

THE BANKS PROJECT: MARCH/ APRIL IN REVIEW



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March and April at The Banks brought parades, parking equipment upgrades, and presentations to the riverfront. St. Patrick's Day Parade drew crowds of all nationalities. The 100th Findlay Market Opening Day Parade attracted thousands of loyal Cincinnati Reds fans from far and wide—while ushering in the 150th Anniversary of America's first professional baseball team! The first of many Mr. Redlegs sculptures was installed at The Banks.

Parking system upgrades continued in the Central Riverfront Garage and surface lots. Hamilton County Commission and Cincinnati City Council each approved Phase IIIB sources and uses of funding. Bids were received for Bid Package #1 for public infrastructure supporting the Concert Venue development; while bids were advertised for Bid Package #2.

Planet Fitness, Smoothie King, and Fishbowl continued with build-out of their spaces. Skystar Wheel's "Bark at The Wheel" brought dogs and their owners to Freedom Way for a one-day event.

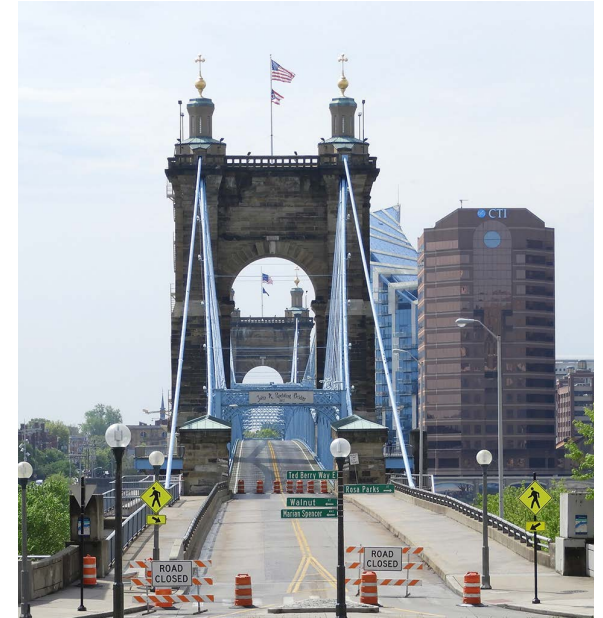
Urban Land Institute presented designs for decking Fort Washington Way developed by student competition finalists.

Cincinnati Parks announced its Riverfront Market would operate Sundays and Wednesdays (May through October) at the Castellini Esplanade in Smale Park.

PUBLIC PARTIES CONSTRUCTION



Installation of new enter/exit equipment continued throughout the Central Riverfront Garage.



Roebling Bridge closed for repairs.



Reds fans crowd Freedom Way and Joe Nuxhall Way on Opening Day 2019 (Photo courtesy of Cincinnati Reds).



Mr. Redlegs statues are popping up all over town (here, in Smale Park) to celebrate the Reds and 150 years of professional baseball.

DEVELOPER



Soon you will be able to sip a Smoothie King at The Banks!



Fishbowl will be coming soon to Freedom Way.



The MIT/Harvard team won The Hines Prize, Urban Land Institute's National Design Competition for students, for its entry "TheCincyStitch." This team proposed a way to better connect Fort Washington Way to The Banks and Cincinnati's urban core.

"The CincyStitch repositions a pivotal stretch of Cincinnati's waterfront not as the city's edge, but as the center of a connected region. Through four threads—Culture + History, Public Realm, Transportation, And New Economies—the proposal strategically expands the site and creates connections to break down barriers across geography and time."

ECONOMIC INCLUSION: PHASE I, II, & IIIA

Economic Inclusion information is available here:
<http://thebankspublicpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/economic-inclusion-marapr2019.pdf>

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Participation

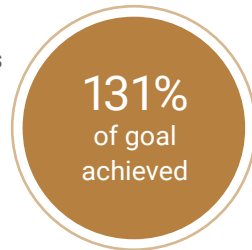
■ Goal: 30%
■ Actual: 33.2%

\$12,411,153
paid to SBE
contractors



SBE Professional Services Participation

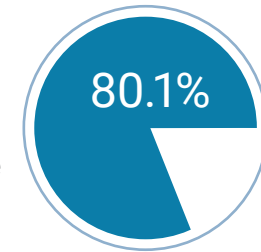
■ Goal: 10%
■ Actual: 13.1%



Combined Minority and Women Workforce Participation

■ Female: 1.82%
■ Minority: 16.01%

Workers living within the 26-county Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area represented 80.1% of the construction workforce. There are no local residency participation goals for the project.



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal/participation varied by project, between 4% and 9%.

\$5,687,667
paid to DBE
contractors

SAFETY

Public Parties construction safety hours for Phase I, II and IIIA totaled **802,044** without a lost-time incident (from January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2019).

Developer construction safety hours for Phase I and II totaled **953,818** without a lost-time incident (from January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2019).

BUDGET

Phase IIIA budget expended totaled **88.5%** of the \$29.3 million total through April 30, 2019.

The Public Parties project work remained within budget.

Budget information is available here:
<http://thebankspublicpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/budget-marapr2019.pdf>

SCHEDULE

All Public Parties work remained **on schedule**.

PARKS



School children visit the Women's Garden.



Family fun at Smale Park.



Smale Park splash grounds opened in April.

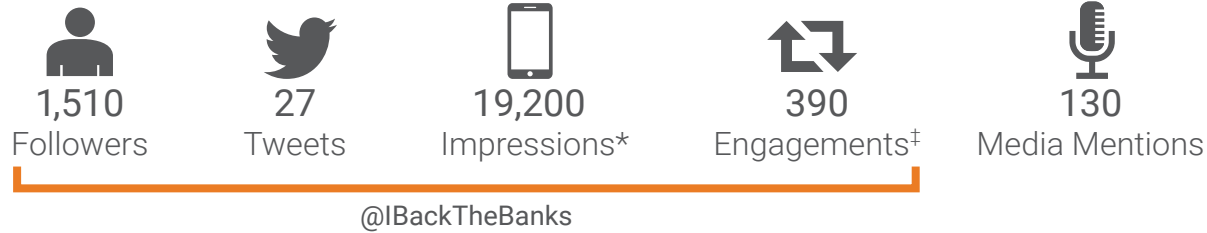


A clear spring day is perfect for a stroll along the Ohio River Walk.



Craftsmen from Verdin Bell assemble the foot piano at Smale Park.

COMMUNICATIONS



*Impressions equals the number of times users saw the tweet on Twitter.

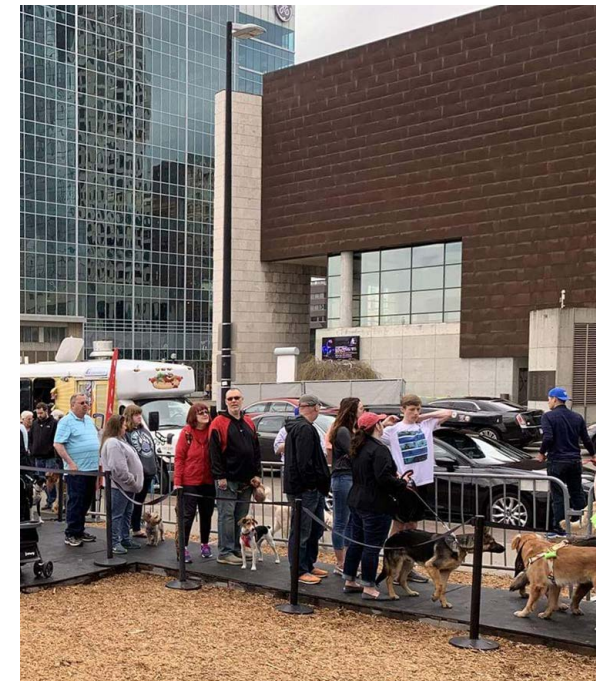
‡Engagements is the total number of times users have interacted with a tweet, including retweets, replies, follows, and likes.

In April, Project Executive Phil Beck appeared as a panelist on Citicable’s Gateway to Economic Inclusion program, discussing construction opportunities at The Banks.

Additional Media information is available here: <http://thebankspublicpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/media-summary-marapr2019.pdf>



Adventure Play is a popular area at Smale Park.



Skystar Wheel’s Bark at The Wheel was popular with dogs and their owners. (Photo courtesy of Skystar Wheel.)

WHAT'S NEXT



Site of the future concert venue which is under development.

- Build-out of spaces for Planet Fitness, Smoothie King, and Fishbowl will continue.
- Cincinnati Parks will prepare for a full season of events at Smale Riverfront Park, beginning with the Hats Off Luncheon (in May) and including the Riverfront Market (planned for Wednesdays and Sundays, May through October) at the Castellini Esplanade.
- City and County will continue finalizing details for concert venue development.
- Variable Message Signage Phase 2 will be publicly bid in May.

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