



BUILD THE BRIDGES COALITION

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Legislation allowing a public transportation authority is to be heard today by the Kentucky General Assembly's House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear told the media yesterday that he discussed public authority legislation with House leaders on Monday and was working on legislation that would establish a bi-state authority with Indiana on the Bridges Project.

Rep. Don Pasley's House Bill 102 establishing a public authority is the first item on the agenda for the Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting late this afternoon.

The Courier-Journal today quoted Gov. Beshear: "We're working on trying to get some legislation passed that will allow us to have an authority to work with Indiana on some bridges." He said the legislation would be directed at bridges in Louisville and Western Kentucky.

The story also focused on tolling issues relating to a public authority and quotes Coalition Chairman C. Edward Glasscock noting that FHWA officials have told Coalition representatives that tolls would not result in project delays. [Click here](#)

The Chicago Tribune also ran a brief Associated Press item on the Governor's comments yesterday:

Beshear: Authority could work with Ind. on bridges

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Gov. Steve Beshear said Tuesday his administration is working on a legislative proposal to set up an authority allowing [Kentucky](#) and Indiana to work together on funding the proposed [Ohio River](#) bridges.

The Democratic governor says the proposal would establish an authority allowing the two states to devise different funding mechanisms. Beshear says tolls are likely to be an option officials will consider.

The [Louisville](#) bridges project is expected to cost Kentucky \$2.9 billion and Indiana about \$1.1 billion

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