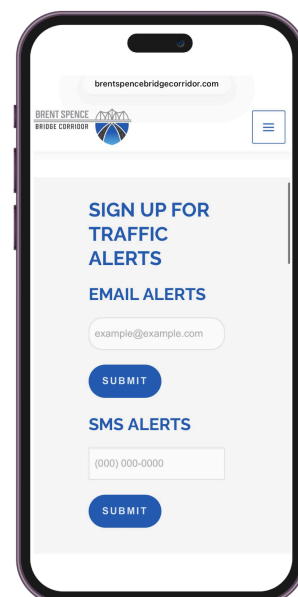
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- Traffic and detour notices
- Construction schedule information
- Milestones and progress updates

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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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