

KYTC Projects with Relationship to the Brent Spence Bridge

Three independent projects with relationship to the Brent Spence Bridge are on-going, as follows:

KYTC Item 6-17: The preliminary engineering and environmental phase is complete for this project which examined how to improve the operational characteristics within the I-71/75 corridor for both local and through traffic. More specifically, the objectives of the 6-17 project are to improve traffic flow and level of service, improve safety, correct geometric deficiencies, and maintain connections to key regional and national transportation corridors. The “preferred alternative” selected as a result of the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of this project is “Alternative I”. This alternative begins just south of the Dixie Highway Interchange. A collector-distributor (C-D) roadway would be constructed along both sides of I-71/I-75 between the Dixie Highway and Kyles Lane Interchanges. A second C-D system would be constructed between Covington, KY and Cincinnati, OH for traffic exiting to and entering from the downtown destinations. A new double deck bridge would be built just west of the existing Brent Spence Bridge to carry: three lanes I-75 northbound, three lanes I-75 southbound, two lanes I-71 southbound and three lanes local southbound. The existing Brent Spence Bridge would be rehabilitated to carry two lanes for northbound I-71 and three lanes for northbound local traffic. These improvements would cost approximately \$2.6 billion; funding has not been identified. Currently, ODOT is leading an exploration of options to fund this project.

Additional project details can be found here: <http://www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com>.

Questions should be addressed to Rob Hans, Chief District Engineer, KYTC Highway District 6, Robert.Hans@ky.gov

KYTC Item 6-17.04, 6-17.09, and 6-17.10: In the summer of 2016, KYTC initiated a project that will result in repairs and maintenance improvements to the Brent Spence Bridge, including deck overlay, structural steel repair, and painting. This approximately \$47 million project, to be funded by Kentucky and Ohio, is expected to be implemented in phases over the next few years. Address questions to Andy Barber, KYTC Assistant State Highway Engineer, Andy.Barber@ky.gov

KYTC Item 6-431: KYTC is conducting a study, to be completed within 12 months of start, to examine all options to relieve traffic in the Brent Spence corridor, including the consideration of traffic management strategies and an eastern bypass of Cincinnati. In July 2016 KYTC solicited proposals for consultant engineering services to assist with the study. Address questions to Amanda Spencer, KYTC Program Management, Amanda.Spencer@ky.gov