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Each month, the Brent Spence Bridge project team will provide an update of work completed in the past month and a brief look ahead at what is to come in the next month.

Work continues in Step 6/7 of the Project Development Process. The end result of this step is Preferred Alternative Verification Report (PAVR) that will analyze the remaining alternatives in more detail.

A number of environmental reports were completed in May including the Archaeological Disturbance Assessment Report and the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment report for hazardous materials.

An Archaeological Disturbance Assessment Report is the next step in a process to determine the potential for finding historically significant archaeological resources on a project. This report includes site visits, literature research and Geographic Information System (GIS) data analysis. This report is currently under review by ODOT and KYTC.

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is the next step in determining the presence of hazardous materials within a project area, based on information from the ESA Screening. The intent of the Phase I ESA is to determine the potential of encountering hazardous substances or petroleum products from a specific property.

In addition, ODOT and KYTC have worked to expedite the schedule so that the PAVR and the draft environmental document for the project will be submitted in July 2010. The current schedule also calls for submission of the Interchange Modification Study (IMS) in August 2010. Based on the expedited schedule, detailed design efforts could begin on this project by late 2010, or early 2011.

The project team has narrowed the bridge type options for this project to three. Bridge types still under consideration will be posted on the project website (www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com) by the end of June.

Several project meetings and presentations were also held in May. These include meetings with both the City of Covington and the City of Cincinnati. The project team briefed staff at both cities on the current status of alternative development and evaluation.

We will do our best to keep you updated on the status of the project as preliminary engineering and environmental efforts continue. Please check the project website (www.brentspencebridgecorridor.com) periodically for more information. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.



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