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The Brent Spence Bridge - A Progress Update

November 13, 2025



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KENTUCKY
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AGENDA

- Project Overview
- OH Design
- Longworth Hall
- KY Design
- Companion Bridge and Construction



PROJECT HISTORY AND OVERVIEW

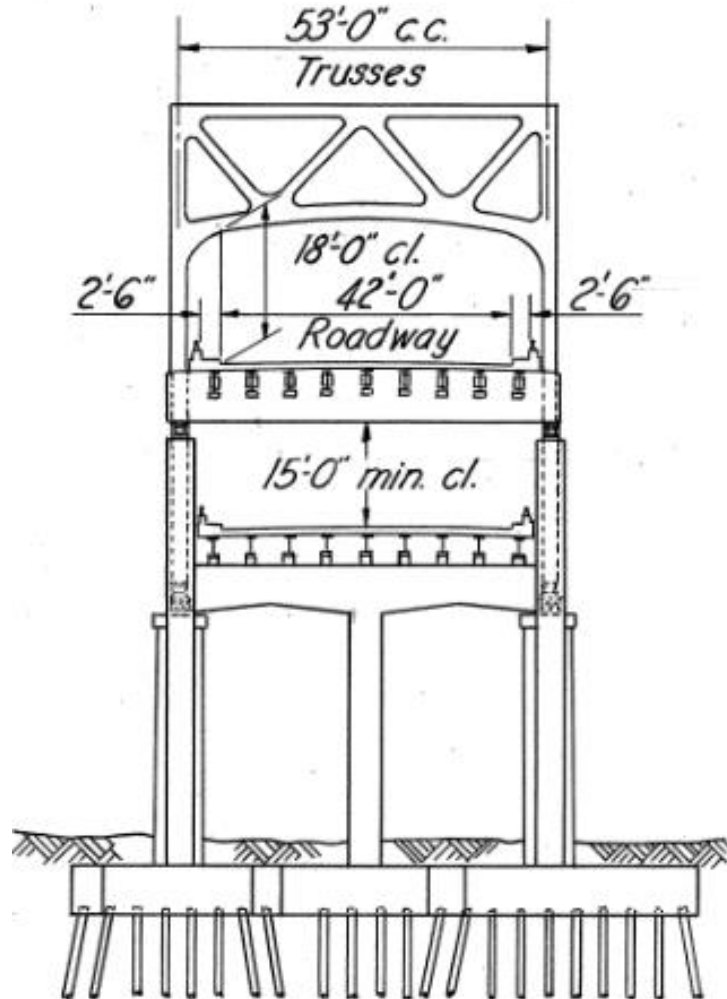


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IMPROVE ROADWAY GEOMETRICS

Before: Three 12-foot lanes & 5-foot shoulders



Now: Four 11-foot lanes & 1-foot shoulders

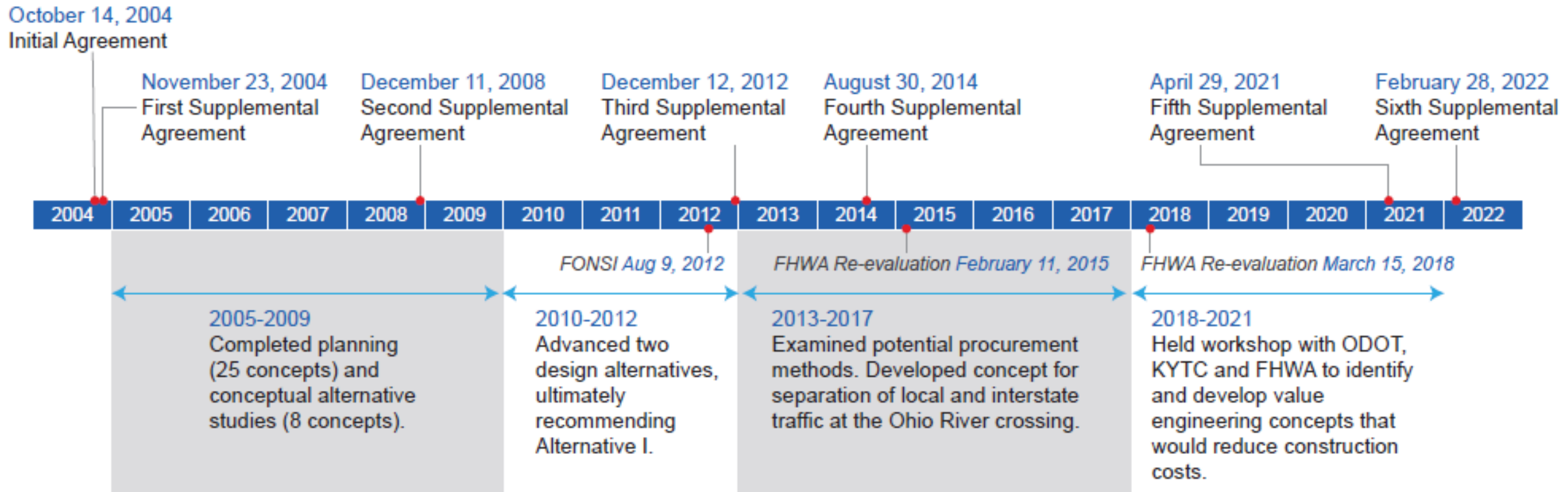


MAINTAIN KEY CONNECTIONS

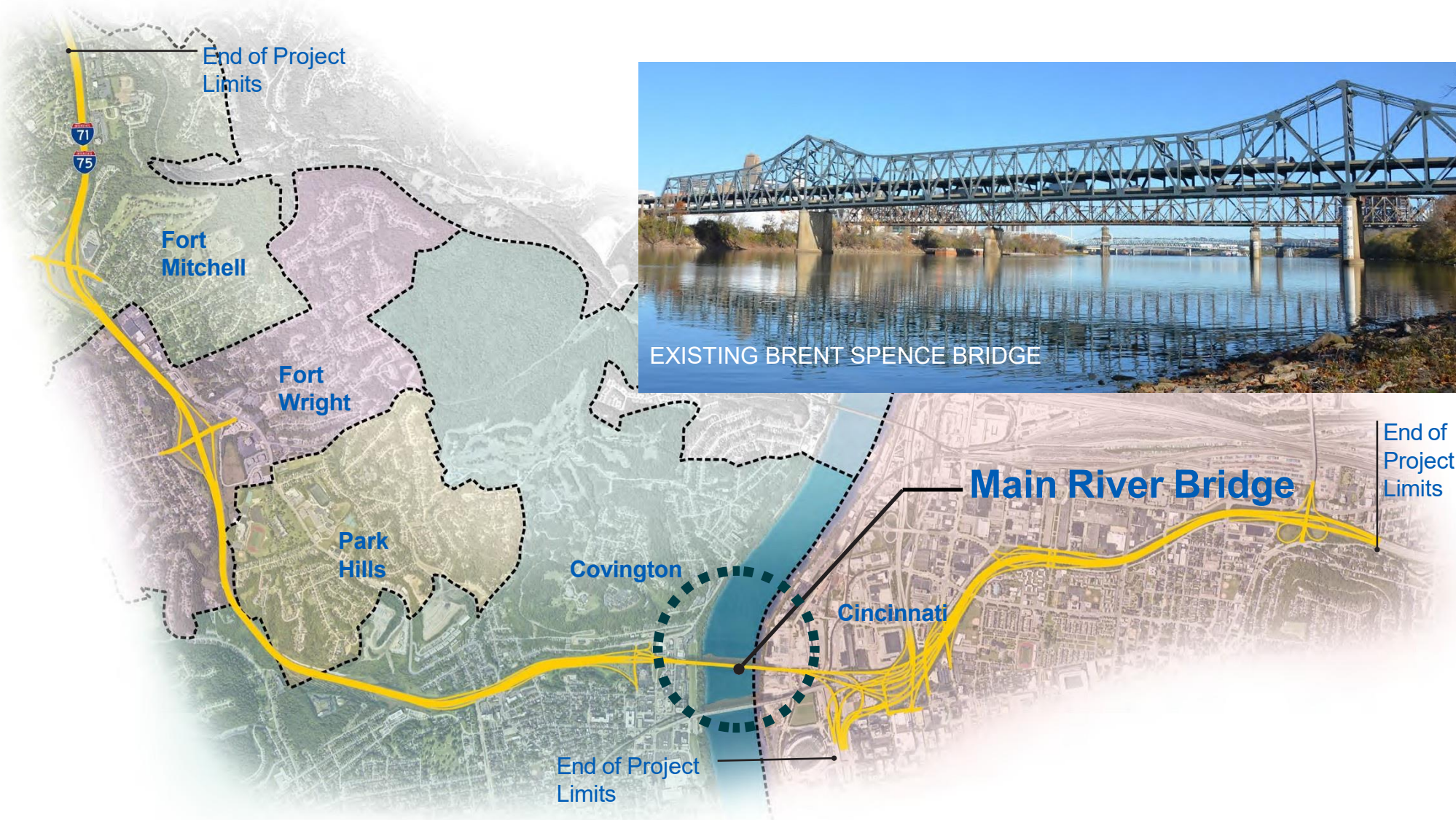
- Improves safety and design
 - The Brent Spence bridge was restriped in 1985
- Addresses one of the worst truck bottlenecks in the nation
- Improves a critical highway network connecting Florida to Michigan
 - I-75 carries more than \$1B worth of freight every day
 - CVG is the 7th largest cargo airport in North America and the 20th in the world



PROJECT HISTORY



BACKGROUND



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PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD TEAM



- Bi-State Management Team
 - Six ODOT/KYTC Staff
- Support Contracts (lead firm)
 - CCOM (HNTB)
 - QAM (Michael Baker)
 - CEI (WSP)
 - ICE (Stanton)
 - SCE (KCI)

- Contractors – Joint Venture
 - Walsh Construction Company II, LLC.
 - Kokosing Construction Company, Inc.
- Design Consultants
 - AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
 - Jacobs Technical Services, Inc.
 - Parsons Corporation, Inc.

RECENT ACTIVITIES (OCTOBER 2023-JUNE 2025)

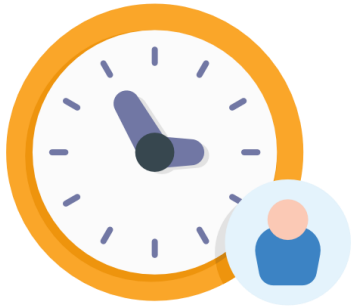
- By the numbers
 - One million combined hours (WKJV + BSMT)
 - 300 Full Time Equivalent designers on the project
 - 52 subcontractors, including 31 design firms
 - 309,000 cubic yards of structural concrete
 - 95M pounds of structural steel (5 x Paycor Stadium)
- Both OH and KY have continuously collaborated with local representatives regarding design elements of the project

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Schedule of work is being developed now
- Design has reached 60% complete
- Early work in 2025; in-water work expected to begin in 2026



BY THE NUMBERS



6 Million
Workhours



700
Estimated
Trades



60+
Subcontractor
Packages



220+
Events
Completed

BEHIND THE NUMBERS

- 70 graduates in first four cohorts
- 93% graduation rate
- \$36/hr avg pay for last two cohorts

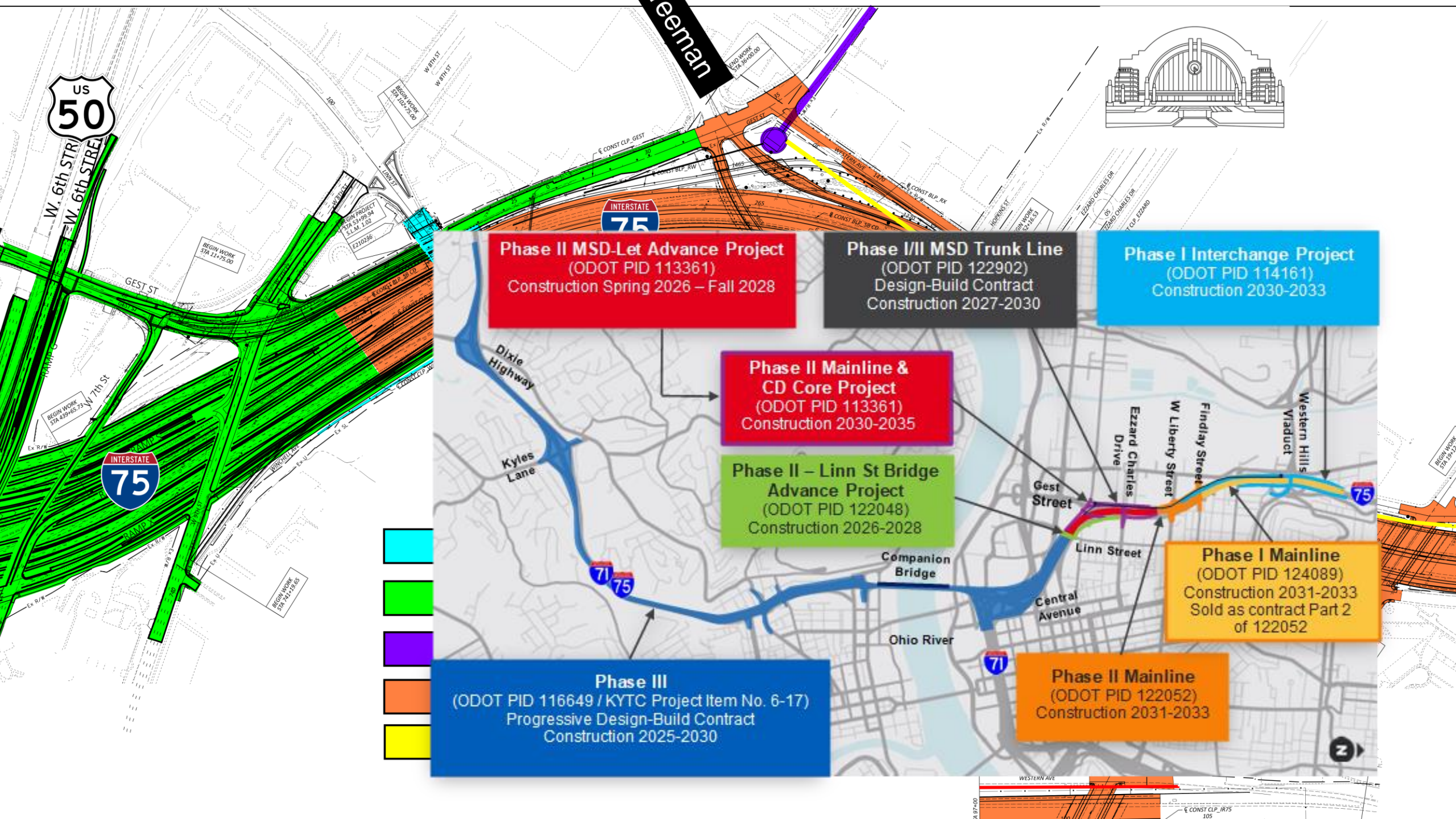




DESIGN UPDATE OHIO

OHIO SEGMENT





Phase II MSD-Let Advance Project
 (ODOT PID 113361)
 Construction Spring 2026 – Fall 2028

Phase I/II MSD Trunk Line
 (ODOT PID 122902)
 Design-Build Contract
 Construction 2027-2030

Phase I Interchange Project
 (ODOT PID 114161)
 Construction 2030-2033

Phase II Mainline & CD Core Project
 (ODOT PID 113361)
 Construction 2030-2035

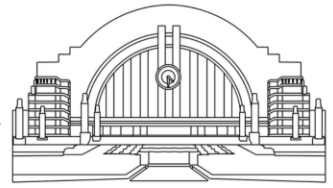
Phase II – Linn St Bridge Advance Project
 (ODOT PID 122048)
 Construction 2026-2028

Phase I Mainline
 (ODOT PID 124089)
 Construction 2031-2033
 Sold as contract Part 2 of 122052

Phase II Mainline
 (ODOT PID 122052)
 Construction 2031-2033

Phase III
 (ODOT PID 116649 / KYTC Project Item No. 6-17)
 Progressive Design-Build Contract
 Construction 2025-2030

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Ohio Segment Update

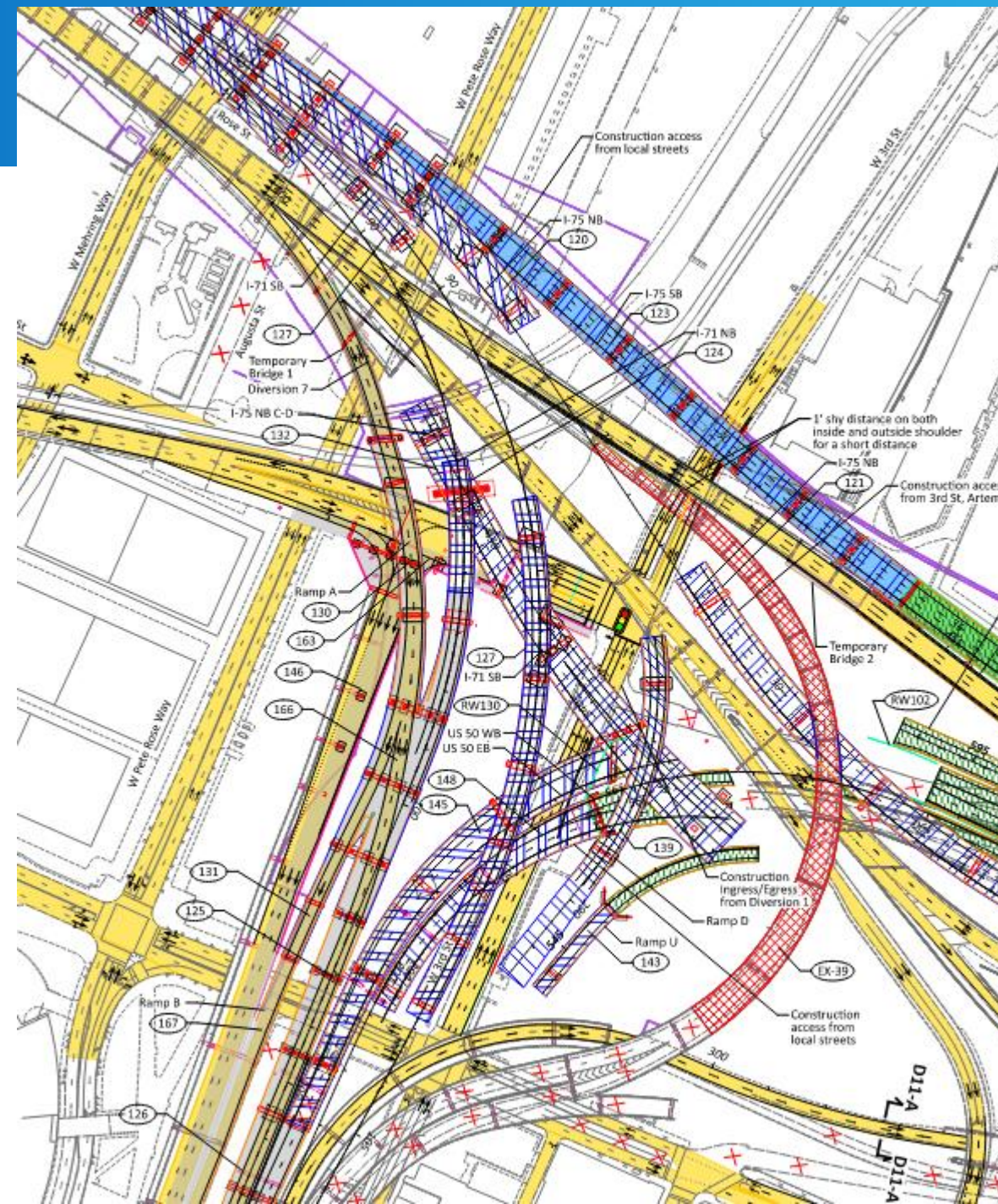
MOT

Coordination:

- City of Cincinnati
- First Responders
- Stakeholders such as the Bengals (Parking ingress/egress)

Just in time MOT (14 Major Phases)

- Phase 1A (Stage, 1, 2, 3)
- Phase 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B (Stage 1, 2)
- Phase 4A







5th Street

CD
NB

CD
SB







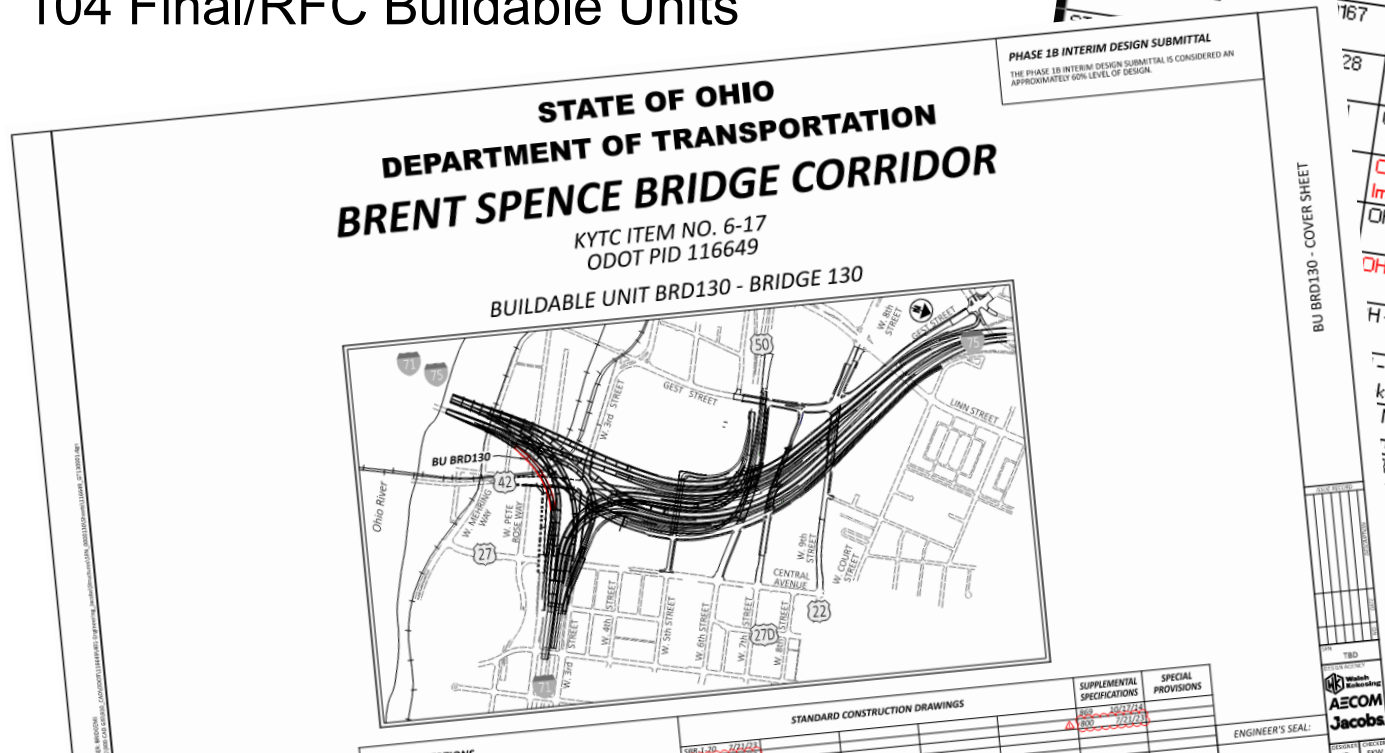
Ohio Segment by the Numbers

Design Packages:

81 Interim Buildable Units – 3985 Sheets

104 Final/RFC Buildable Units

Design Work - Ohio (OH) Section							Step 1 Internal Design Review & Reconcile Comments	Step 2 IDR/ICR Reviews (5 Days)
Disciplines	BU #	Design Package Description	Design Firm	Design Lead	Submittal Stage			
TC-TRAFFIC CONT	LIG007A	OH - Lighting Early Package	Jacobs	Katie Aiken	5-Final/RFC 2	8/12/25	8/26/25	
TC-TRAFFIC CONT	LIG008A	OH - Temporary Lighting Early Package	2LMN	Emilie Worley Hart	5-Final/RFC 2	8/19/25	9/3/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	WAL114	OH - Retaining Wall 114	Jacobs	Carroll, L	5-Final/RFC 2	8/29/25	9/15/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	BRD131	OH - Bridge 131	Jacobs	Centers	5-Final/RFC 2	9/2/25	9/16/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	WAL129	OH - Retaining Wall 129	Jacobs	Rich Foote	5-Final/RFC 2	9/4/25	9/18/25	
TC-TRAFFIC CONT	ITS003A	OH - ITS Early Package	Jacobs	Malone-Jordan	5-Final/RFC 2	9/5/25	9/22/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	BRD127A	OH - Bridge 127 - Foundation/Substructure	Jacobs	Carroll, L	5-Final/RFC 2	9/10/25	9/24/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	167	OH - Bridge 167	ELR	Narsavage	5-Final/RFC 2	9/12/25	9/26/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	28	OH - Retaining Wall 128	Jacobs	Hoffmann	5-Final/RFC 2	9/17/25	10/1/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	171	OH - Bridge 171	Jacobs	Pat Allen	5-Final/RFC 2	9/22/25	10/6/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	471	OH - Maintenance of Traffic - 471 Improvements	Jacobs	Dempsey Ballou	5-Final/RFC 2	10/1/25	10/15/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	123	OH - Sanitary Relocations	Jacobs	Haynes/Mutch	5-Final/RFC 2	10/2/25	10/16/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	143	OH - Bridge 143	AECOM	Kronk	5-Final/RFC 2	10/3/25	10/17/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	Early	Maintenance of Traffic - Early	Compass	Pat Allen	5-Final/RFC 2	10/7/25	10/21/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	Early	Maintenance of Traffic - Road Signing	Jacobs	Pat Allen	5-Final/RFC 2	10/10/25	10/24/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	Early	roadway - Interstates/CDs (bridges to W. 5th St)	Jacobs	Lynch	5-Final/RFC 2	10/10/25	10/24/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	166	Bridge 166	Jacobs	Carroll, L	5-Final/RFC 2	10/13/25	10/27/25	
ST-STRUCTURES	Early	roadway Schematic	Jacobs	Lynch	5-Final/RFC 2	10/13/25	10/27/25	



Ohio Segment by the Numbers

30,000,000 lbs of reinforcing bar!

That is equal to:

- \$800B in gold



- 66 Statue of Liberty's



Epoxy Coated in Footings

- Galvanized in decks, railings and piers

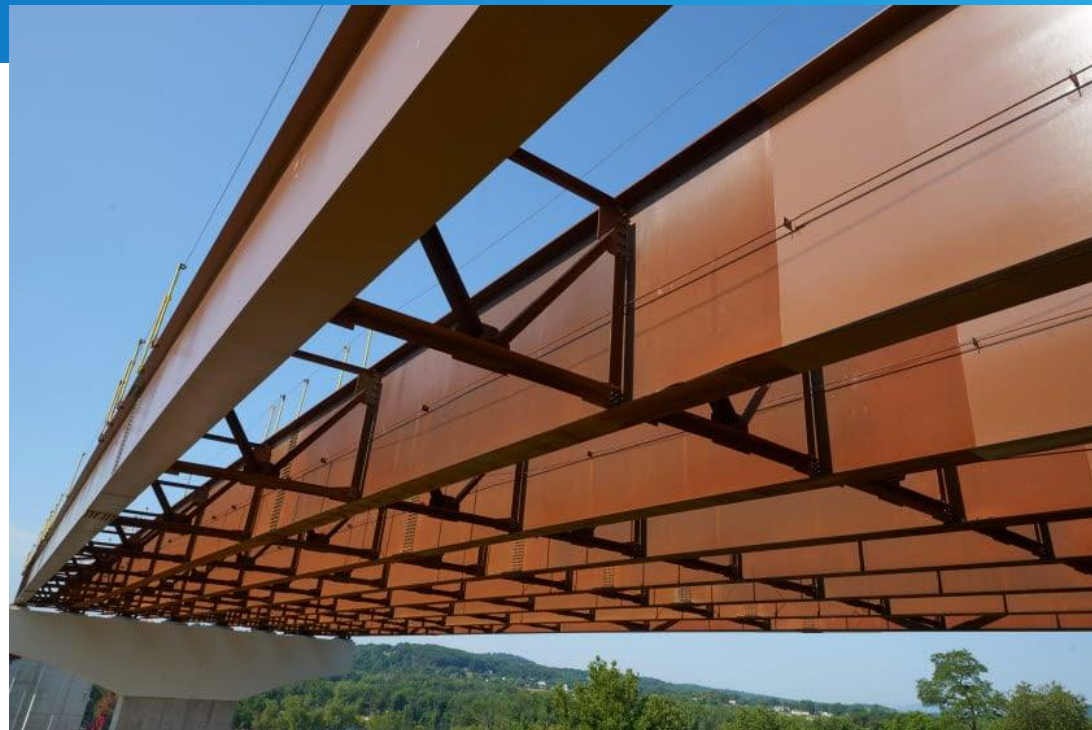
GFRP in railings (at joints for rigidity)

Ohio Segment by the Numbers

52,000,000 lbs of structural steel!

That is equal to:

- 2.5 Reds Stadiums



- *104,000 barrels of whiskey*



Ohio Segment by the Numbers

46 Miles (245,000 ft) of pile

That is equal to:

- Length of the Panama Canal (51 miles)



- 800 stacked Statue of Liberty's



Ohio Segment by the Numbers

- Total Number of Bridges = ~~33~~ 32
 - Tallest Pier, Bridge 120 near Longworth Hall, 126 ft.
 - Total pile length = 244,382 ft. (46 miles)
 - Total drilled shaft length = 4,477 ft.
 - Structural Concrete = 122,877 CY
 - Reinforcing Steel = 29,124,780 lbs
 - Structural Steel = 52,000,000 lbs
 - Bearings = 1592
 - Straddle Bents = 22

- Total Number of Walls = 26
 - MSE Walls = 209,828 SF
 - SPL = 66,411 SF
 - Modular Block = 5,251 sf

Roadway

- Design Exceptions = 73



LONGWORTH HALL



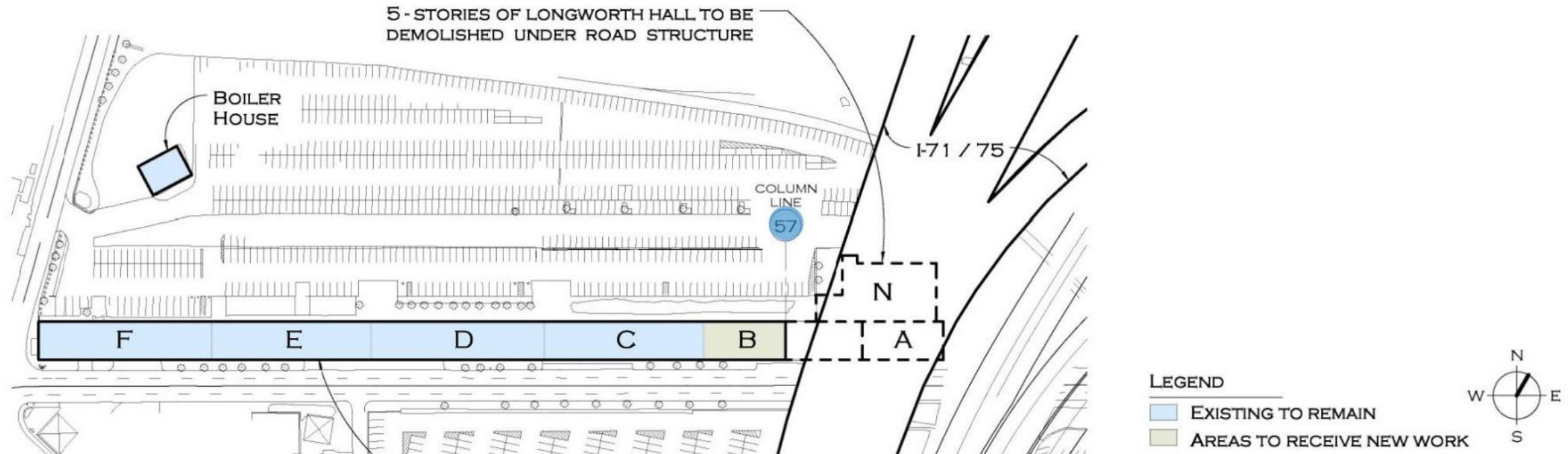
LONGWORTH HALL



- Built in 1904, Longworth Hall was originally a Baltimore & Ohio Freight Terminal and one of the longest buildings in the world.
 - Original construction: 1,277 feet long
 - It could hold up to 125 train cars, helping to move goods across the region and country.
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1986.
- In 1961, 150 feet was removed to make way for the original Brent Spence Bridge and a 5-story, 30,000 SF addition was built.

LONGWORTH HALL: PARTIAL DEMOLITION & RECONSTRUCTION

- The 1961 building addition (Sections N, A) and approximately 204 feet of the original structure (Part of Section B) will be demolished to accommodate the new bridge construction.



LONGWORTH HALL: PARTIAL DEMOLITION & RECONSTRUCTION

- Demolition and end wall construction
 - New façade wall
 - New elevator and stair
 - Asbestos remediation
 - Remaining spaces remodeled to maintain code compliance only
- Expected to begin in November 2025



Photo 1: Longworth Hall - "Before" (The image above shows the east end of Longworth Hall "before" the introduction of the proposed Brent Spence Bridge Replacement/Rehabilitation.)



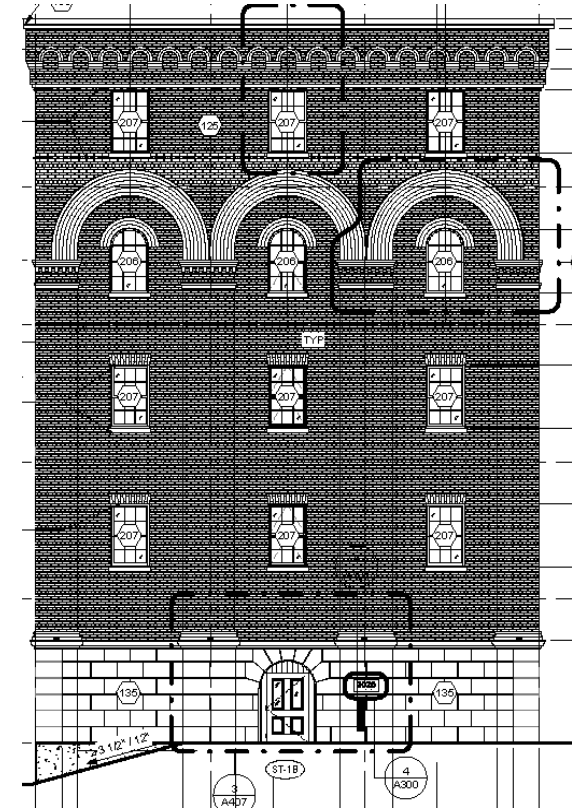
Photo 2: Longworth Hall - "After" (The image above shows how the east façade will be reconstructed as well as the bridge approach diagram.)

LONGWORTH HALL: USE OF HISTORIC MATERIALS

- Over 55,000 bricks will be salvaged during the demolition and reused in the reconstructed eastern end of the building.
- Original windows and limestone will also be salvaged and reused.
- Non-profits will have access to salvaged materials (Building Value, Habitat for Humanity, ReStore, and ReUse)



Original East Façade



Reconstruction Plan



DESIGN UPDATE KENTUCKY



KENTUCKY SEGMENT - INTERCHANGES



KENTUCKY SEGMENT - BRIDGES



CONVENTIONAL BRIDGE



"PERGOLA" BRIDGE

KENTUCKY SEGMENT – NOISE WALLS



Kentucky Segment by the Numbers

- Total Number of Bridges = 22

- Tallest Pier = 83 ft.
- Total pile length = 134,000 ft. (26 miles)
- Structural Concrete = 40,000 CY
- Reinforcing Steel = 9,000,000 lbs
- Structural Steel = 17,000,000 lbs
- Bearings = 696
- Straddle Bents = 17

- Total Number of Walls = 22

- MSE Walls = 190,000 SF
- Solider Pile Wall = 30,000 SF
- Tilt-Up Wall = 116,000 SF
- Noise Wall = 532,000 sf

Roadway

- Lane Miles = 68



DESIGN UPDATE COMPANION BRIDGE

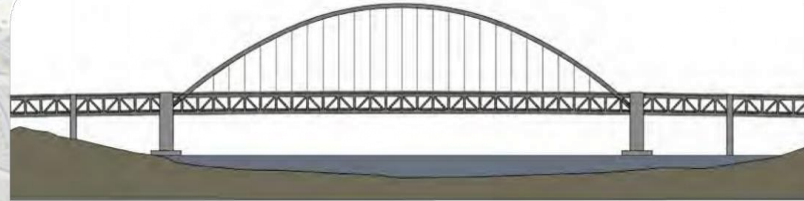
2024 FONSI: PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED BRIDGE TYPES

MAY 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, FONSI OPTIONS INCLUDE ARCH AND CABLE-STAY BRIDGE TYPES

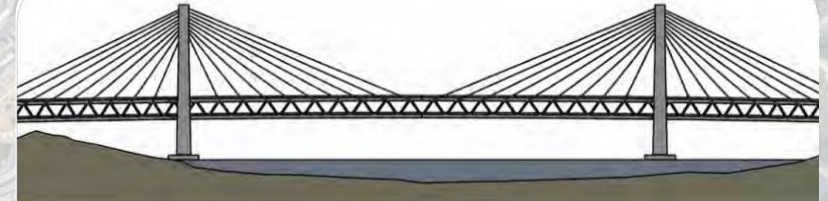


BRIDGE TYPES STUDIED BY BSMT/WKDBT

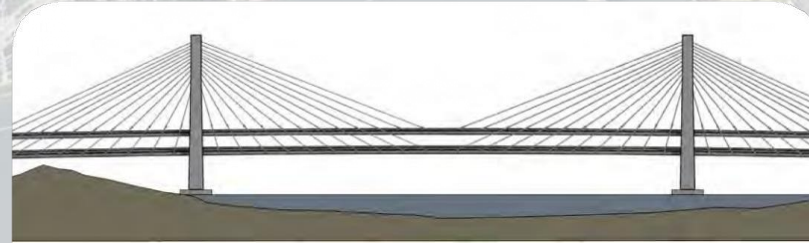
Brent Spence Bridge



- Base Concept – Arch w/ Deck Truss



- Base Concept – Cable Stayed w/Deck Truss & Vertical Pylons



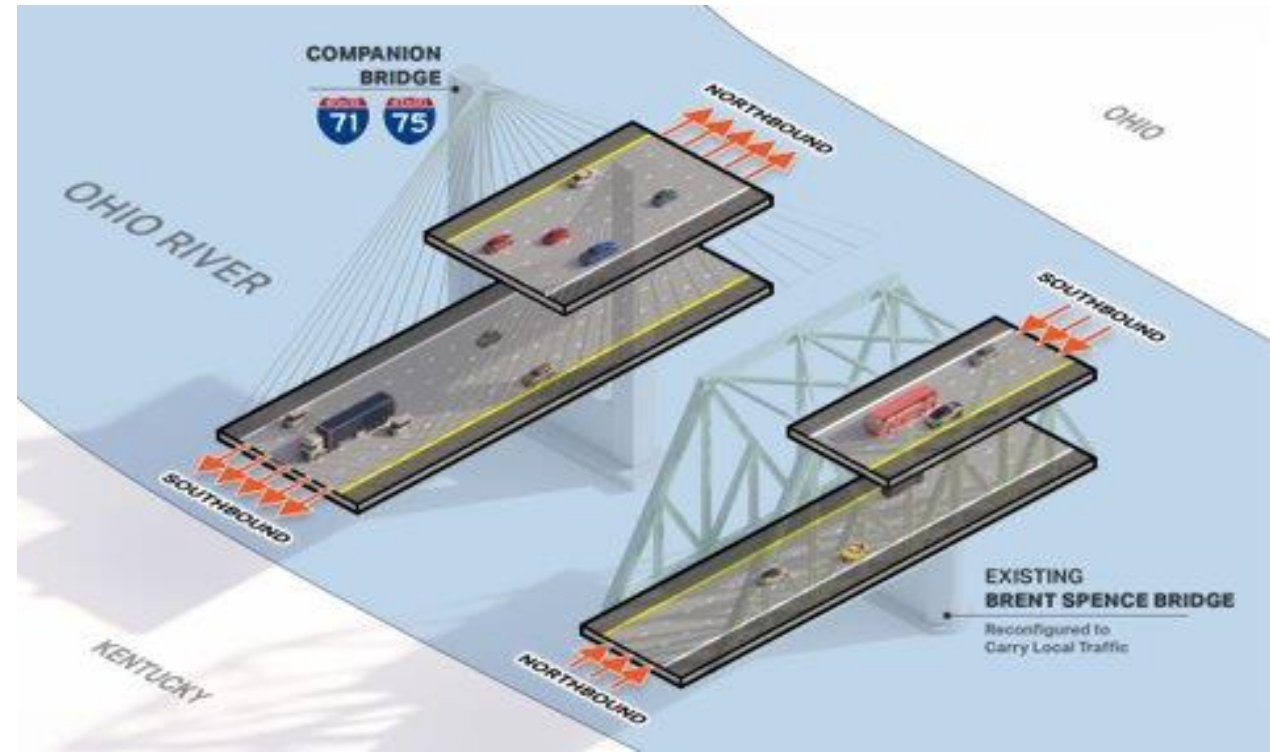
- Cable Stayed Independent Deck & Vertical Pylons



ALTERNATIVE COMPARISON

	Conceptual Construction Cost Differential (\$ millions)	Schedule Impact	Constructability Risk	Increased Fabrication and Erection Costs/Risks	Increased Maintenance	Overall Construction Risk	Visually Distinctive Landmark
ALTERNATIVE 1 Tied Arch – Truss Deck	+1	+6 months	Yes	Yes	Yes	High	No
ALTERNATIVE 2 Cable Stayed – Truss Decks	+55	+3 months	No	Yes	Yes	Moderate	No
ALTERNATIVE 3 Cable Stayed – Independent Decks	0	-	No	No	No	Low	Yes

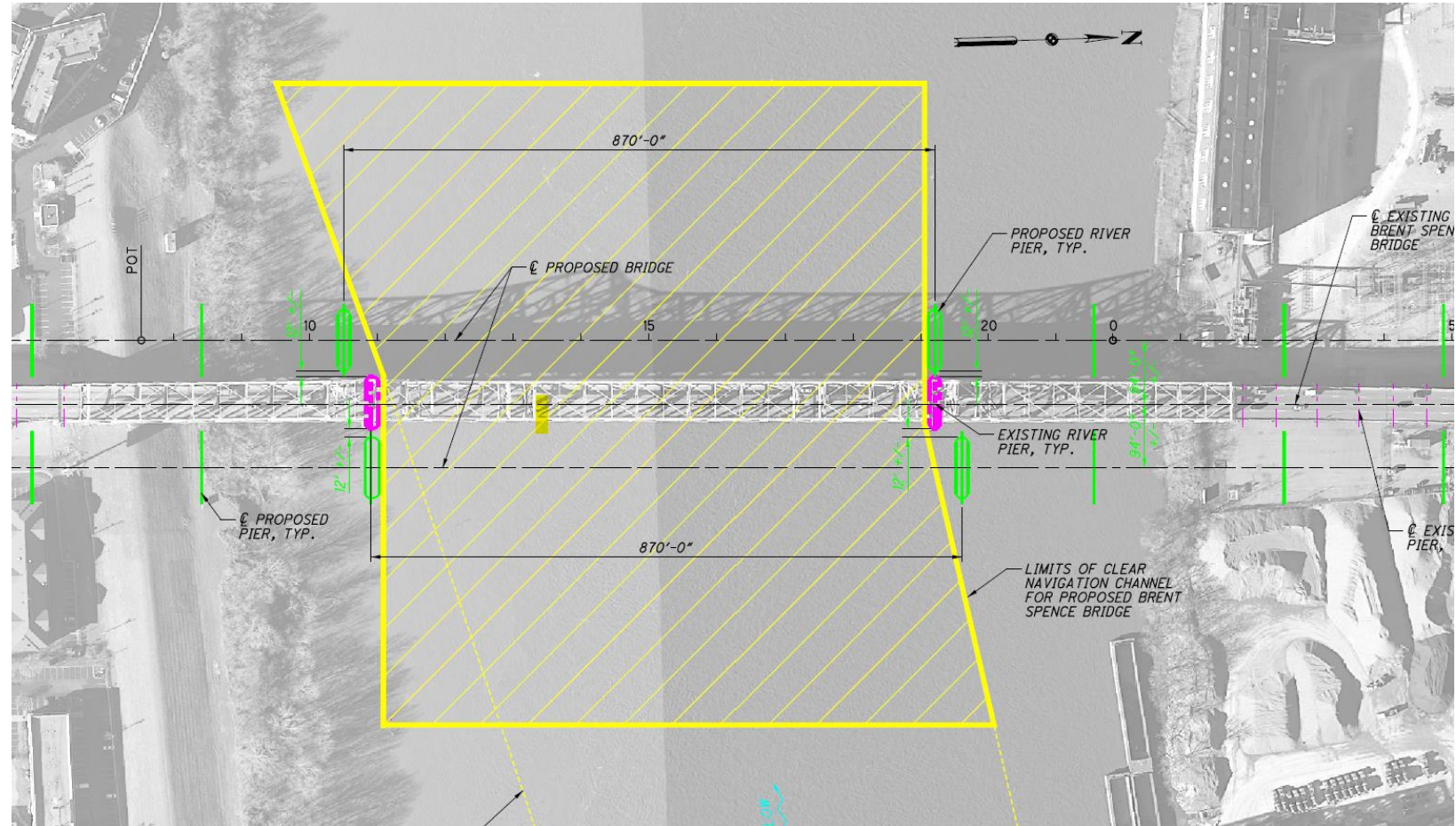
COMPANION BRIDGE DESIGN



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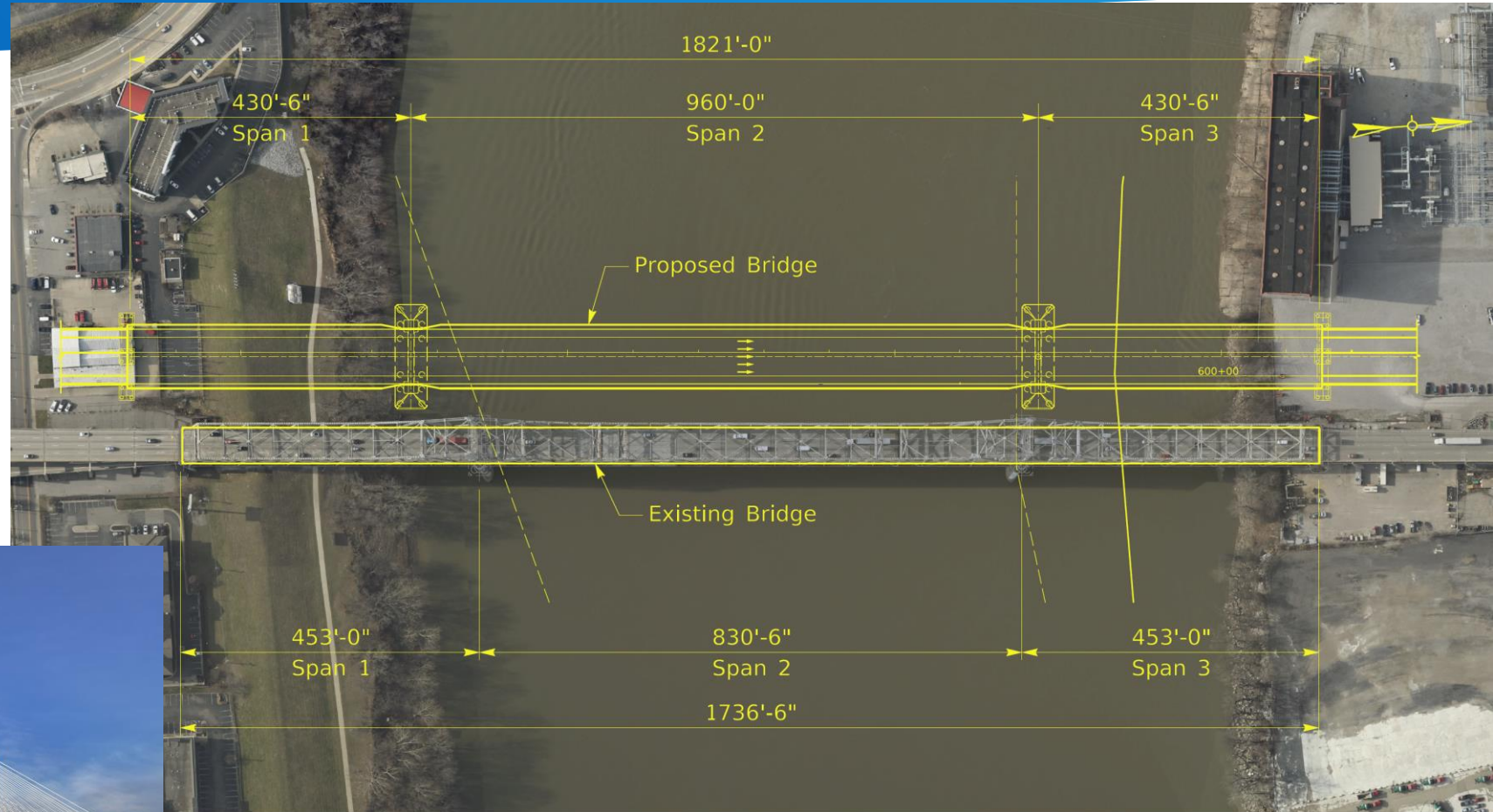
USCG Navigation Requirements

- Substructures outside of existing bridge
- Skewed limits of channel
- Low steel at El. 532



ADVANCING THE DESIGN

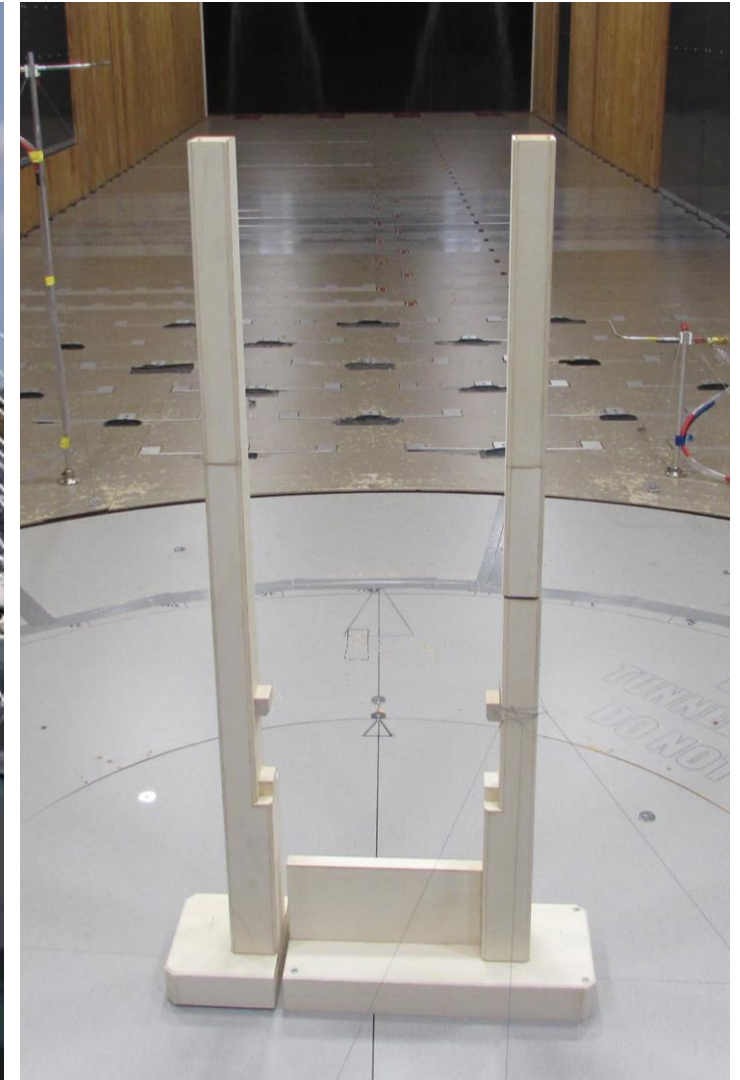
Span Arrangement



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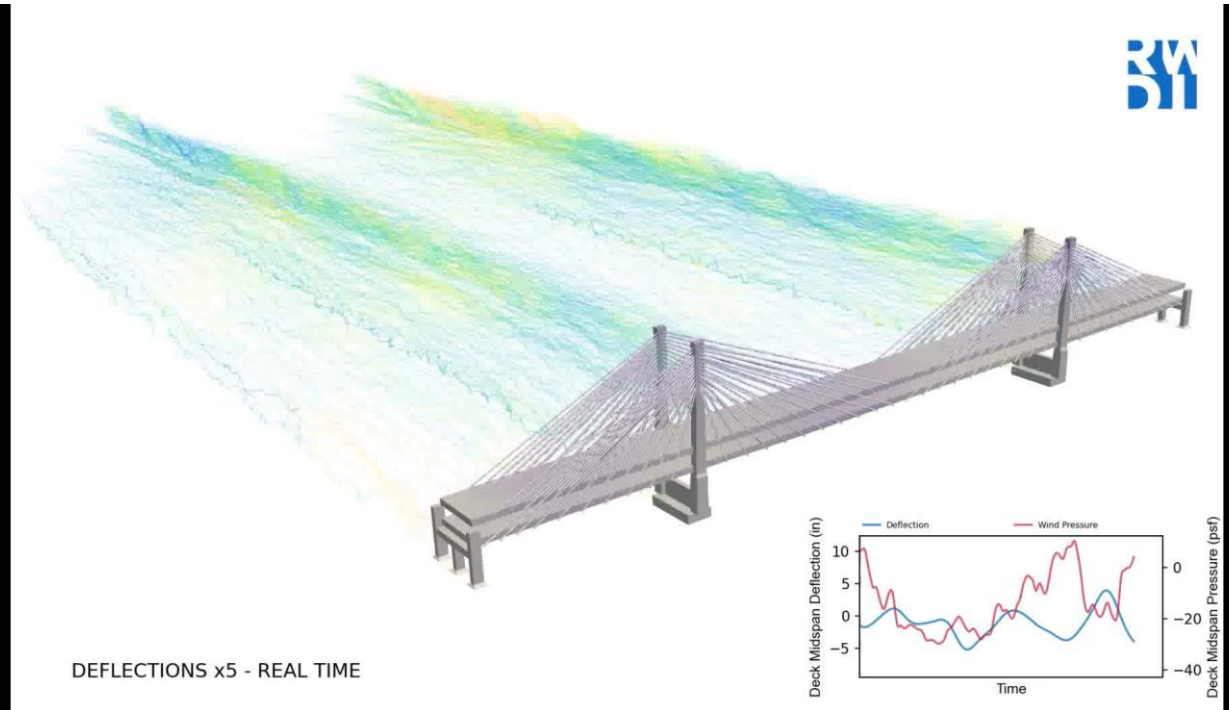
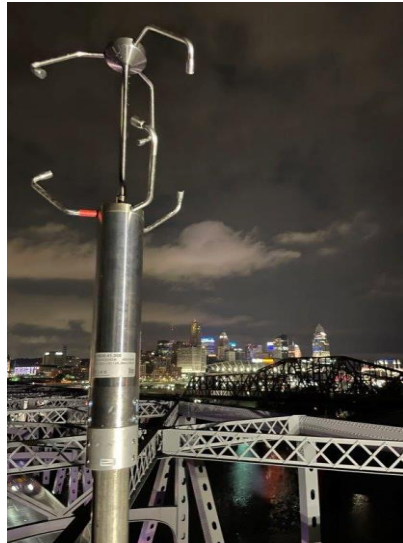
Efficient Pylons

- Vertical freestanding towers with no cross struts – provides visually open structure
- Towers support both decks by transferring loads from the decks to the towers through cable stays
- Drilled shaft foundations support all loads being transferred from the towers
- Designed for vessel impact (e.g. barge tows)
- Provides an economical pylon design
- Facilitates fast, safe, and simplified pylon construction techniques



DEVELOPING WIND LOADS

- Site Specific Wind Climate Study completed to determine wind speeds and turbulent behavior at the river crossing
- Wind anemometers placed on existing Brent Spence Bridge to gather wind data



WIND TESTING

- Wind Tunnel Testing of Scaled Prototype Models to confirm aerodynamic stability and determine design loading

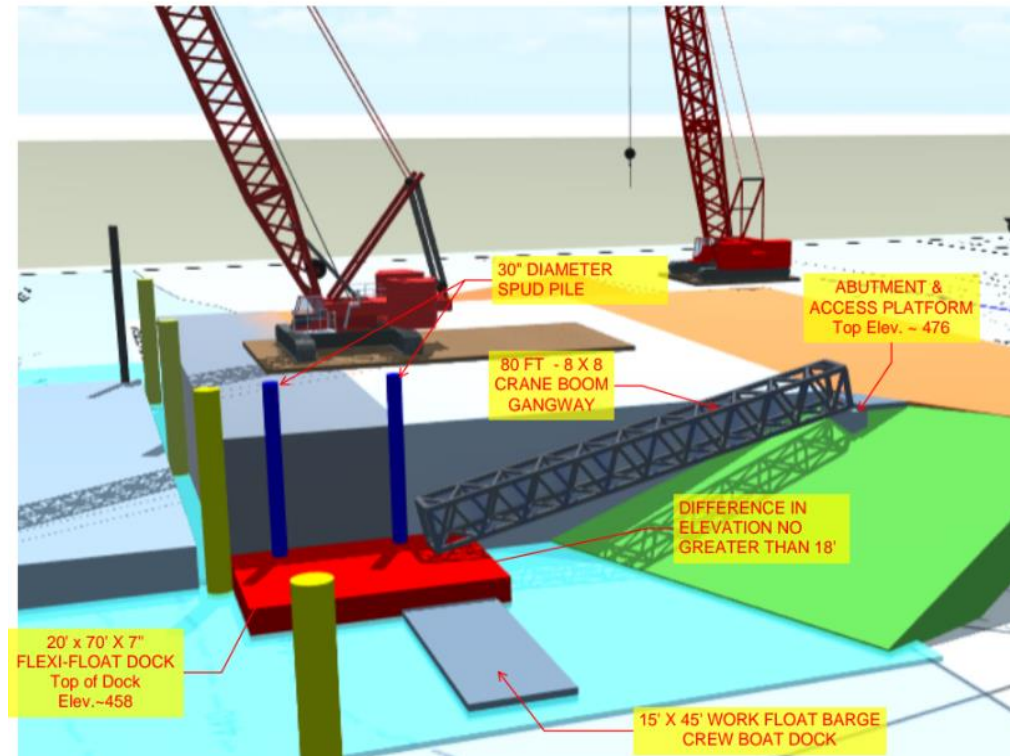






ONE PROJECT – THREE SEGMENTS

- An integrated joint-venture.
- WKJV is divided into 3 distinct teams. This allows for a more focused approach to operational planning and continuity of leadership.
- Thousands of hours spent by the project segments developing operational plans that will guide the estimating process and provide direction to field staff once phase 2 construction begins.



LIST OF EQUIPMENT

- * 3 - 10' X 40' FLEXIS FLOAT BARGES
- 15 TON FLEXI DBL TIMBERHEAD
- * 1 - 15 X 45 WORK FLOAT
- * 2 - 40 FT CRANE BOOM SECTION GANGWAY
- * 2 - 30" 5/8" WALL SPUD PILE (TOP = Elev 486'

- CONSTRUCT UPPER HEADWALL AND ACCESS PLATFORM
- ADD DECK AND BOTTOM SKIDS ON GANGWAY
- CONSTRUCT RETAINER AND DECKING AROUND SPUD PILES .
- add 15 TON

COMPANION BRIDGE BY THE NUMBERS

Twenty-Four – 9' Drilled shafts as deep as 80' + Rock Socket

Twenty-Four – 5' Drilled shafts as deep as 105' + Rock Socket

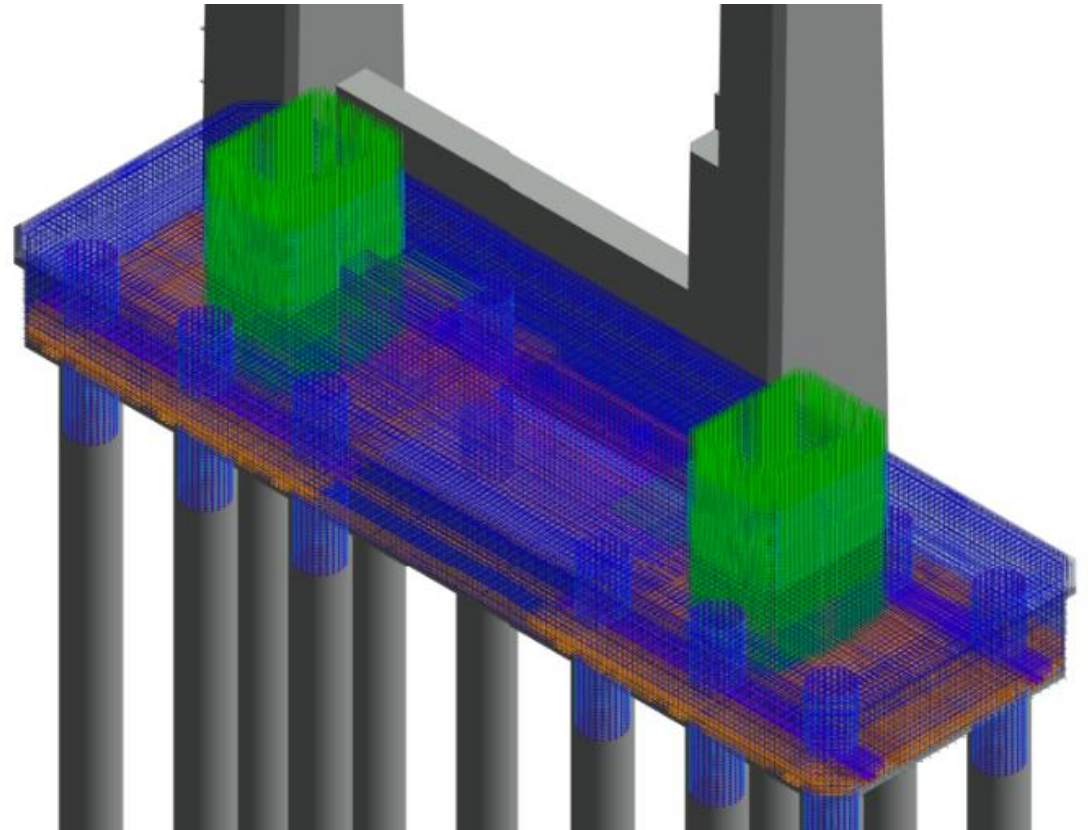
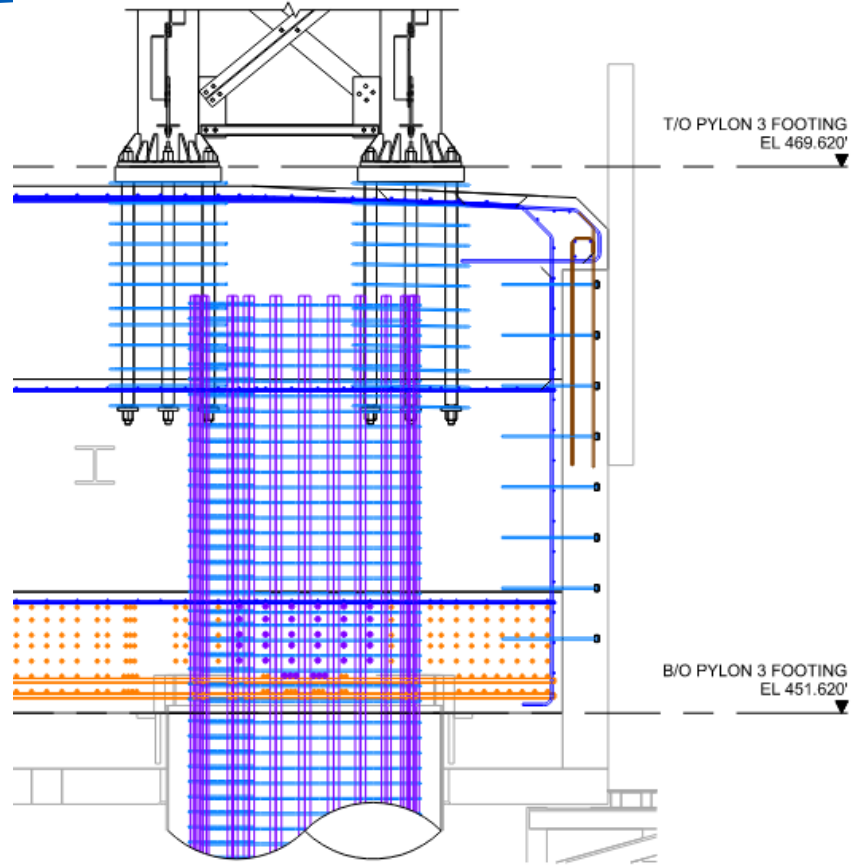
- 2.7M Pounds of Shaft Reinforcing Steel
- 3.7M Pounds of Drilled Shaft Casing

– Pylon Footers

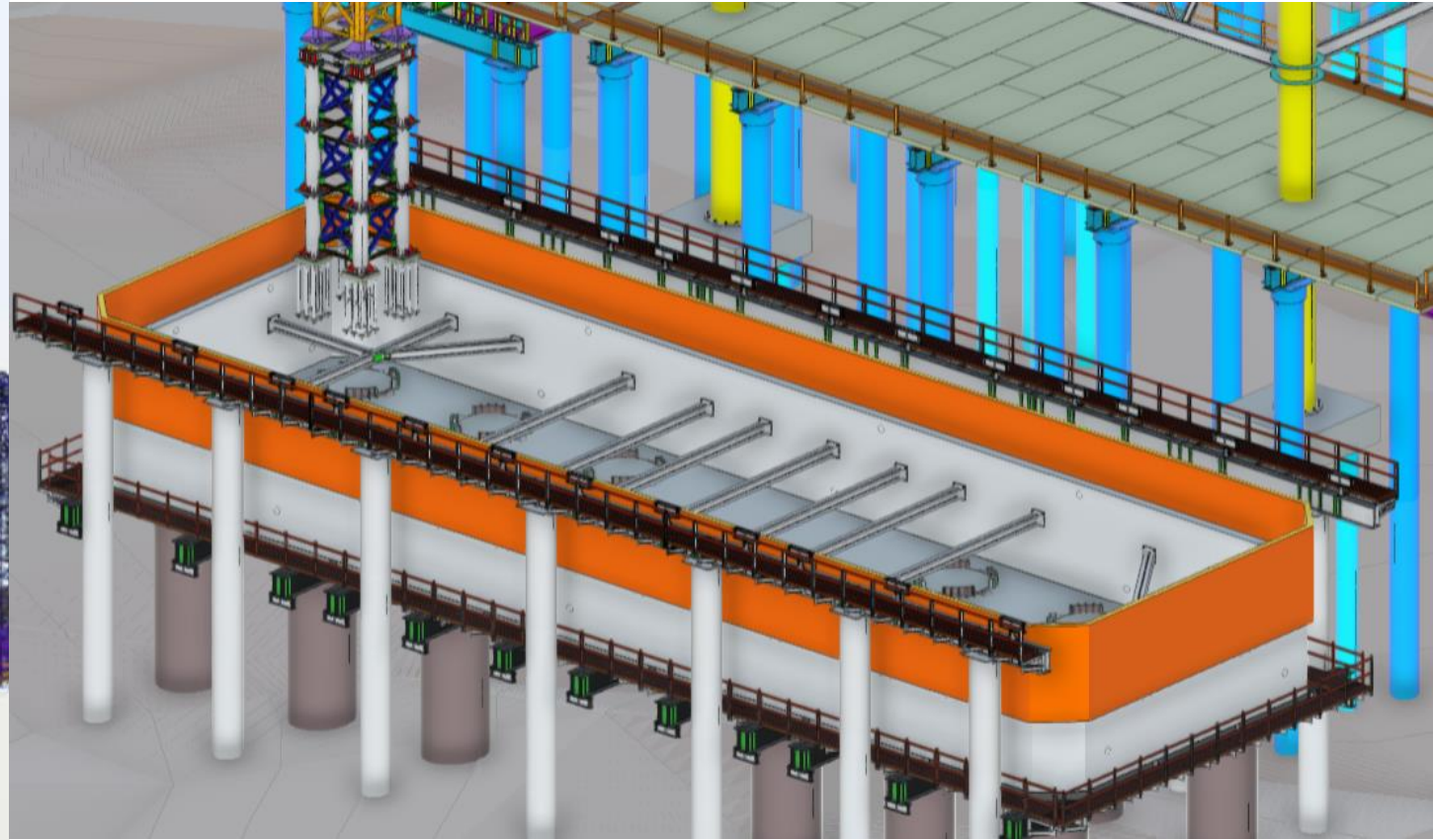
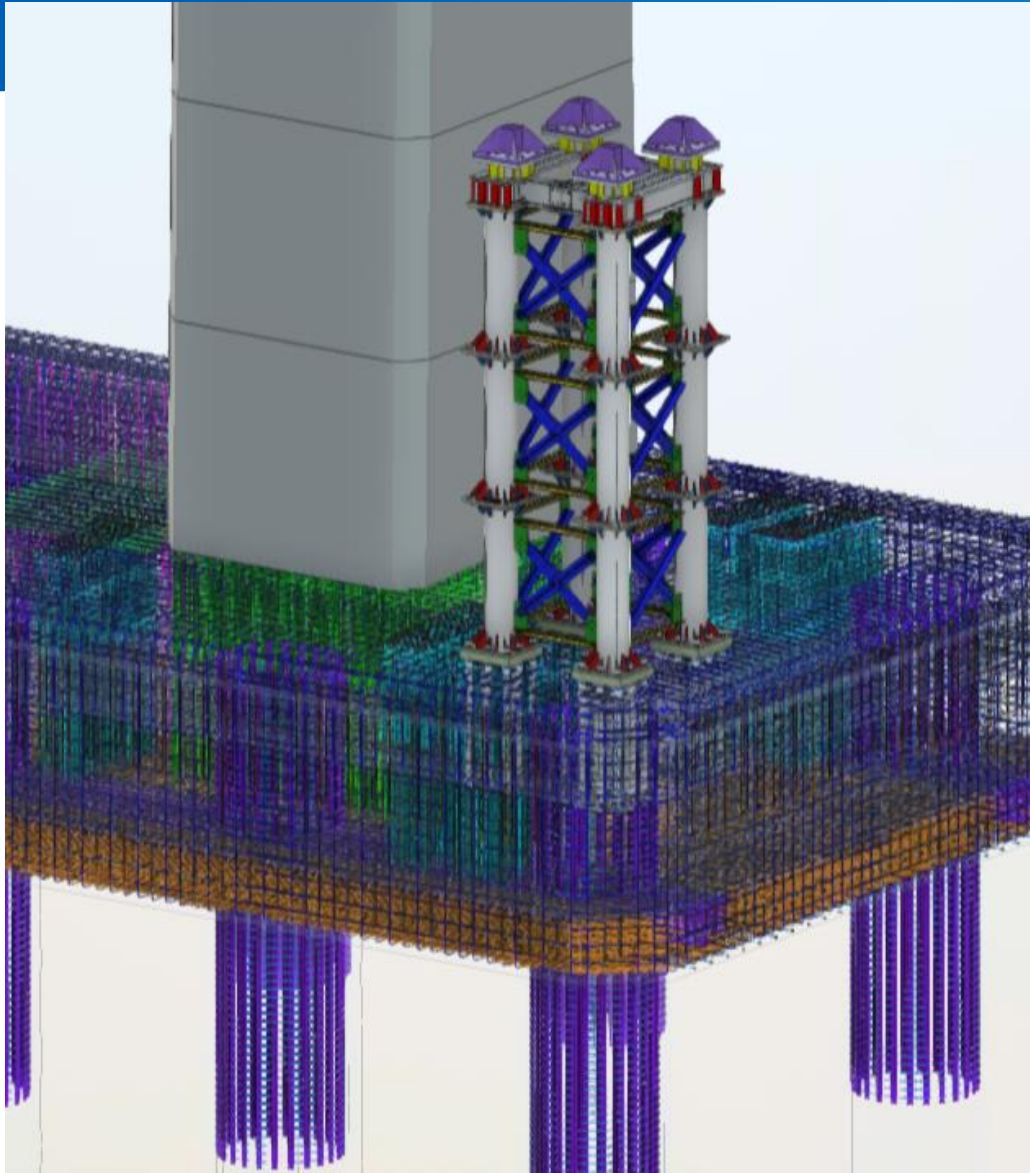
- Almost 12,000 CY of concrete and 3 Million Pounds of Reinforcing Steel

– Over 26,000,000 Pounds of Structural Steel

EOR and Construction Engineer Collaboration



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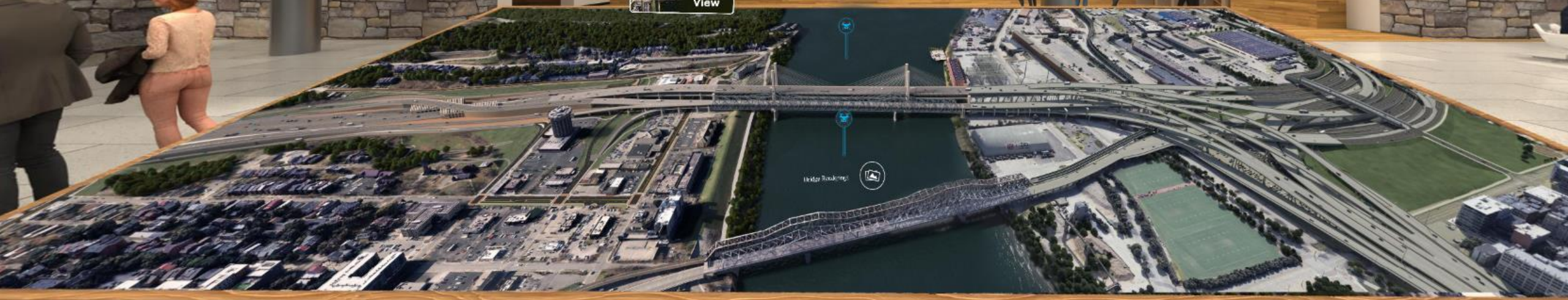




Legend	
■	CIP Concrete
■	Demo
■	Fill
■	Form
■	Install
■	MOT Live Traffic
■	Rebar
■	Temporary

Data Date: August 01, 2025		KTC and ODOT				PROGRESS AS OF:	Walsh Kokosing		Kinkle Consulting, LLC	
Publish Date: September 09, 2025							1260 East Summit Street Crown Point, Indiana 46307 (219) 661-2450		311 E Chatham St. Cary, NC 27511 (813) 528-0071	
Road No.	County/City	Contract #				Schedule Title: BSB Phase 1 Baseline Monthly Update #17_August 2025		Project / Job No.		
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COMMENTS?

Intro Video



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