



Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Groundbreaking

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“Since the end of the last century, OKI has been the most vocal, most consistent and most successful advocate for the Brent Spence Bridge project. Today, the entire region can cheer a new vibrant connection not only across the Ohio River but to a future of greater safety, cleaner air and more prosperity. This Bridge will last until the next century and the 2.2 million people in this region and their descendants will have their lives made immeasurably better.”

—Mark Policinski, CEO, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

“Today’s groundbreaking is a massive step forward for this historic project. The bridge represents a generational opportunity to reshape Greater Cincinnati. And we couldn’t be more grateful for our two Governors, advocates at the federal level, and all the local partners working to make this a reality.”

—Honorable Aftab Pureval, Mayor, City of Cincinnati

“This is a historic moment for the City of Covington. For decades, this corridor has been one of the most vital connections in our country, linking not just Covington and Cincinnati, but the entire region and beyond. This investment will transform how people and goods move across our river, strengthen our local economy and create new opportunities on both sides. Today is not just about building a bridge, it’s about building a more connected future for generations to come.”

—Honorable Ronald L. Washington, Mayor, City of Covington, Kentucky

“This groundbreaking is the culmination of decades of work by individuals in our region from nearly every sector – elected officials, business leaders, civic organizations, transportation experts and state and local governments in Ohio and Kentucky. Their dedication and advocacy brought national attention to the

importance of the Brent Spence Bridge and demonstrated clearly how the commerce it facilitates is critical to the growth of our region. I want to thank each and every one of them for making the historic funding for this project possible and for building a spectacular new bridge that will span our river for many decades to come. This bridge is a symbol in so many ways, but above all because it is an investment in the future of this region."

—Brendon Cull, President and CEO, Cincinnati Regional Chamber of Commerce

"Today's milestone reflects years of collaboration, persistence, and shared vision – and it puts us firmly on a path toward a safer, more connected and more competitive region. With this groundbreaking, we are celebrating a once-in-a-generation investment in the future of our region. This is the single largest infrastructure project in the history of both Kentucky and Ohio, and it's long overdue. For decades, this project has been a top priority because of the very real impact this corridor has on safety, congestion and reliability for the thousands of people and businesses that depend on it every day."

—Brent Cooper, President and CEO, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

"TANK buses cross the Brent Spence Bridge nearly 200 times each day, often in heavy traffic. We look forward to a near future where local trips between Covington and downtown Cincinnati are separated from through traffic, making commutes faster, safer and more direct. During construction, we know it will take patience, but it's a great time for NKY commuters to try transit and leave the driving to us. In the end, the companion bridge will create a safer, more efficient travel experience for everyone, including TANK riders."

—Gina Douthat, General Manager, TANK

"The Brent Spence Bridge project plays a critical role in connecting the region. Throughout construction and beyond, Metro will continue providing riders with a reliable solution to ease the frustrations of traffic congestion, while working closely with ODOT and regional partners to adjust service as needed."

—Andy Aiello, Metro CEO and General Manager