

RE: Newport/Covington bridges

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Concerning the 12th Street Bridge the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is not opposed to a widening of this bridge to accommodate bicycle lanes, appropriate hand rails and positive separation for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. Such a widening and redesign would have to be a project that would be originated and approved by the state legislature through the State Budget and the Six Year Highway Plan. The Legislature will meet again in 2024 to update both of these spending plans. The only option to us without a rehab project would be a sharing of the existing space that is on the bridge. If the Cabinet were to receive a letter of support from both Covington and Newport sharrows could be painted along the right lane to remind drivers they must share the road with bicyclist.

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TEBM Project Development

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The Transportation Cabinet is committed to have separate bicycle lanes constructed on the new 4th street bridge. We are accelerating this project as quickly as we can to ensure this new facility that will safely serve all modes of transportation is operational as soon possible.

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As mentioned, our idea would be to create an interim two-way cycle track on each bridge. We'd welcome sitting down with you to hear your ideas and thoughts on how to provide safe options for cyclists to cross the Licking River before another tragedy occurs.

Respectfully,
Jody

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