

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT UTILITIES



The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet knows utility impacts and relocations are important elements to consider for any transportation project. This phase of project development can affect residents and significantly impact a project's schedule.

The Bridging Kentucky Program is a six-year, expedited bridge-restoration program that will include at least one bridge in every Kentucky county. To limit some of the traditional utility impacts and speed restoration of more than 1,000 bridges, KYTC and the Bridging Kentucky Program Team have implemented these philosophies in regard to utilities:



## Priority 1 Avoid utility impacts

Nearly all of the bridge projects in the program call for rehab and replacements in place, with minimal approach roadway work. This minimizes – and in many cases eliminates – the need for utility relocations. Cases that may require utility relocations include:

- Potential crane use could require temporary relocations of overhead utilities.
- Temporary low-water crossing detours could be used when necessary for projects with lengthy detours or no available detour.



## Priority 2 Relocate utilities without affecting construction schedule

To do this, we propose:

- Providing 100 percent reimbursement for required relocations to encourage cooperation and expedited design and relocation.
- Including relocation within the construction project in-kind, as much as possible.
- Provide utility design through the Bridging Kentucky Program Team, if necessary.
- Simplifying engineering and relocation agreements.

The Bridging Kentucky Program Team will work with utility companies statewide to plan and implement utility relocations. If you have questions about that process, please contact [Steve.Farmer@stantec.com](mailto:Steve.Farmer@stantec.com) or send an email to [info@BridgingKentucky.com](mailto:info@BridgingKentucky.com).

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