



Evaluation of Milton-Madison Bridge Piers Continues

Work to be performed from the shore and by boat

LOUISVILLE, KY (February 19, 2009) — Inspection of the Milton-Madison Bridge piers will resume the week of February 23rd, but the work is not expected to disrupt traffic. Over the past month Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) geotechnical crews have obtained pier core samples from the bridge which carries US 421 across the Ohio River from Milton, KY to Madison, IN.

Construction Technology Laboratories (CTL) of Skokie, IL will perform visual and hands-on inspections of the four piers above the water line. In addition to the vertical pier cores already taken, horizontal core samples will be removed and then replaced with concrete. The structures will be accessed from the shore line and by boat, so no disruption to traffic is anticipated.

KYTC Engineers will test the viability of the existing piers, which could be used during a replacement of the superstructure, an alternative being considered for the Milton-Madison Bridge Project. Analysis of the core samples will be conducted by KYTC and CTL with results expected in the spring of 2009.

Officials from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will be on hand to ensure the pier work does not disturb peregrine falcons nesting under the bridge.

KYTC and INDOT announced the kickoff of the Milton-Madison Bridge Project in August 2008. The effort to determine the best options for replacement or possible rehabilitation of the bridge is underway. Current project goals, expected to take three years and cost \$5 million, include selection of a bridge location, identification of affordable bridge types and the completion of a federal environmental study. For further information on the project, visit www.miltonmadisonbridge.com.