

# The Ohio River Bridges Industry Forum

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## Ohio River Bridges Project

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# Two Bridges, One Project

The Louisville - Southern Indiana  
Ohio River Bridges Project  
(LSIORBP)

# Project Purpose



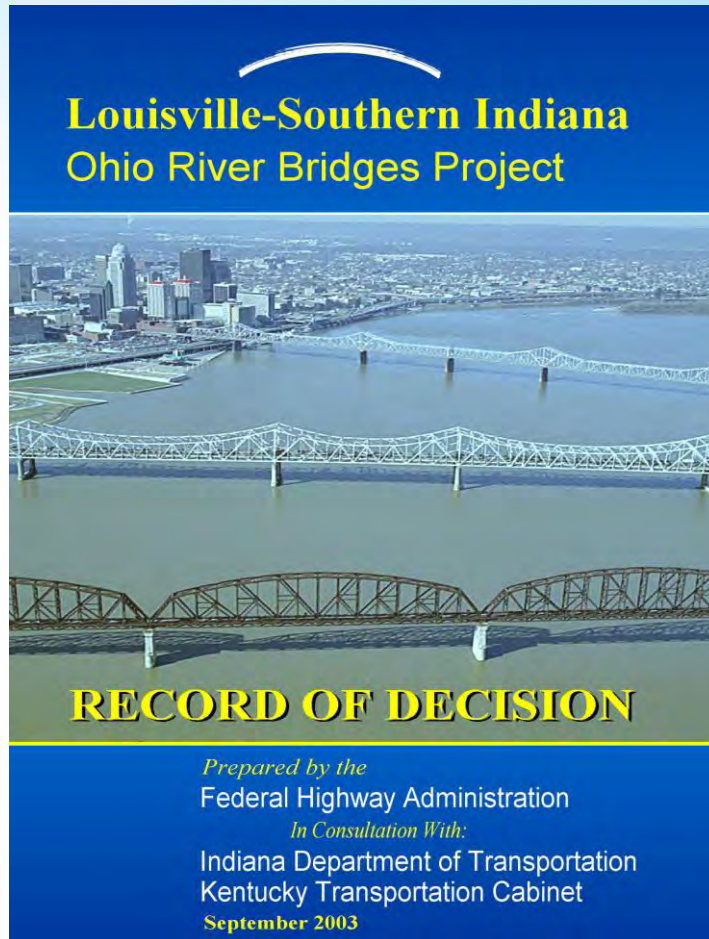
Improve Cross River Mobility

# Project Need



- Reduce Crashes
- Improve Safety
- Reduce Congestion
- Improve Traffic Flow

# The Record of Decision



- Build New Downtown Bridge
- Construct East End Bridge
- Reconstruct Kennedy Interchange

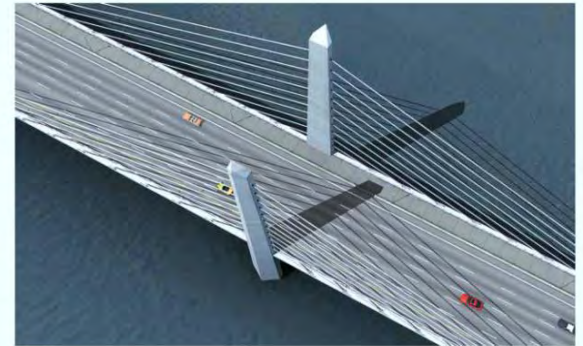
# The Project



# Kennedy Interchange



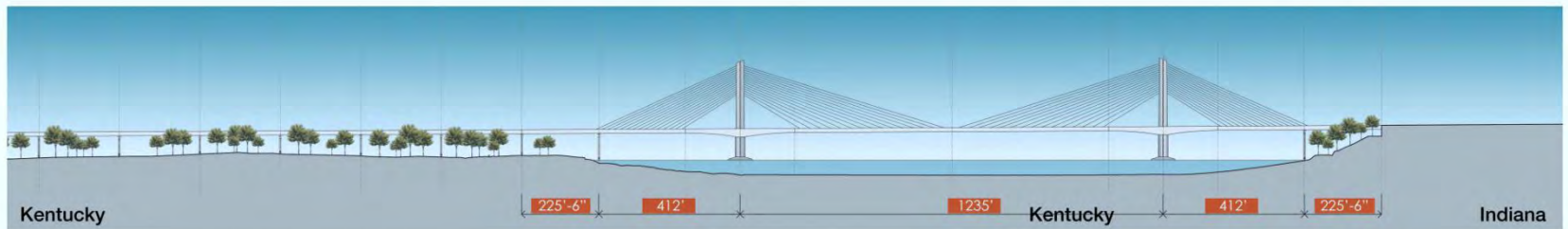
# Downtown Bridge



# East End Bridge

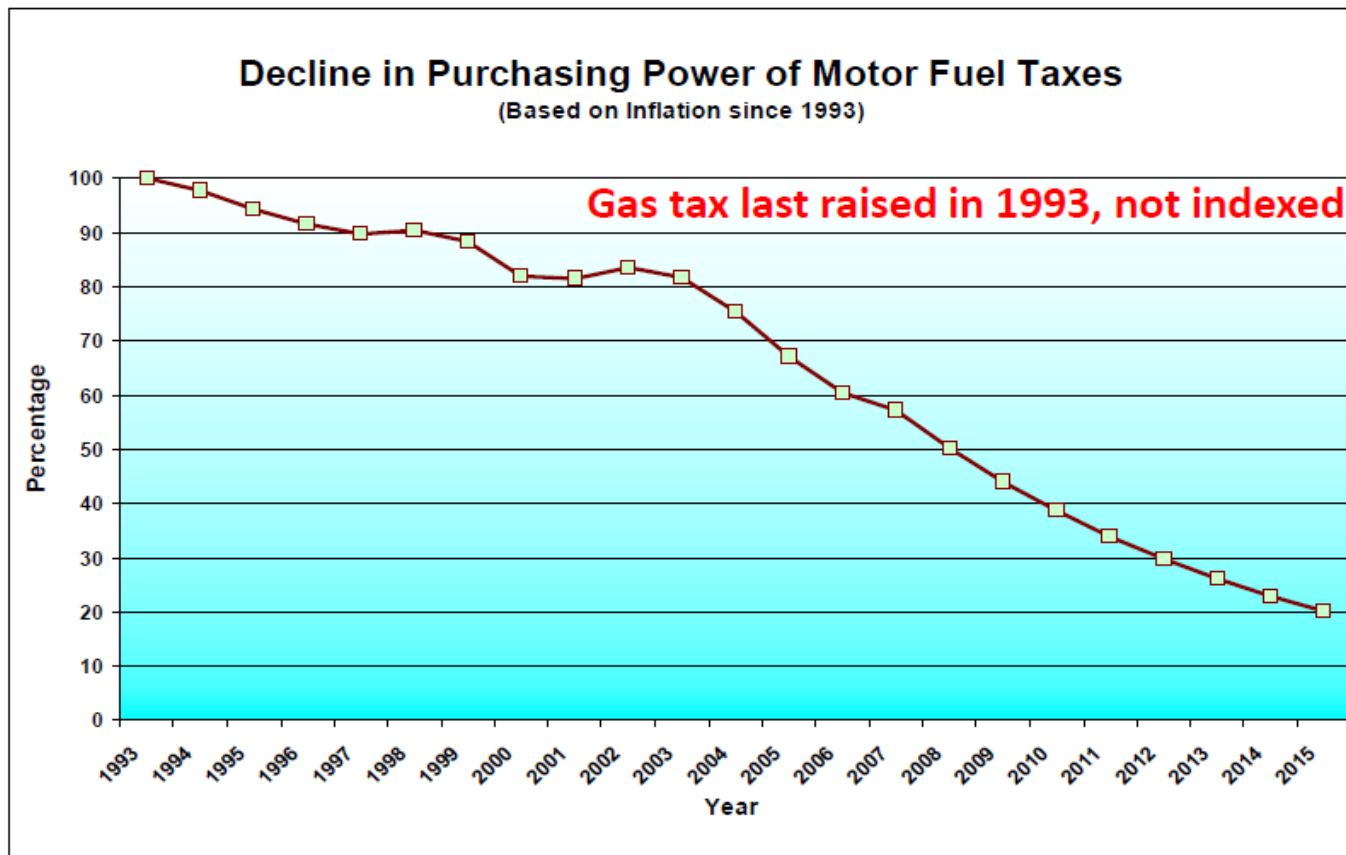


The East End Bridge has center piers so that drivers and pedestrians have unobstructed views.



# Not Enough Federal Funding

- Federal highway funds come from gasoline tax



Source: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

# Cost-Saving Approaches

Governors, Mayor identified more than \$500 million in potential project savings

1. Rebuild Kennedy Interchange in place
2. Reduce East End bridge, roadway and tunnel from six lanes to four lanes
3. Complete Big Four Bridge pedestrian / bike path

# Next Steps

- Identify and evaluate cost-saving ideas
- Update environmental study
- Complete financing and procurement plans
- Goal: contracts and construction in 2012