

Frequently Asked Questions

How many bridges do you expect to advertise for bid in the coming year?

More than 400 bridges are planned for letting in 2019. More than half of those will be bridge replacements.

Will you bundle projects for bidding? What will be the average size of bundles?

Yes. We will bundle some projects of similar scope in contiguous geographic areas. We expect most bundles will range from seven to 25 projects. The specific size of bundles may fluctuate based on the project locations, scope of work, priority of work and available program funding.

Will you advertise single bridge projects?

Yes, but only a few projects will be stand-alone projects if they don't fit into bundled bridge projects based on their geography, complexity, scope of work or schedule.

Will you bundle rehabilitation and replacement projects together?

No. We will have contract bundles with rehab projects and bundled replacement projects, but the two types of restorations will not be mixed.

When do you expect to advertise the first bundles? How regularly will you advertise bundles?

We anticipate the first bundled projects will be advertised in the first quarter of 2019. We anticipate advertising more than 400 bridges during 2019, with larger numbers in the first half of the year.

Do you expect any of the 2019 bridges to be design-build?

Yes. About 15 percent of bridge projects in the biennium are expected to be advertised as design-build projects.

Will design-build bundles include more bridge projects than typical bundles?

Determining the right size for design-build bundles is one of the goals of our industry forums. Initial feedback from industry leaders has been that design-build bundles should be larger than typical bundles to achieve the greatest value.

Will you require a minimum DBE participation on projects/bundles?

KYTC will determine goals for DBE participation for all projects and project bundles in the program. KYTC's typical DBE participation goals for construction projects of this type have been in the range of 0% to 3%.

Will bonding requirements will be included on projects/bundles?

Yes. KYTC will require similar bonding requirements as other projects.

Will you place restrictions or requirements for maintenance of traffic?

Yes. Those restrictions and will be stated in the contract documents. The contractor will submit a Maintenance of Traffic plan to be approved by KYTC.

How will you handle change orders?

A change order is an amendment to the contract documents and will need to be handled in a very similar manner as the current KYTC change order process. The Cabinet and the Bridging Kentucky Program Team are currently looking at ways to streamline this process within the restrictions in place by state and federal requirements.

How do I determine when bridges in certain counties are scheduled for advertisement?

The tentative schedule of bridge lettings is still being developed, but bid opportunities will be posted as normal by KYTC. For more details, visit KYTC's Construction Procurement webpage.