



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project

CUF Meeting Summary

November 15, 2022

Introduction

The CUF meeting was held on November 15, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The meeting was held at Hughes STEM High School located at 2515 Clifton Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was publicized through various CUF neighborhood resources including: webpage, Facebook, the November newsletter, and via an announcement at a prior neighborhood meeting (see Attachment 1). Attendees at the meeting included the City of Cincinnati, the project team, members of the CUF Neighborhood Association, and members of the public. In total, 40 people attended the meeting, including ten individuals from the City and the project team (see Attachment 2). Photographs are included in Attachment 3.

The meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting of the CUF Community Council with members attending both in-person and remotely. Members of the Community Council and other groups gave various presentations and updates. During that time, ODOT gave a formal presentation about the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project (see Attachment 4). After the meeting, those present viewed project exhibits, and the project team responded to questions and comments on a one-on-one basis.

Exhibits showing the renderings of Findlay Street, Ezzard Charles Drive, an aerial near Ezzard Charles Drive, and a view of the bridges from Kentucky were available for viewing before and after the meeting (see Attachment 5). Written comment forms, a demographic survey, and postcard inviting individuals to visit [PublicInput.com/bsbc](https://www.PublicInput.com/bsbc) to review project materials and offer additional feedback were also provided. No comment forms or demographic surveys were returned at the meeting.

Comments

Summary of comments/questions received during presentation:

- Will there be bike lanes and/or pedestrian facilities over the river?
 - No, the scope of the project does not include these facilities on either bridge. The Clay-Wade Bailey Bridge is the designated bicycle crossing over the Ohio River.

Questions asked one-on-one after the meeting included:

- Various questions about local street and ramp alignments and connections to the interstate.
- How the project will be constructed?
- How the project will be funded?
- Various questions about where right-of-way will be required and if those property owners have been resistant.
- Various questions about the aesthetics of the streets and ramps once the project is constructed.
- How debris on the interstate will be handled.


All questions asked during the presentation and after the formal meeting were answered by the project team, and no opposition to the project was expressed.

No comment sheets or demographic surveys were returned at the meeting; however, comments may be submitted via www.PublicInput.com/bsbc through January 5, 2023. All written comments will be documented in the project public comment and response summary. All comments and responses will be posted to the project website in January 2023. Individuals who provide contact information will be notified when the comments and responses are made publicly available.



Attachment 1: Advertising Materials

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CUFNA General Membership Meeting

When **11/15/2022**
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location Hughes High School



Hybrid Virtual / In Person Meeting - A link to the virtual meeting will be provided to those on our mailing list. If you would like to be added, please send us a request by going to our contact page.

If attending in person, the meeting will be at Hughes High School on the first floor toward the back of the building. Enter at the main entrance. Signs on the door and a CUFNA member will direct you when you walk through the main entrance.


Note: Representatives from the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project will be presenting at the November General Meeting to share updates and get feedback.

CUF Neighborhood Association is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, 2364 McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214.

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Intro


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CUF Neighborhood Association

October 27 at 11:55 AM · 

Members of the Brent Spence Bridge Project will be at the next CUFNA general meeting on November 15th.



You're Invited

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) are conducting a series of [neighborhood outreach meetings](#) for the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project.

Purpose: To share updates on the BSB Corridor Project and to offer residents in surrounding neighborhoods the opportunity to share feedback with the Project Team.


When: November 15, 2022 | 7:00pm
(During the regular meeting for the CUF Neighborhood Association)


Where: Hughes STEM High School
2515 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219


Hope to see you there!

If you need assistance attending this meeting, please call Keith Smith at [513.932.6500](tel:513.932.6500).

View the most recent project newsletter at the following link:
<https://mitchell.mq/see/2022/11/04/brms-spmc-a-bridge-a-community>

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CUF Neighborhood Association Facebook Page

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Posting an ODOT survey regarding Brent-Spence / I-75 project.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please scan the code to leave your feedback or visit: PublicInput.com/bsbc






Fueled by bipartisan cooperation and community engagement, the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project will invest in local communities and help grow America's economy. Spanning eight miles between the Western Hills Viaduct in Ohio and Dixie Highway in Kentucky, the project will improve safety and travel on an interstate connection that carries more than \$700 billion worth of freight every year.

In addition, the project will improve access to the central business districts of Cincinnati.

BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR PROJECT

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Seth Turner

From: Jack Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:51 PM
To: Sherry Kish
Cc: Seth Turner; Jodi Heflin
Subject: Re: Brent Spence Bridge Presentation on November 15th

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Sherry, Seth -

We can get some notice out before the 1st, if you can provide us with the basic info, and what you are looking for.

Thanks! - Jack

Media Outlet	Description	Can do this (mark with an X)	Completed? (Please provide date completed for Federal tracking.)
Prior Meeting Notice	Can you share BSB as an upcoming topic at a previous neighborhood meeting?	X	We can put a notice on our website.
Email list	Can you email a neighborhoodwide or citywide email list with information about BSB presentation at the upcoming meeting?	X	We would like to have a brief description and before and after drawings.
Facebook (private to neighborhood)	Can you share a Facebook message about BSB presentation?	X	"
Post a sign at the local coffeehouse or gathering place	Is there a special place in your neighborhood where everyone would see this message?	Probably wouldn't be effective.	
Share with a school PTO/PTA	Is there an elementary school with an active PTO/PTA that might be willing to share this message?	Probably wouldn't be affective.	
Other	Is there another outlet you have available to get the word out? -	-	-
Do you need assistance from us with advertising?	Do you need the meeting information as an email or flyer?	Yes	PDF description and before and after drawings.

On Tue, Oct 25, 2022 at 3:37 PM Sherry Kish [REDACTED] wrote:

Jack,

Thank you so much for adding us to your agenda for your November CUF Neighborhood meeting for the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) project team to share information about the project and create a community conversation where your residents can share their questions and comments on the upcoming project. To ensure that all of your residents know about this opportunity, we wanted to walk through what options you have available for marketing the meeting and whether you need assistance in getting the word out. Below is a table with a list of ideas of how to communicate the opportunity – many of these come from the neighborhood representatives we are working with on these meetings. If you would be kind enough to let us know what capabilities you have and what assistance you might need, we can be helpful bolstering your existing outreach.

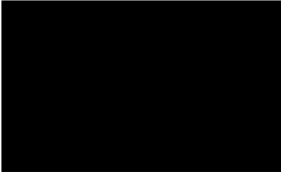
Our goal is to be sure all notifications about meeting opportunity are sent out a minimum of 14 days, preferably sooner, before each meeting.

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As we move forward towards the meeting, Seth Turner (copied here) will be your point of contact for outreach assistance. He has been helping on broader outreach efforts for BSB so we wanted to bring him in to assist on our neighborhood specific meetings.

Thanks!
Sherry

Sherry R. Kish



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Jack Martin





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Newsletter

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November, 2022

Next monthly meeting: November 15, 2022, hybrid format, 7 p.m.
Google Meet and In-Person at Hughes High School, 1st floor

CUF Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Meeting Commenced on Tuesday, October 18,
2022 at 7:01pm

Safety Update:

CPD District 5:

Officer Shawn Dent shared the crime statistics.
He also reported that:

- There is a nationwide increase in auto thefts of Hyundais and Kias, and Cincinnati is affected. The District 3 sergeant received a grant for a limited number of steering wheel locks.
- CPD is still following up on the large parties, which occurred on Flora St. and Rohs St.
- To increase pedestrian safety in the area, police cars have been parked at key intersections during peak hours to encourage vehicles to be vigilant. They are also working to educate students on pedestrian safety.
- There is a residential street calming program, which residents and neighborhoods can apply for. Eligible streets are assessed using a comprehensive point system. If at least 50% of residents on an eligible street sign a petition, then the city will conduct additional assessments and determine next steps.
- There will be a city-wide traffic blitz: police will be doing a speed assessment in areas of concern; if it's determined that the area has a speeding problem, then police can look into targeting specific areas.
- A number of residents expressed concerns about parking violations in the area. If there are parking issues that require enforcement, call and report it.

UC Police:

Jim Vestring reported that:

- Per the MOU, UCPD is not permitted to make traffic stops, however, UCPD has implemented high visibility patrols at designated intersections to assist with pedestrian safety during peak

hours.

- There are also event signs placed near key intersections that alert motorists that they are entering a pedestrian area. They will be installing three additional signs.
- DOTE will place paddles at MLK and Jefferson.
- DOTE has also been given a grant to help increase pedestrian safety in the area. The funds will be available in 2023 for installation in 2024.
- On 10/28/2022 there will be a Kane Brown charity concert at Fifth Third Arena.
- There are three upcoming football home games: 11/05/2022 vs. Navy (Game Time TBA); 11/11/2022 vs. East Carolina at 8:00 pm, and a senior night on 11/25/2022 at either 12:00pm or 3:30pm vs., Tulane
- Basketball Season starts on 11/07/2022. There are also games on 11/10/2022 vs. Cleveland State and 11/13/2022 vs. EKU.

Guests:

Emma Daniel, UC Student and Co-President of Clean Up Cincy: Emma is in Rob Hyland's environmental studies class and is working on a complete streets design survey for an undergraduate research project. The survey is about the Clifton Ave. corridor from MLK to McMillan St. Anyone who uses the street is eligible to complete the survey. Emma provided flyers with a QR code, and sent the QR code and a link to Jack Martin to distribute.

District at Clifton Heights Update:

Mark Becher reported that they are making progress on block A1 at Stratford Ave. and Straight St. The majority of the streetscaping is complete for the time being and they are working to move the utilities below ground. They are also working on pouring the concrete columns and slabs for the foundation.

Tim Westley reported that the permit for the foundation of the hotel at the northwest corner of Clifton Ave and Straight St. has been approved and they have equipment onsite. It is on a 22-month schedule with the completion

date set for June of 2024. They will bump out the fencing to the parking line, and all construction activities will occur inside of the fence.

Mary Kate Genis, League of Women Voters: Mary Kate provided copies of the LWV non-partisan voter guide and reviewed the key issues on the ballot for November's election. Additional copies of the voter guide are available at the public library, or the information can be accessed at <https://www.vote411.org/>

Graham Beck, Assistant Location Manager of Stoplight Pictures, Inc.: Graham reported that they will be filming a movie called The Bikeriders in and around the Cincinnati Area. On Monday, 10/24/2022 they will be filming on W. McMicken Ave. between Brighton and Ravine Street from 7:00am to 5:00 pm. The scene involves multiple motorcycles. Graham provided flyers with contact information for anyone who wanted to reach out with any additional comments or concerns.

Old Business / Reports/Announcements:

- Treasurer's Report: Linda Ziegler reported that CUFNA has received funds from the concession sales at the Bellevue Park events.
- Street Party Meeting Between City, UC, and CUFNA: Jack Martin reported that they are working on setting up a meeting, but it has been delayed due to the pedestrian safety issues in the area.
- Pedestrian Safety Meeting Between UC, UCPD, City, and Neighborhoods: Jack Martin reported that this meeting is pending.
- CRC-Clifton Recreation Center: Not Present
- LSDMC / CPS:
- CANS:

Tracy Schwetschenau reported that:

- CANS had its first LSDMC in-person meeting last month, and it was a joint meeting with the PTO.
- On 11/15/2022 from 11:00 am—2:00 pm there will be an up-for-grabs-day at the community pantry. They are looking for donations including gently used clothing, hats, gloves, toiletries and household cleaning items.
- Julia Bonfield reported that the state-issued report cards are complete, and CANS is at or above state recommendations in every category.

- Hughes HS: Lyn Martin reported that:
- Hughes is collecting old sneakers for a fundraiser. If anyone has sneakers that they wish to donate, they can either bring them to the next general meeting or drop them off at the school.
- The Blink display was a collaboration between Hughes and the University of Cincinnati.

- CHCURC (Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation):
- Chip Kussmaul reported that Block 1 is active again and they will be interviewing three potential architects for the site as part of an RFQ.
- Brenden Regan provided an update on the housing initiative.
- NOU (Neighborhoods of Uptown): No updates at this time.
- Gateway Lofts: Jack Martin reported that they have obtained the building permits.
- Hallmar / Fountain Development (Central Parkway and Marshall): Jack Martin reported that there will be a public staff conference on 10/24/2022.
- CUFNA IT: Mary Singler reported that the new website and membership system are both up and running. There is now a members only page with resources from general meetings, and membership dues can be paid online. There is also an email notification system, which is set to be activated the week of the 23rd. If there are any members that have trouble logging in, please reach out to Mary.
- CBRs (Community Budget Requests): Jack Martin reported that the requests have been submitted but that he doesn't expect to hear anything back until after the 1st of the year.
- KCB (Keep Cincinnati Beautiful): Maureen France reported that they are in the process of spending the grant money on the new community garden and the solar power lighted stop signs. There has also recently been a huge clean-up event from KCB with the help of volunteers from Greek Life at the University of Cincinnati, and Clean-Up Cincy.
- METRO BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) Plan: Jack Martin reported that there is a last chance meeting on 10/19/2022 from 4:30pm—6:30pm at the Clifton United Methodist Church located at 3416 Clifton Avenue.
- Hazardous Household Products Drop Off Event: Jack Martin reported that there will be a Hazardous Households Drop-Off event on 10/21/2022 and 10/22/2022. Registration is required. Anyone interested can visit <https://www.hamiltoncounty3source.org/> for more information.
- 2023 Green Cincinnati Plan: Jack Martin reported that there is an ongoing focus group for Green Cincinnati. Anyone who is interested can Google it to obtain additional information.
- GoVibrant Million Steps Challenge: Lyn Martin reported that CUF came in second place.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:27 pm.

Minutes taken by: Andrea Schwallie

CUF Neighborhood Association Financial Report: October., 2022

Balance on: 9-30-2022 \$6,996.33

Income:	Amount:
Dues	10.00
Dues	10.00
Dues	10.00
Dues	10.00
Dues	10.00
Dues	20.00
Square Bellevue party	125.90
Square Bellevue party	561.83
Square Bellevue party	335.00
Square Bellevue party	45.88
Square Bellevue party	51.30
Tower fund loan, Garden	26,500.00
Tower fund loan, solar sign	12,500.00

Total Income: + \$40,189.91

Expenses:	
Wild Apricot fee	1.71
Detmer survey, KCB	875.00
Hater, Bellevue party	66.83
Ohio Valley Wine	177.54
Esoteric Brewing	201.42
Genesis Events	350.00
GCWW	10.41
Northside Bank VISA	591.40
Esoteric Brewing	204.62
Ohio Valley Wine	118.36

Total Expenses: - \$2,597.29

Balance on: 10-31-2022 \$44,588.95



Uptown Consortium, Inc.

Uptown Consortium, Inc. (UCI) received \$45 million in New Markets Tax Credits, which it will use to spur development in transformational projects in Uptown Cincinnati.

UCI was one of five Ohio entities to receive Federal New Markets Tax Credits (NMTCs), among 107 across the U.S., and the only community development organization in Cincinnati to be awarded.

NMTCs are designed to incentivize investment in low-income communities by attracting the private investment necessary to reinvigorate these areas.

The NMTC tool has been of immense value to UCI in advancing its mission to revitalize Uptown Cincinnati. Before this recent (and third) NMTC award, UCI has been awarded \$130 million in NMTCs since 2009 and, in partnership with the Cincinnati Development Fund, managed an additional \$52 million allocation as part of the Uptown Cincinnati Development Fund (UCDF). Some previous UCI NMTC projects include Digital Futures, UC Gardner Neuroscience Institute, Avondale Town Center, USquare @ the Loop and the Corryville Kroger.



Burnett Woods service

Preserve Burnett Woods
Honeysuckle removal.



Date: Saturday, Nov 12, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Preserve Burnett Woods HABITAT HEROES for Saturday work days for in the coming fall! The work days will focus on honeysuckle eradication.

Additional future dates:
November 19, December 3 and December 10.

To volunteer, [click here](#).

Bridge presentation

Shelly Kish, with NTHB (engineering consultant), will be presenting the Brent Spence Bridge project at the November 15 CUF Neighborhood Association general meeting (7pm). The presentation is in accordance with the Federal Environmental Justice requirements.



concept designs

Old CUF

A photograph taken by the Cincinnati Highway Dept. in 1922 of Clemmer Avenue and Valley View Court shows the area before a number of houses had been built. McMillan Street had not yet been extended down to Central Parkway. Clemmer now meets McMillan where a Model T Ford is parked. A recent photo below shows the same three houses.



photo source: University of Cincinnati Libraries, Digital Resource Commons

DISCUSS THE BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING AT UC

\$10 AMAZON GIFT CARD INCLUDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS



Whether you are a student or non-student resident, for just 60-90 minutes, participate in a focus group discussion regarding the current state of housing near the University of Cincinnati. If you live in the CUF, Mt. Auburn, and Corryville neighborhoods, come discuss the social, cultural, physical, and economic benefits and challenges related to housing, as well as a two-part map exercise in which such discussions are visually brought to life.

All participants are provided with a \$10 Amazon Gift Card at the completion of the focus group discussion.

**If you are interested in participating, contact me at:
becker13@miamioh.edu
513-601-4923**



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CUF membership

Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the

Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office.

Annual CUF dues are \$10.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 1st floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, CHCURC office meeting room.
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 1st floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue.



CUF Neighborhood Association

2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

Membership fee: \$10.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

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Attachment 2: Sign-In Sheets



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DATE _____

Please print

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE or EMAIL	RESIDENT or ORGANIZATION
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1. Phillip Ploue BBF [REDACTED]

2. John Stok [REDACTED]

3. Stefan Spinos [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ~~org.~~

4. Kathleen Tucker [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

5. Tommy Arnold " [REDACTED] oDOT

6. MARK JAMBACH [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RES

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE or EMAIL	RESIDENT or ORGANIZATION
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1. Kathleen Smith ODOT D9 [REDACTED] ODOT
2. Nolan Morigold [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Morigold Studios
3. Frank Cassidy [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Morigold Studios
4. Marcus Brown [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Resident
5. Stacey Hans KYTC District 6 [REDACTED] KYTC
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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE or EMAIL	RESIDENT or ORGANIZATION
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1. RACHEL WELLS

2. NATHAN HESS

3. Andrea Schwabke

4. Phillip Lane

5. Russell Heuber Crawford Hgwy

6. Mk Lindsey Crawford Hgwy

7. Chris Donahue Resident

8. Bill Shefalk City of Cincinnati

Resident

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE or EMAIL	RESIDENT or ORGANIZATION
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1. Mark Bickel Trinitas [Redacted]

2. Aaron Bantels Trinitas [Redacted]

3. Justin Pappachan [Redacted] UC Student Govt

4. Linda Ziegler [Redacted]

5. Chip Kussnerl [Redacted] Pres. City Council

6. Wisula Miller [Redacted]

7. _____

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Online

DATE Nov 11, 2022

Please print

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE or EMAIL	RESIDENT or ORGANIZATION
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1. Shawn Dent
2. Kelly G
3. Caythia Duval
4. Jennifer Martin
5. Tracy Schwetschenau
6. Michael Brunnemann (Megan)
7. Craig Lloyd
8. Julie Murray
9. Nick DenGinger
10. Jason Kravine
11. Robert Neel
12. Suzanne Summer
13. Keith De Graen
14. Dina Craeger
15. Jodi Heffin
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Attachment 3: Photographs

CUF Neighborhood Meeting

November 15, 2022



Photograph 1. CUF Neighborhood Meeting held on November 15, 2022.



Photograph 2. CUF Neighborhood Meeting held on November 15, 2022.

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Photograph 3. CUF Neighborhood Meeting held on November 15, 2022.



Photograph 4. CUF Neighborhood Meeting held on November 15, 2022.

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Photograph 5. CUF Neighborhood Meeting held on November 15, 2022.



Attachment 4: Presentation

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CUF Neighborhood Meeting (OH)

November 15, 2022



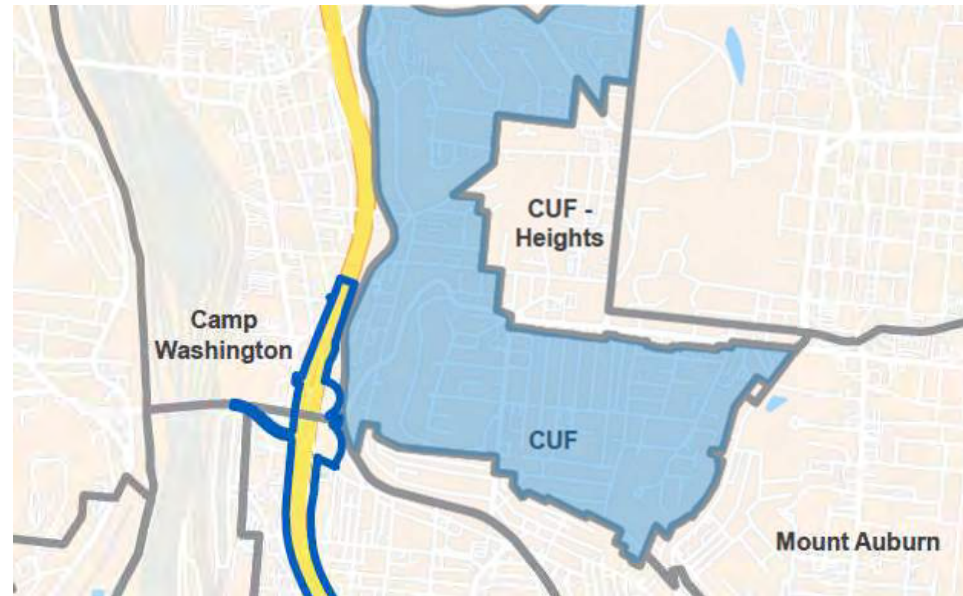
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The meeting will open with remarks by the City of Cincinnati (5 min) and introductions of the Project Team in attendance (2 min).

Welcome

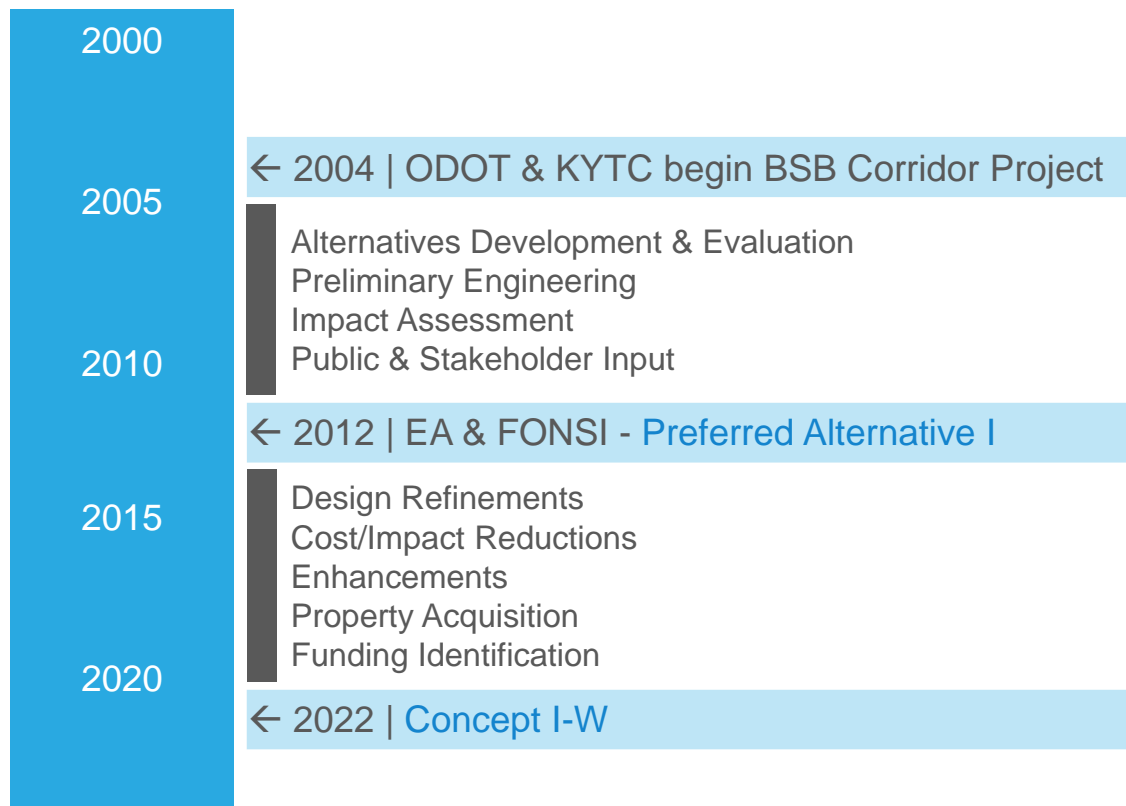
- Meeting purpose
 - Share updates on the Brent Spence Bridge (BSB) Corridor Project
 - Offer residents in the CUF neighborhood the opportunity to share feedback with the Project Team
- Agenda
 - General project overview
 - Project specifics in the CUF area
 - Discussion/feedback from CUF residents



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The reason we're here tonight is to give a brief overview of the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project both for those of you who aren't familiar with the project and for those of you who have been following the progress over the past decade. We're also here to give specific details about what the project will look like in and near the CUF neighborhood. Most importantly, tonight we're focusing on hearing from the residents of CUF. We're here to answer your questions and to listen to your feedback about the project.

Project History



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For those of you who haven't been following the project for the last 15 years, let's go over a quick history.

In 2004, ODOT and KYTC formally began studying ways to improve 7.8 miles of I-71 and I-75 in Kentucky and Ohio. In Ohio, that includes I-75 from the Brent Spence Bridge to just north of the Western Hills Viaduct. Through a series of preliminary engineering and planning studies, we developed several potential alternatives for improving the corridor. We completed preliminary engineering and evaluated the impacts of each alternative. We also held several public meetings to gather feedback on the alternatives. The whole process led to the development of an Environmental Assessment (which is abbreviated "EA" on this slide) that compared the benefits and impacts of the alternatives and recommended one alternative – called the preferred alternative - to move forward into detailed design and construction. After reviewing the EA and gathering more feedback through public hearings, the Federal Highway Administration issued a decision called a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (also called a FONSI, as shown on this slide), which marked the formal approval the project and allowed the preferred alternative – Alternative I – to move into the next stages of design.

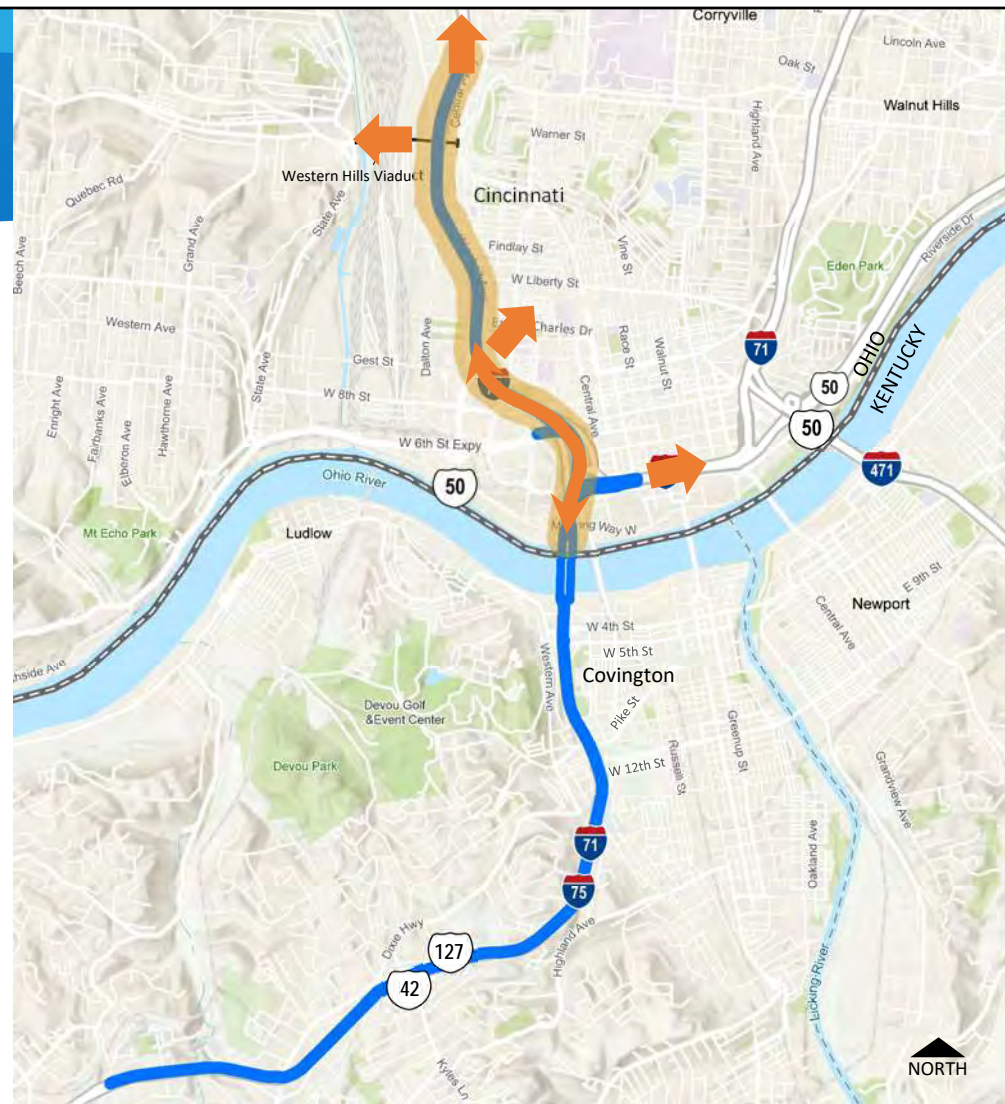
Since the approval of the FONSI in 2012, ODOT has been studying ways to improve the design, simplify the construction, reduce costs, reduce impacts, and incorporate additional enhancements into the project. These studies resulted in several refinements to Preferred Alternative I, which we are referring to as "Concept I-W" and what we will be presenting to you tonight.

Also since 2012, ODOT has purchased most of the land needed to build the project. In addition, we've begun detailed design from Linn Street to the northern project limits.

Project Description

Ohio

- Widen I-75
- Rebuild all overpass bridges and interchanges
- Build a collector-distributor system
- Tie into Mill Creek Expressway-Hopple Street Interchange project
- Tie into the Western Hills Viaduct project
- Add a northbound exit to Ezzard Charles Drive
- Connect to I-71 and US-50E



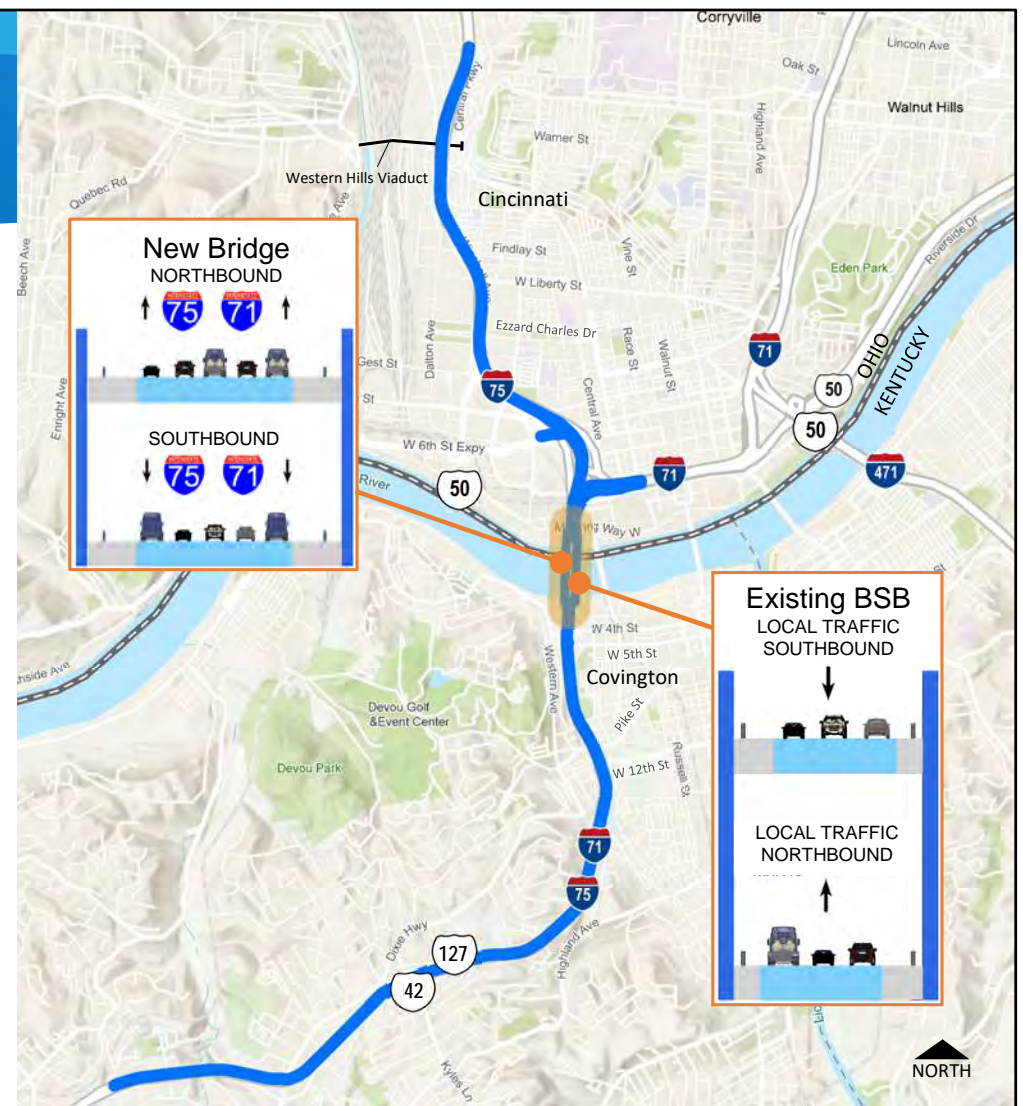
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In Ohio, the project will add one lane in each direction to I-75, remove left exits, and rebuild all bridges and interchanges. (#) Beginning near Ezzard Charles Drive, a collector-distributor system will be added to connect I-75 traffic to and from the local street network and US-50 West. (#) In the north, it will tie into the recently completed Mill Creek Expressway-Hopple Street Interchange project. (#) The project will rebuild the I-75 interchange at the Western Hills Viaduct and tie into the new bridge replacement project being developed by the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. (#) A new northbound exit will be built at Ezzard Charles Drive to improve access to Union Terminal, TQL Stadium, and Over-the-Rhine. Lastly, it will connect to I-71 and US-50 East.

Project Description

Brent Spence Bridge

- New double-decker companion bridge
 - 5 lanes each deck
 - Carry through (interstate) traffic
- Rehabilitate and reconfigure existing bridge
 - Three lanes each deck
 - Increased inside/outside shoulders
 - Carry local traffic



Note: Bridge details will come in with click (marked by #).

Let's move south to the Brent Spence bridge crossing. The project will build a new double decker companion bridge with five lanes on each deck west of the existing BSB. The new bridge will carry through (interstate) traffic. (#)

The existing double-decker Brent Spence bridge will be rehabilitated and reconfigured to reduce the number of lanes on each deck from four to three and increase inside and outside shoulder widths. The existing bridge will carry local traffic only.

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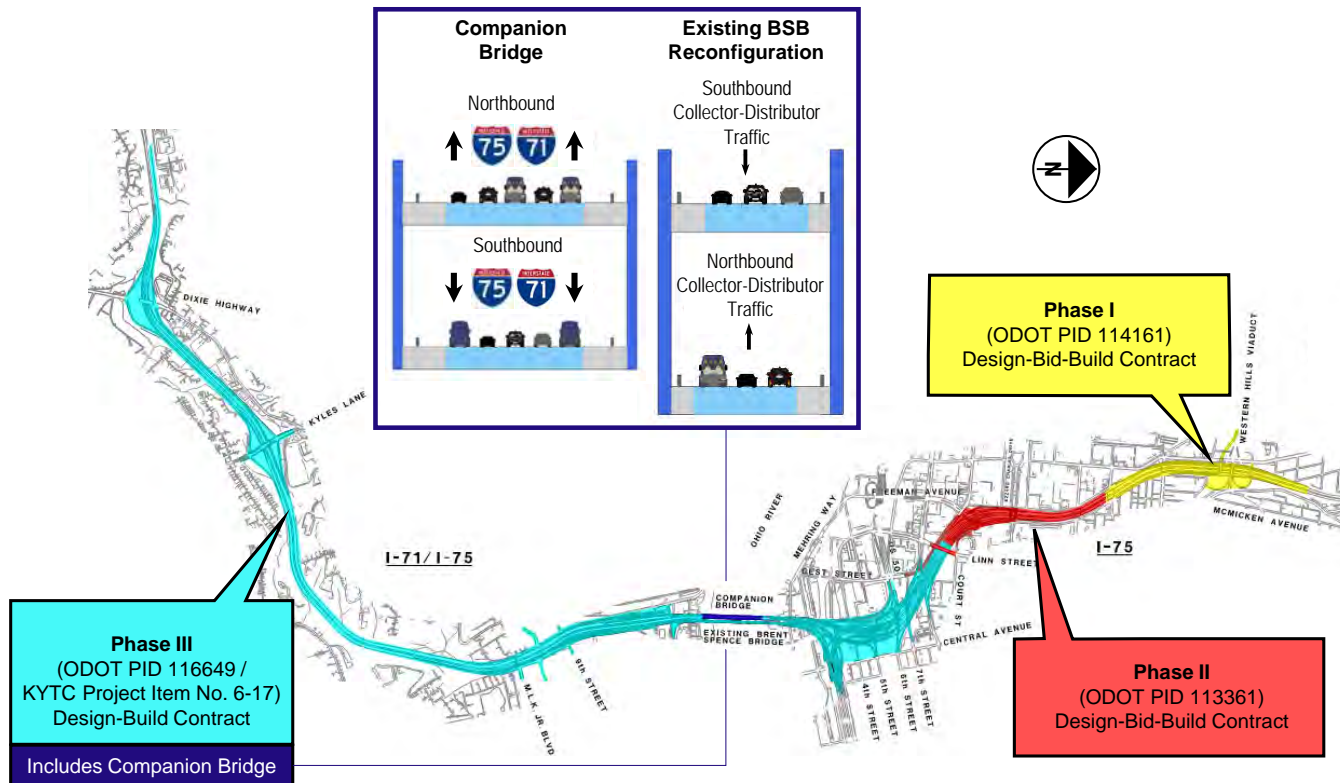
Kentucky

- Widen I-71/I-75
- Rebuild all overpass bridges and interchanges
- Extend frontage roads in Covington
- Construct collector-distributor systems in Covington and Ft. Mitchell/Ft. Wright



In Kentucky, the project will widen I-71 and I-75 and rebuild all overpass bridges and interchanges. The project will also extend existing frontage roads to improve connectivity in Covington. A collector-distributor system will also be built beginning in Covington to connect interstate traffic to and from the local street network. Lastly, collector-distributor ramps will be built in Fort Mitchell and Fort Wright to reduce the need for traffic to weave between ramps and the through lanes on the interstate.

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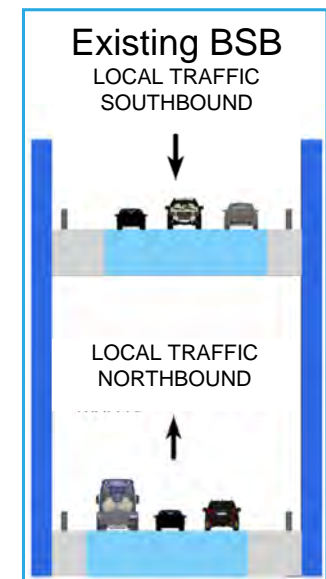
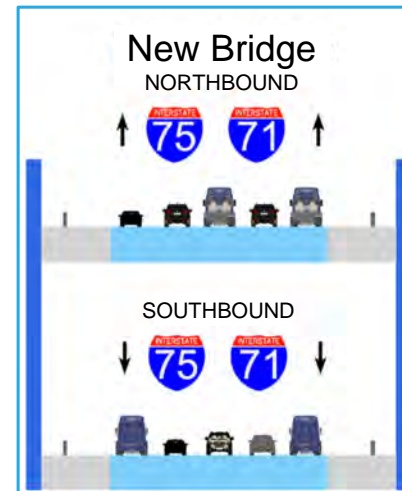


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The project is going to be built in three phases. Phase I (shown in yellow) will stretch from Findlay Street to the north. Phase II (shown in red) will stretch from Linn Street to Findlay Street. Phase III (shown in blue) will build everything else, including the new companion bridge. Phase I, which is closest to CUF is currently under design with construction expected to begin in 2028. The construction time frame may adjust based on on-going coordination with the City's Western Hills Viaduct Project.

What Has Changed?

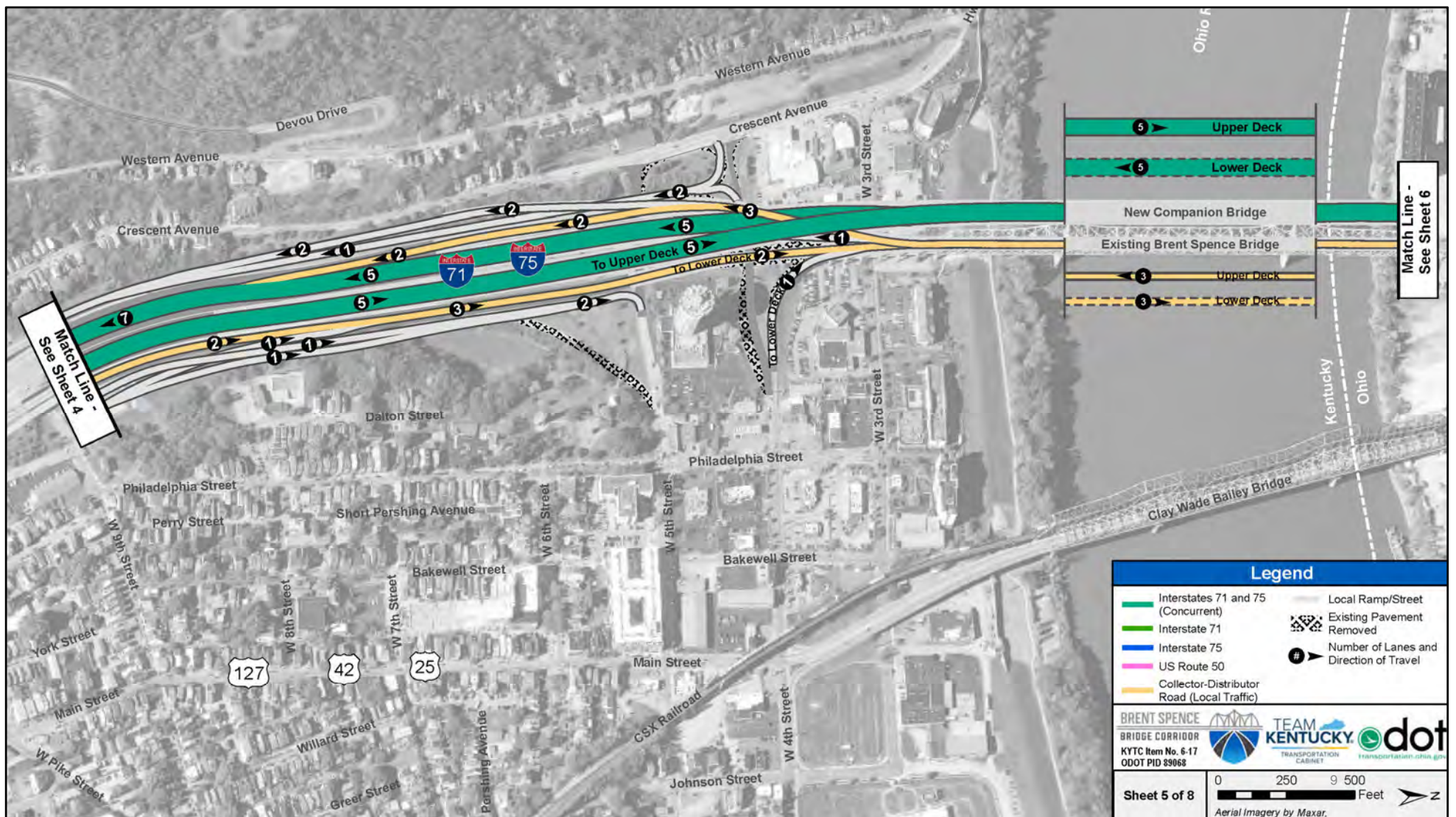
- Reconfigured how traffic travels across the Ohio River
 - Companion bridge carries through (interstate) traffic
 - Existing bridge carries local traffic
 - All northbound and southbound traffic on one deck
 - Width of companion bridge substantially reduced



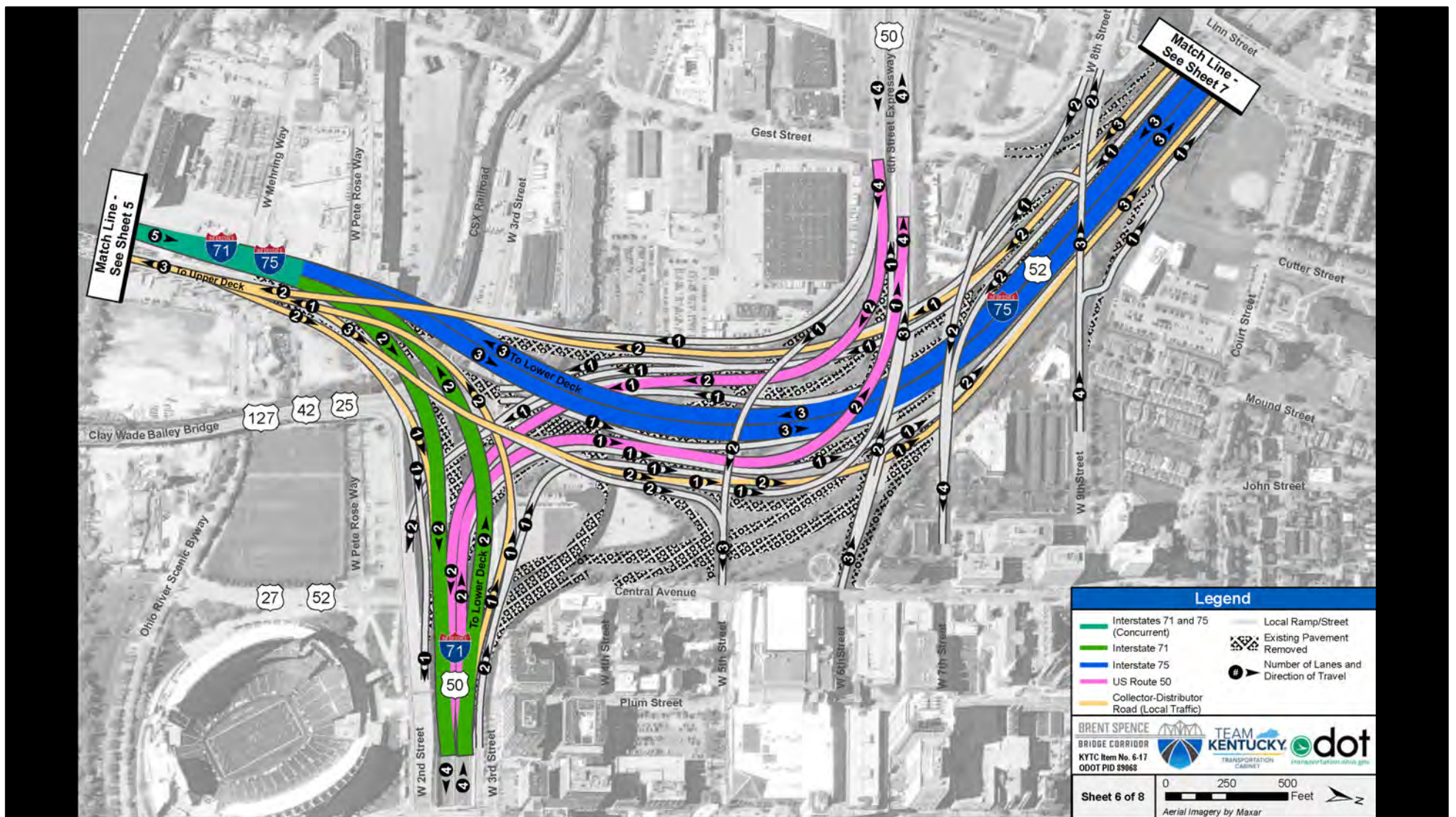
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As mentioned earlier, since the 2012 EA and FONSI, ODOT has been studying ways to improve the design, simplify the construction, reduce costs, reduce impacts, and incorporate additional enhancements. One of the biggest changes is how traffic will travel across the Ohio River. The Preferred Alternative identified in 2012 mixed local and interstate traffic on both bridges. The 2012 design also placed northbound and southbound traffic on the same bridge decks, which required additional width for a median to safely separate opposing traffic.

Concept I-W carries all interstate traffic on the new companion bridge and all local traffic on the existing Brent Spence Bridge. In addition, all northbound and southbound traffic is grouped on their own bridge decks. As a result, the width of the companion bridge was reduced from 172 feet to 107 feet, substantially reducing the cost of the bridge. This configuration will also improve traffic flow and safety by separating through and local traffic.



This slide shows how traffic will move across the Ohio River. Interstate traffic (shown in green) will use the companion bridge and stay on the interstate corridor to travel through Covington and Cincinnati. Local traffic will use ramps and the collector-distributor system to travel to destinations in Cincinnati and Covington.



This slide shows how traffic will through Cincinnati. The blue lines show how I-75 traffic will travel to and from the companion bridge. The green lines show how traffic will on I-71 will be routed to and from the companion bridge. The orange lines show the collector-distributor system that will funnel traffic to and from local roadways and ramps. The grey lines show ramps connecting directly to local streets. Finally, the pink lines show how traffic will flow on US 50.

Other changes since 2012 include reducing shoulder widths on I-71, I-75, and collector-distributor roads to 10 feet to match current design standards. Previous design standards were 12 feet.

In addition, the design speeds on I-71, I-75, and the collector-distributor roads were adjusted to match the posted speed limits – which is 55mph for the interstate and 45 mph for the collector-distributor roads. This is 5 mph less than the 2012 design and allows us to reduce the overall area needed to build the roadways. We also reduced the number of lanes on some of the frontage roads in Kentucky.



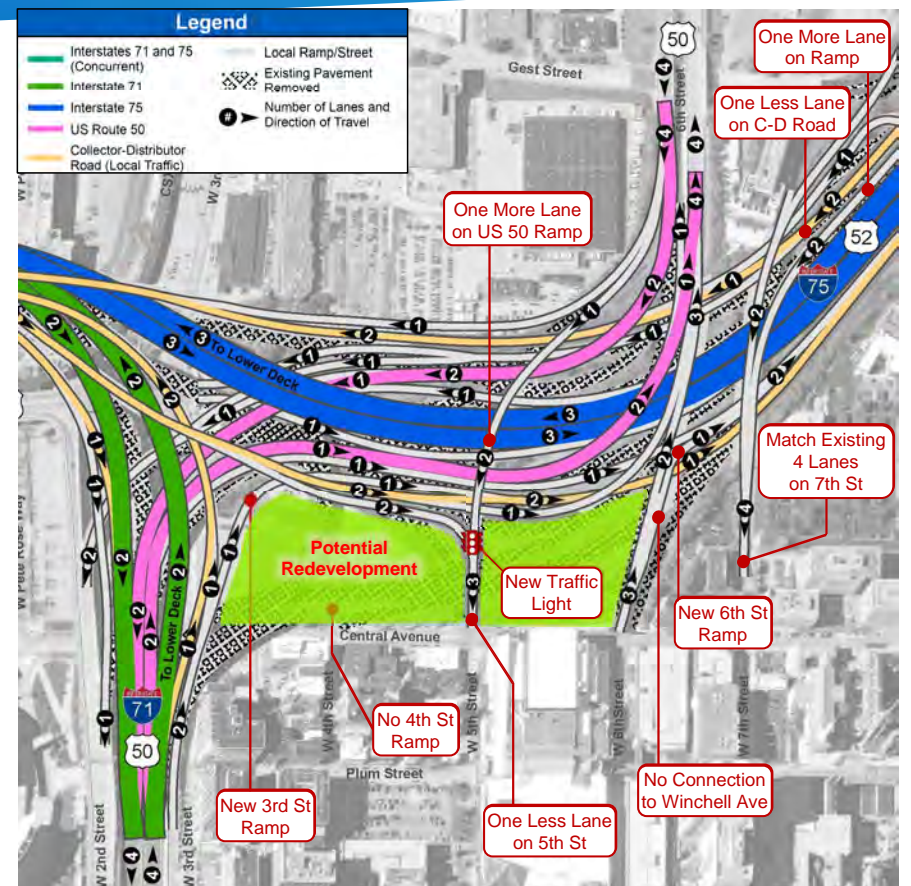
This drawing shows what the new companion bridge and the existing Brent Spence Bridge might look like after the project is built. Please note that the final design of the companion bridge will not be complete for a few years. It is possible it could be a cable-stayed design.

What Has Changed?

- Reconfigured Downtown Cincinnati Ramps

Additional changes evaluated

- Depressing I-75 and extending downtown streets to form an urban street grid
 - Cannot meet current design criteria
 - Safety concerns due to steep grades
 - Increased project footprint
 - Continuity along US 50 not maintained
 - Increase traffic in Covington



Note: Click to walk through ramp changes (marked by #) | Another change is the layout of the ramps in Downtown Cincinnati. First, ODOT optimized the interchange layout to use land formerly occupied by the Dunnhumby building. More recently, the City asked ODOT to evaluate ramp changes to open up additional land for redevelopment. (#) Based on the City's request, the 4th street ramp to NB I-75 was removed. (#) To provide access for traffic that would have used 4th Street, a new entrance ramp to NB I-75 was added to 3rd Street. (#) The SB exit to 5th Street was removed, which also resulted in fewer lanes on the SB collector-distributor road and at the Central Avenue intersection. The 7th Street exit was also widened to provide additional lanes for traffic that would have used the 5th Street exit. (#) The NB exit to 5th Street was moved closer to the highway to intersect the US 50 ramp at a traffic light, and one more lane was added to the US 50 ramp to make sure all traffic could move smoothly through the light. (#) The 6th Street connection to Winchell Avenue was removed and replaced with a new connection between 6th Street and the NB collector-distributor road. (#) All these changes will open up about 9.5 acres of land for redevelopment, which has been a consistent comment we've been hearing from the public in the last several months.

ODOT has also received several comments about depressing I-75 through downtown Cincinnati and extending downtown streets to form an urban street grid similar to Fort Washington Way. Because I-75 first passes over the railroad, it would have to descend at very steep grades (around 8%) in order to be depressed through downtown. This doesn't meet current design standards which state the maximum grade must be 5%. In addition, such steep grades would introduce safety concerns, particularly given the large number of trucks that travel on I-75. Since I-75 cannot be lowered, local streets would need to be raised to form an urban street grid across I-75, which would increase the project footprint. Finally, building an urban street grid would require starting and ending US 50 on either side of I-75. Moving all local traffic to an urban street grid as opposed to the collector-distributor system currently included in Concept I-W would also substantially increase traffic on the local streets in Covington.



This drawing shows what the Downtown interchange area might look like once the project is built.

What Has Changed?

- Northbound I-75 entrance ramp moved from Freeman to Winchell
- One Ezzard Charles Drive bridge
- Minimize work along Winchell



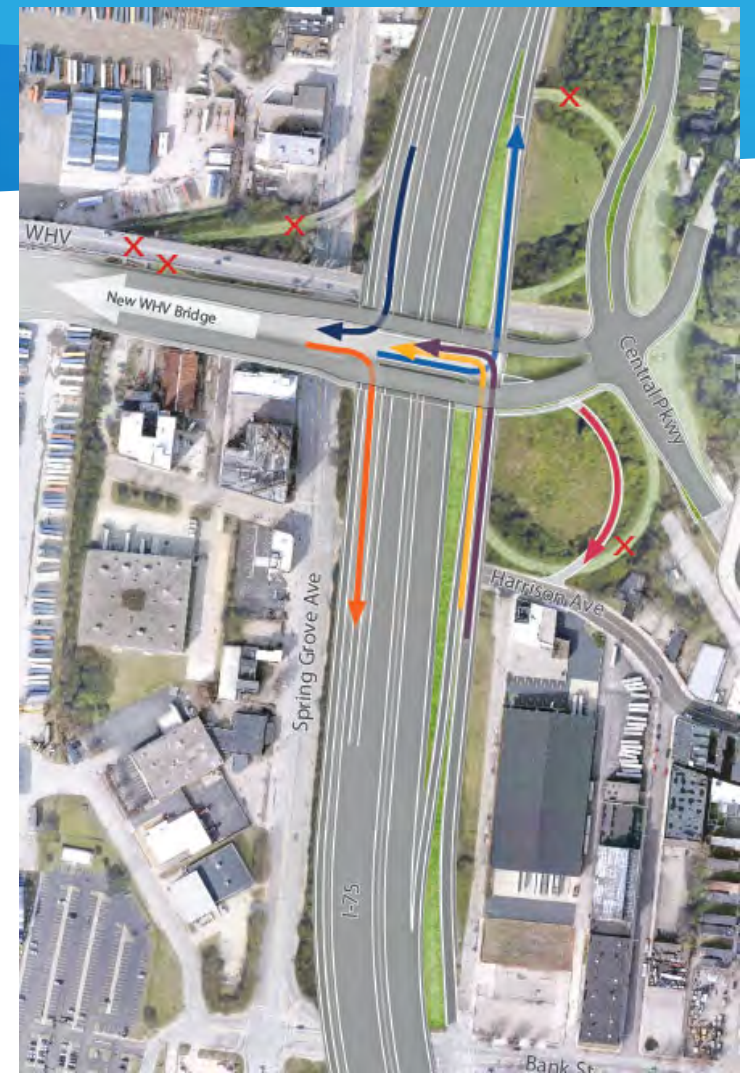
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Another change ODOT's made since 2012 involves moving the northbound entrance ramp to I-75 from its existing location at (#) Freeman Avenue (south of Ezzard Charles Drive) (#) to Winchell Avenue (north of Ezzard Charles Drive). Also, (#) the two existing one-way bridges on Ezzard Charles Drive will be replaced with one, two-way bridge. These changes were also made in coordination with the City of Cincinnati to reduce project impacts and costs and improve local access to the interstate.

We've also refined the roadway layouts so that work will not occur along Winchell Avenue beyond what is needed to build the northbound entrance ramp shown in this drawing.

What Has Changed?

- Interchange at the Western Hills Viaduct



Turning our focus to the areas closest to CUF, the layout of the project has been refined to tie into the new Western Hills Viaduct, which is a separate, stand-alone project being developed by the City and County. The existing ramps at the I-75 interchange will be removed and replaced with new ramps that will provide direct access to and from the new Western Hills Viaduct bridge. The ramps will also connect I-75 to the local street system at Findlay Street for southbound traffic and Bank Street for northbound traffic.

Aesthetics

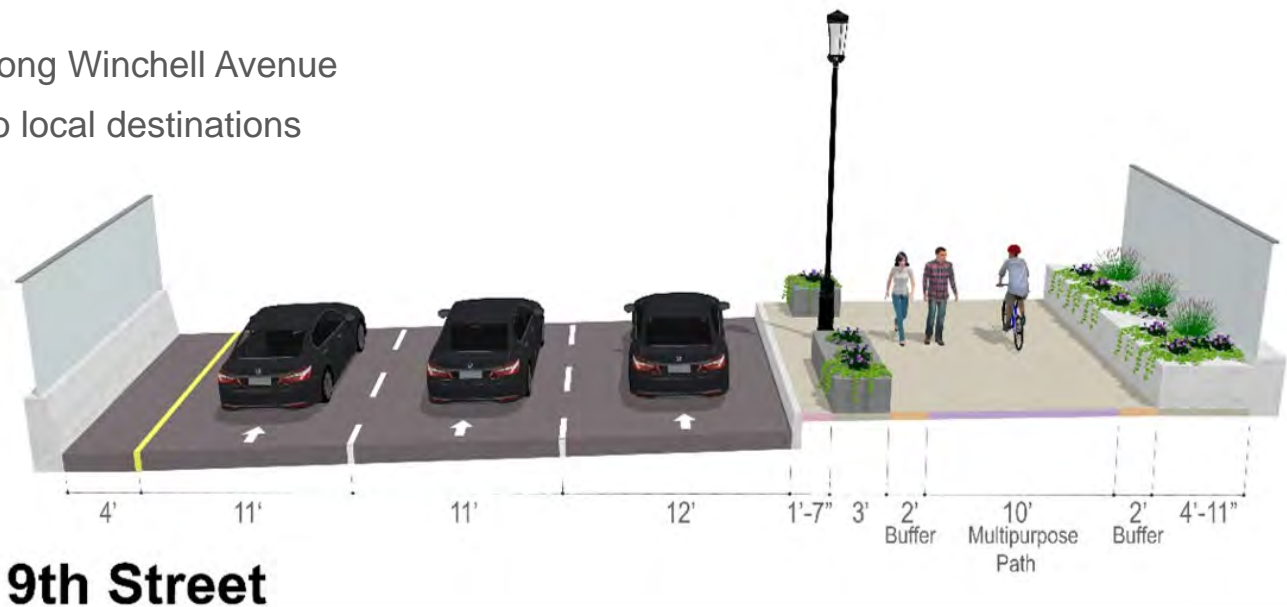
- Corridor-wide aesthetic treatments
 - Ashlar stone treatments for abutments, piers, and walls
 - Decorative bridge parapets
 - Translucent screen walls and planters on bridges
 - Other features (lighting, sidewalks, etc.) to match City standards



ODOT has worked with the City and the project Aesthetic Committee to develop an Aesthetic Design Checklist that will guide what the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor will look like. For example, ODOT will add aesthetic treatments in a pattern called “Ashlar Stone” to all bridge abutments, parapets, and piers. Retaining walls and the extended traffic safety barriers we just discussed will also have ashlar stone treatments. Overhead bridge parapets will have end treatments with the bridge identification name, construction completion data, and rustification design features. Examples of similar bridge parapets are shown in the images on this slide. In addition, overpass bridges will have wide sidewalks or shared-use paths, planters, and translucent screen walls. Other features throughout the corridor will match City aesthetic standards, including lighting, sidewalks, tree lawns, and others. We will show some examples of what specific locations near CUF will look like in just a few slides.

Pedestrians and Bicycles

- Connections across I-75
 - Sidewalks
 - Shared use paths
 - Bike lanes
- New shared use path along Winchell Avenue
- Improved connections to local destinations



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The project will install bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on connections across I-75 like what is shown here for 9th Street. Pedestrian and bicycle connections will also be provided on 6th Street, 7th Street, Linn Street, Freeman Avenue, Ezzard Charles, Liberty Street, Findlay Street, Bank Street, and Harrison Avenue. In addition, new shared use path will be constructed along Winchell Avenue between 9th Street and Ezzard Charles Drive, including a pedestrian bridge connection to Freeman Avenue. To promote safety for bicycles and pedestrians, the ramp connections with local streets are being designed as lower-speed urban intersections in accordance with City of Cincinnati design standards. The pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure included in the project will improve connectivity to transit, employment, healthcare, cultural, recreational, and commercial destinations.



This exhibit shows some of the planned pedestrian and bicycle facilities near CUF. Note the new shared use path on Harrison Avenue, the new bike lanes on Findlay Street, and the replaced sidewalks on Harrison, Bank, and Findlay. These will tie into the existing bike lanes on Western, Winchell, and Bank and connect to existing transit stops.



This is a view of what Findlay Street will look like when the project is built. Notice the 57-inch barrier on the I-75 bridge and the 8-foot extended traffic safety barriers on both sides of the bridge to reduce traffic noise. This also shows what the barriers and bridge walls will look like with the ashlar stone treatment. Also notice the rebuilt sidewalks, added bike lanes, and underpass lighting.



This view shows what the new, two-way bridge on Ezzard Charles Drive will look like. Notice the wide shared use path on the right and the sidewalk on the left. Also notice the planters, screenwall, and decorative lighting on the bridge. The bridge lights and traffic signal supports will be black and meet City aesthetic standards.



This view shows what the finished project will look like from Ezzard Charles Drive looking north toward CUF. Notice the 8-foot-tall extended traffic safety barriers for noise reduction. Also notice the ashlar stone treatments on the retaining walls.



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This concludes our formal presentation. We would like to hear your thoughts about the project. You can also visit a PublicInput.com to review information about the project and provide your feedback.



Attachment 5: Exhibits



Findlay Street (Looking West) - Ohio



Ezzard Charles Drive (Looking West) - Ohio



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor - Ohio (Looking North Near Ezzard Charles Drive)



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor (Looking North from Kentucky)



Legend

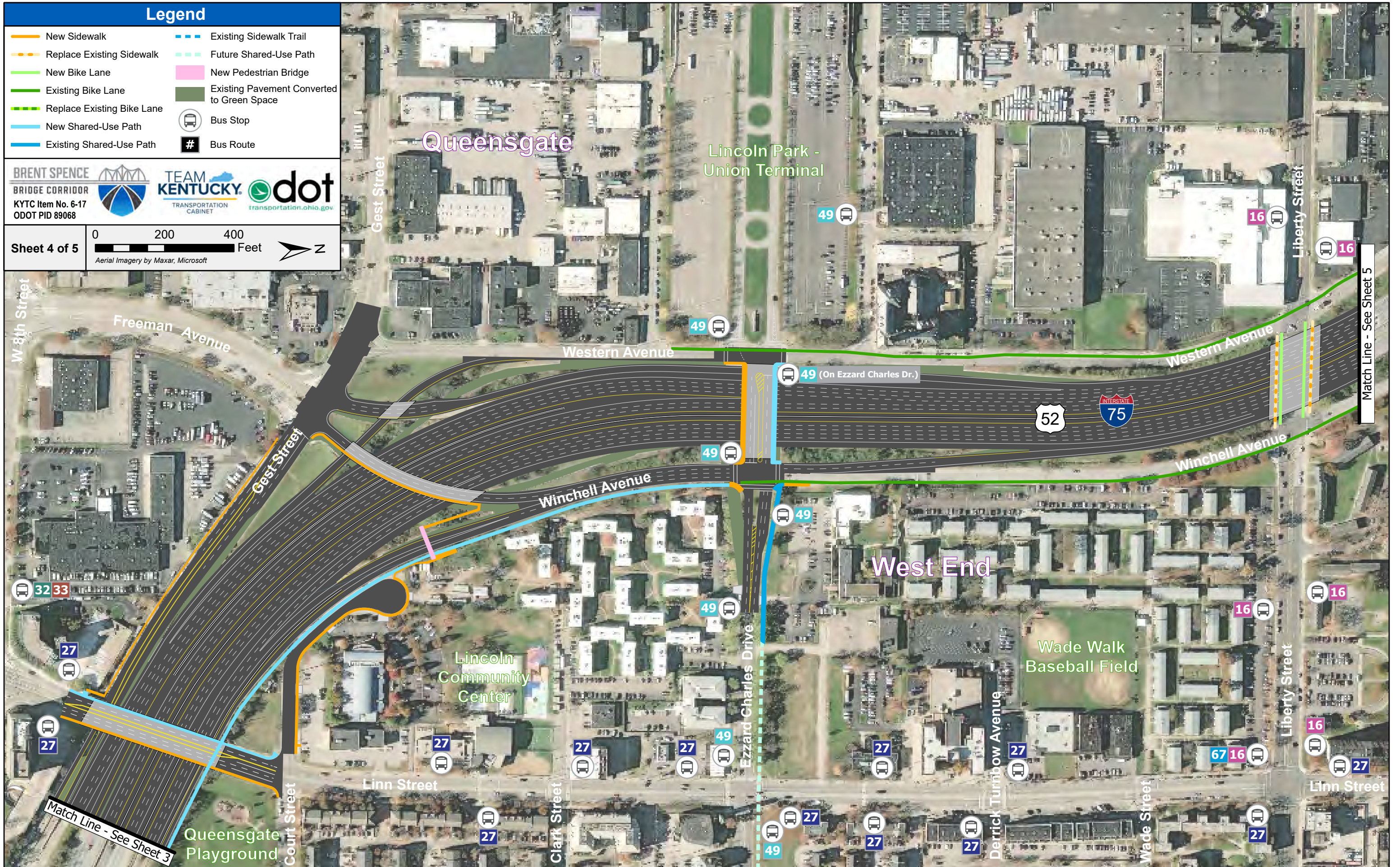
- New Sidewalk
- Replace Existing Sidewalk
- New Bike Lane
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- Replace Existing Bike Lane
- New Shared-Use Path
- Existing Shared-Use Path
- Existing Sidewalk Trail
- Future Shared-Use Path
- New Pedestrian Bridge
- Existing Pavement Converted to Green Space
- Bus Stop
- Bus Route



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Queensgate

Lincoln Park - Union Terminal

West End

Wade Walk Baseball Field

Queensgate Playground

Match Line - See Sheet 5

Match Line - See Sheet 3

Legend

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