

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
June 15, 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 June 15, 2016 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to the IHPAT invitees on May 31, 2016 via e-mail. This meeting was conducted as a teleconference; however, those wishing to attend in person convened at the new location at the SSFH.

**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. Ms. Kennedy complimented the change in meeting format, and Mr. Sekula was pleased to meet in an historic building.

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

Neither Ms. Kennedy nor Mr. Carr had any opening comments or remarks.

**Maintenance of Traffic in the Downtown: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC**

Mr. Barber provided the following Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) update for the Downtown Construction:

- The biggest change in Section 3 is the reopening of the Court Avenue on - ramp to I-65 SB in early May 2016. It was closed for reconstruction at the end of February 2016.
- The remainder of the MOT has not changed since January 2016.
- I-65 SB traffic will be moved to SB lanes on the Kennedy Bridge in October 2016. This bridge deck is presently under construction.
- The Story Avenue on - ramp reopened in its original configuration in early May 2016 with its final configuration to be completed in July 2016.
- The Story Avenue off - ramp will close On June 17, 2016 for approximately one and a half weeks for reconstruction.

**Design and Project Construction Update**

***Downtown Construction: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC***

The Downtown construction is about 90% complete:

- Walsh Construction (Walsh) is trending to meet the December 9, 2016 substantial completion date.
- Work on the Kennedy Bridge is underway and traffic will return to it in October 2016.
- The I-65 SB to I-64 EB/I-71 NB movement will resume in October 2016 with the reopening of the Kennedy Bridge.

Following this presentation, Mr. Sekula and Mr. Kramer posed traffic – related questions to Mr. Barber, as follows.

Mr. Sekula:

*Can traffic control improve the merge from the 10<sup>th</sup> Street on - ramp to I-65 SB?*

Mr. Barber indicated that he would return this comment to Walsh. It is currently being reviewed.

*Can the left turn signal from NB Spring Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street be lengthened to allow more vehicles through the intersection? Is the signal timing at this intersection optimized?*

This comment was returned to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for resolution. It is pending.

*When will 9<sup>th</sup> Street reopen to traffic?*

The closure of 9<sup>th</sup> Street is not an element of the Project; it has been closed by the City of Jeffersonville.

*When will 6<sup>th</sup> Street reopen to traffic?*

The western portion may open when the SB collector – distributor road is completed. The eastern portion (including Ramp 3) will open after NB I-65 is in its final configuration due to the required merge distance.

Mr. Kramer:

*Is the Project on pace to substantial completion/reopening of those routes that are closed?*

Walsh is on pace to meet the December 9, 2016 substantial completion date.

***East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT***

Mr. Heustis indicated that construction was approximately 88% complete, and is on schedule for substantial completion by December 17, 2016.

- Section 4 is 75% complete and the tunnel is 70% complete. The final concrete tunnel liner is complete and mechanical, electrical and plumbing build-out continues. Tiling is complete in the SB tunnel; the tunnel control building is nearing completion. All planned blasting is complete in Section 4.
- Section 5 is 80% complete. All of the structural steel is in place on the Indiana and Kentucky backspans; 13 of the 27 main span segments are in place and 52 of 104 cables are installed.
- Section 6 is 96% complete. Current work is primarily landscaping and aesthetics.

***Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC***

The final construction plans are completed and the construction quantities and cost estimates have been submitted by Walsh. The quantities and estimates are under review. Construction is anticipated to begin as soon as this review reaches resolution.

**Project Status**

***Pearl Street Infill Revitalization: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS - GEC***

Mr. Jay Ellis of Jeffersonville Main Street (Main Street) provided Mr. Sacksteder with the status of the Pearl Street Infill Revitalization Project. Final grading for positive drainage has been completed

at all of the lots. The front porch railing was added at 401 Pearl Street using a blend of historic and new wood pieces. The windows have also been repaired, and the installation of trim has begun. Main Street has moved its offices into the renovated house at 401 Pearl Street. Marketing of the remaining three properties/houses is underway with negotiations proceeding with possible tenants.

### ***Interpretive Markers***

#### ***Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Historic District (HD): Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC***

Comments received from Ms. Mary Kennedy, Mr. Carl Kramer and Mr. Cory Hoehn of the Cornerstone Group on the draft marker (dated May 31, 2016) have been made. This revised marker was reviewed and additional comments provided by Mr. Kramer and Mr. Sekula. Mr. Kramer stated that no locomotives were constructed at the site, although parts for locomotives were manufactured there. Mr. Ross acknowledged this correction. Mr. Sekula recommended adding the date that the Hoehn family began site renovation and the date of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility. Mr. Ross also indicated that these additions would be made.

The location for the marker has yet to be finalized. Mr. David Kroll of CTS - GEC and Mr. Hoehn have agreed to find a location following completion of the Court Avenue extension through the HD. After a location is selected, the final draft of the marker would be prepared for approval by the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) and the IHPAT.

#### ***Colgate – Palmolive HD: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC***

Ms. Casey Pfeiffer of the Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) replied on June 10, 2016 that (IHB) staff had approved the INDOT request to apply for a new State Historical Marker for the Eugenic Sterilization Program and Law in Clark County. A Marker Application was included in the transmittal, which is to be completed and postmarked, faxed, or sent by e - mail by August 19, 2016 for evaluation.

Mr. Sekula asked if additional coordination with the property owner, Mr. Jay Sheth, had been made to inquire about listing the property on the NRHP. In previous conversations, Mr. Sheth was very explicit about having no interest in the nomination. . Mr. Sekula reiterated that listing of the property had distinct advantages for the property owner. He also asked if the property possessed National Historic Landmark (NHL) status due to the eugenics sterilization program conducted there. Mr. Ross replied that the buildings associated with that program from the 1920s had been demolished.

#### ***Utica Limekilns: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC***

The quote for the fabrication of the interpretive markers, mounts and shop drawing was executed by CTS – GEC on behalf of INDOT on June 6, 2016 and sent to ACS Signs (ACS). The shop drawings are under preparation by ACS followed by the fabrication of the markers. The markers do not require foundations; ACS plans to drill and use expansion bolts with epoxy to anchor the markers into the 6” concrete pad. ACS is designing the supports and the attachment to the slab; there is no design work required of WVB/WVC. Once the Overlook area is available and the risk of construction damage to the markers is low, ACS will install the markers.

***INAAP Igloo Storage Facility: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

The casting fee of \$2,200.00 was delivered to IHB on May 17, 2016. On behalf of INDOT, the Final Acceptance of Text Form for the marker was sent to IHB on May 20, 2016. Receipt of the Form completes the process to cast the marker, which was received on May 24, 2016. The final marker should be available in 10 – 12 weeks.

***Utica Limekiln #48004 Preservation Easement: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

There has been no change in status since the IHPAT of December 9, 2015.

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

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Carr again complimented the change in meeting format. The deadline for the receipt of comments is June 30, 2016. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at the SSFH and via teleconference. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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Preservation Commission: Laura Renwick

Indiana Landmarks: Greg Sekula

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