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Brent Spence Bridge Corridor July 31, 2026 eNewsletter

MAJOR MILESTONE UNLOCKED: FIRST CONCRETE POUR FOR NEW COMPANION BRIDGE

The Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project achieved a major milestone in July with the first concrete pour for the foundation of the new companion bridge. This marks the beginning of work on the permanent structures that will support the new bridge, signaling the transition from months of preparation to visible construction that the community will increasingly see taking shape above the Ohio River.

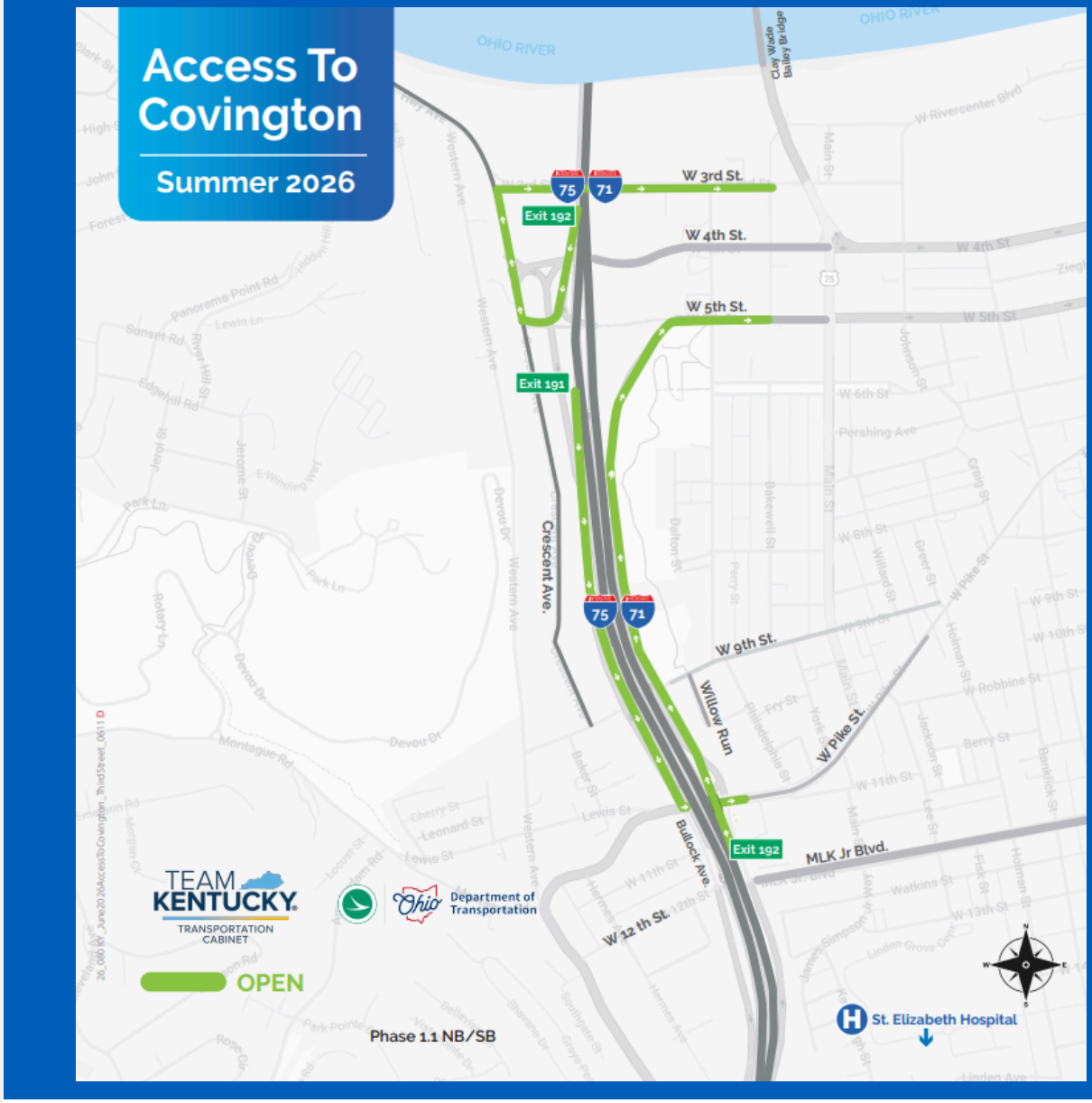
Crews celebrated the milestone with a longstanding construction tradition. The Walsh Group, one of the project's joint-venture partners, placed a **Miraculous Medal** in the concrete – a tradition dating back to the company's founding more than a century ago. The medal symbolizes protection and devotion to a project, serving as an inspiration for crews to complete every project safely.

With the foundation now underway, the companion bridge will begin to rise from the water. Stay tuned as more visible progress appears in the months ahead.

ODOT Construction Lead Scott LeBlanc and Walsh Kokosing Design-Build Manager Doug VanSlambrook place a Miraculous Medal in the freshly poured concrete.

THE CORRIDOR IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS – AND FOR FUN!

Late summer in Cincinnati and Covington is always chock-full of fun, festive events for the whole family. Whether you're cheering on FC Cincinnati, the Reds or the preseason Bengals, or you're planning to head out to Goettafest, Riverfest or any of the annual Oktoberfest celebrations coming up, you may be wondering the best way to get there. Check out the maps below to see just a few of the many routes you can take to get where you want to go.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Willow Run
W Pike St.
Bullock Ave.
MLK Jr Blvd.
W 12th St.
Exit 192
TEAM KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTATION CABINET
Ohio Department of Transportation
OPEN
Phase 1.1 NB/SB
St. Elizabeth Hospital

Be sure to **sign up** to receive email and text travel updates – and always check your favorite navigation app for the easiest route from your starting point to your destination.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGH SMALL BUSINESSES

Community involvement is essential to the success of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project, and the project team is working hard to stay connected to stakeholders thanks to engagement events at local small businesses. Thank you to **Birdie's Coffee Co**., **Mom 'n 'em Coffee** and **Element Eatery** for providing the space for jobseekers, small business owners and community members to meet the project team and learn about opportunities with the BSBC Project.

If you missed one of these events, be sure to follow the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project on **Facebook**, **X** and **Instagram** to keep up with the newest opportunities. Jobseekers can also visit the **Work With Us** page of the project website for resources on

how to work on the project. Whether you're a local business, a future jobseeker or just want to know more about the project, we're here to help you get involved.

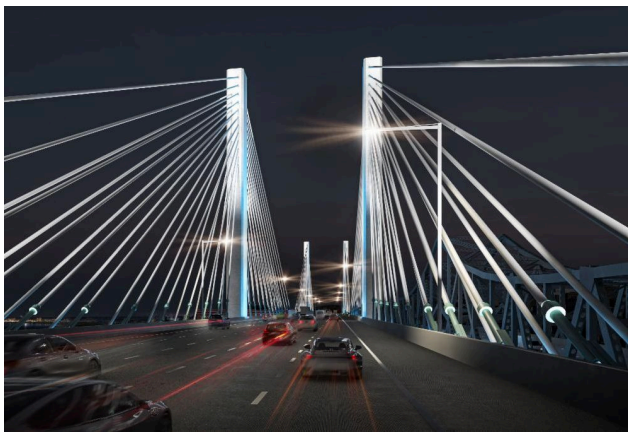
1961 Throwback: Steel in the River as the Reds Chased the Pennant

A Roy Ryan Sons Co. crane barge works the Ohio River on Sept. 7, 1961, driving steel sheet piling into position during construction of Pier No. 3 of what was then known as the Cincinnati-Covington Bridge, later named the Brent Spence Bridge. Photographed looking northwest from the Kentucky shore, the image, captured by Keller Studio for the City of Cincinnati Division of Engineering, shows a row of piling rising from the river, with the industrial Cincinnati waterfront visible in the background.

In bridge construction, interlocking steel sheet piles are driven into the riverbed to create a retaining wall that helps keep soil and water out of the work area. As the sheet piles are installed and tied together, they form an enclosed structure called a cofferdam, allowing crews to dewater the enclosure, excavate to the required depth and construct the bridge foundations.

While crews worked the river that Thursday, Cincinnati was gripped by pennant fever. The Reds had dropped a tough 11-5 decision to the St. Louis Cardinals the night before but were traveling home to Crosley Field for a crucial series. Under manager Fred Hutchinson, the club responded at home with three straight wins over St. Louis to stabilize their lead. Frank Robinson was closing out an MVP season, batting .323 with 37 home runs and 124 RBIs, while Vada Pinson led the league with 208 hits and a .343 average. That season, Joey Jay led the pitching staff with 21 wins.

The Reds won the National League pennant that fall, their first in 21 years. The bridge would open to traffic in late 1963.



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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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