

**LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA  
OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT**

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
December 7, 2016 – 10:00 A.M. at Spring Street Freight House**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held at the Spring Street Freight House (SSFH) in Jeffersonville, Indiana on December 7, 2016 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to the IHPAT invitees on November 22, 2016 via e-mail.

**Welcome and Introductions: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the meeting. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

**Project Update: Ms. Mary Kennedy, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office**

Both Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Carr thanked the members of the IHPAT for participating in the Project development over the past years.

**Maintenance of Traffic in the Downtown: Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC**

Mr. Harris indicated that substantial completion of the Downtown crossing was met on November 18, 2016. Construction work is continuing with shoulder and local street closures. Additionally, Walsh Construction has begun streetscaping work by working on the sidewalk ramps.

Mr. Sekula complimented the Project construction. He favors the new access patterns, especially into New Albany.

**Design and Project Construction Update**

*East End Construction: Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT*

Mr. Boone indicated that construction was on schedule for substantial completion by December 17, 2016. It would be open to traffic on December 18, 2016. Several “punch list” items are continuing to be completed.

Mr. Boone also thanked the members of the IHPAT for participating in the Project development over the past years.

**Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping: Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC**

The final construction plans are completed and the construction quantities and cost estimates have been approved by KYTC. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2017. The City of Jeffersonville has requested the incorporation of special decorative inlays in the intersections and on the crosswalks. The inlays are a Project enhancement, and not required to preserve the historical significance; they are not included in the approved estimate.

**Project Status**

*Pearl Street Infill Revitalization: Mr. Jay Ellis, Jeffersonville Mani Street*

Mr. Ellis provided the following progress report for the Pearl Street Infill Revitalization Project by property.

- 401 Pearl Street: The renovation plan is nearing completion with the exception of construction of the access ramp and other smaller tasks. After completion of the renovation, a coffee house is to occupy the building.
- 403 Pearl Street: The renovation is in progress with renovation complete by May/June 2017.
- 405 Pearl Street: The renovation is in progress with the reframing of various interior walls. The plumbing will commence upon completion of the framing, followed by the electrical wiring, heating –ventilation - air conditioning (HVAC) insulation, and drywall placement. The plan is to have this renovation complete by April/May 2017.
- 407 Pearl Street: The renovation is nearing completion. The task remaining includes installation of the railing at the front steps. Recent work included refinishing the original floors, completing the plumbing and electrical service, installing the final phase of the HVAC system, applying spray foam insulation, installing drywall and trim (reusing historic rosettes and plinths, where feasible), painting and constructing the access ramp for wheelchair-accessibility.

Mr. Ellis followed his report with a request that Jeffersonville Main Street (Main Street) be considered as a candidate for ownership of the SSFH after the completion of construction. He indicated that Main Street could ensure that the building has a use that continues as a vital part of the downtown business mix into the future. Mr. Boone indicated that the IN DOT has no immediate plans for disposal of the SSFH after final Project acceptance.

***Interpretive Markers: Mr. David Kroll, CTS- GEC***

***Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Historic District (HD)***

The final location for the marker has been reviewed and approved and the graphic design for the panel has been revised accordingly. A proposal for the fabrication and installation has been received from ACS Signs and forwarded to INDOT for acceptance. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the proposal was approved and returned to ACS Signs on December 14, 2016.)*

***Colgate – Palmolive HD***

INDOT received notification on October 14, 2015 that the topic submitted for the 2016 Indiana State Historical Marker Program, the Eugenic Sterilization Program and Law, in Clark County, had been approved by the Indiana Library and Historical Board. Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) staff will contact INDOT once we begin work on this marker in the spring 2017. IHB will complete additional research on the topic and edit the proposed marker text, as necessary. Once edited, IHB will send it to INDOT to approve, along with a copy of the invoice for fabrication of the marker. The cost will be \$2,200.00.

The proposed location, as identified in the application, was within an existing grassy lawn area along the south side of Clark Avenue and just east of the Woerner Avenue intersection. However, members of the IHPAT expressed interest in placing the new marker adjacent to an existing IHB marker along the south side of Clark Avenue and just west of the Woerner Avenue intersection. Mr. Sekula urged coordination with the Town of Clarksville to ensure that marker placement is compatible with their Comprehensive Plan. CTS – GEC, on behalf of INDOT, will consult with IHB about this new location. INDOT will need to confirm placement and obtain site permission

unless the marker is to be located within INDOT right-of-way. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Vlach contacted IHB on December 22, 2016 with details of the revised marker location. Ms. Pfeiffer replied on December 28, 2016 that the revised marker location was acceptable as long as INDOT obtains the necessary site permission at that location.)*

### ***Utica Limekilns***

The two interpretive markers were installed at the Ohio River Overlook during the week of November 28, 2016. CTS - GEC distributed photographs of the installation.

In response to a question from Mr. Sekula, Mr. Kroll indicated that it is not possible to view the limekilns from the Overlook. This was planned to discourage pedestrian access to the limekilns as all located on private property.

### ***INAAP Igloo Storage Facility***

The marker is stored at the WVC Project Office in Jeffersonville. INDOT intends to install the marker prior to the opening of this section of the road. INDOT will then provide photographs of the installed marker to the IHB and notify them that if they want to conduct a dedication ceremony. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the marker was installed on December 12, 2016 and the IHB notified with photographs on December 13, 2016. It is possible that a dedication ceremony could be planned for spring 2017 and the IHPAT notified of its scheduling.)*

In response to a question from Mr. Sekula, Mr. Kroll indicated that several existing storage facilities were visible from the marker location.

### ***Utica Limekiln #48004 and Spring Street Freight House Preservation Easements: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC***

The easements for the limekilns and the SSWFH remain under review by the INDOT Legal Division.

### **Final Meeting Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Kramer asked if traffic control could be placed on westbound I – 64 at Story Avenue for the lane – ending transition. He also inquired if he would receive an invitation to the ribbon cutting for the East End Bridge.

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Carr had no closing comments. Mr. Boone thanked both individuals for their service as IHPAT Co - chairs.

This was the final scheduled IHPAT meeting; coordination would continue in spring 2018 with completion of the traffic study. However, additional meetings can be scheduled as the need arises.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is December 22, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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KYTC:	Rob Harris
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission:	Laura Renwick
Clark County:	Carl Kramer
Jeffersonville Main Street Association:	Jay Ellis (Telephone)
Indiana Landmarks:	Greg Sekula
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach (Telephone) Brian Shaw (Telephone) David Kroll (Telephone) Gary Elder