



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, a catastrophic accident occurred on November 11, 2020 on the Brent Spence Bridge that Ohio shares maintenance responsibility with Kentucky, and which has created dangerous conditions and damages which have affected the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Hamilton County Ohio and the Tri-State area of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

WHEREAS, a truck hauling potassium hydroxide and an unknown amount of diesel fuel crashed into a jackknifed truck at 2:45 a.m. on the northbound deck;

WHEREAS, the fire from this accident lasted for two hours, damaging the upper deck of the Brent Spence Bridge, which contains the southbound lanes of the highway, as well as damaging the lower area beneath that carries the northbound lanes. Emergency management personnel reported that 400 gallons of diesel fuel was the main cause of the fire;

WHEREAS, the actual extent of the structural damage to the bridge is unknown at this time but will be determined through bridge inspections;

WHEREAS, Ohio and Kentucky have an agreement which states that Kentucky is the maintenance lead on the Brent Spence Bridge. The inspection and solution process following this incident will be a joint effort between both states and the Federal Highway Administration;

WHEREAS, to recover related expenses from the Federal Emergency Relief Program pursuant to 23 CFR 668 for the repair of the Federal Aid Highway System;

WHEREAS, in the interest of public safety and convenience, it is proposed to perform repairs by contract method or by ODOT or Kentucky maintenance forces where appropriate, and that ODOT and Kentucky can enter these contracts in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration. Any damage claims to the Federal Aid Highway System must be made through the Ohio Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, using these methods, the work can be completed in a minimum amount of time. To the extent possible, this work commenced on November 11, 2020, which will be the beginning of the Federal funding time period; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do declare an emergency in Hamilton County, do authorize Jack Marchbanks, Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to proceed forth with the necessary corrective work in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name at
Columbus, Ohio, on the 12th day of
November, 2020.





Mike DeWine
Governor, State of Ohio