## LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT

## Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting June 16, 2016 – 10:00 AM at CTS - GEC

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held in the main conference room at CTS – GEC on June 16, 2016 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting invitees by e-mail on May 31, 2016. This meeting was conducted as a teleconference; however, those wishing to attend in person convened at the new location at CTS - GEC.

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

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to identify themselves and the entity they represented. A list of attendees is included with this summary.

## Project Update: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Ms. Amanda Kincaid, KY SHPO Neither Ms. Abner nor Ms. Kincaid had any opening comments.

## Maintenance of Traffic in Section 1 Downtown and Downtown Construction Update: Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC

Mr. Harris 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.

Construction on the west side of the Kennedy Bridge is now complete; the deck is being removed for replacement on the east side. Traffic would be placed on the two westernmost lanes in October 2016 to provide access from I-65 SB to I-64 EB and I-71 NB. The remainder of the Kennedy Bridge rehabilitation would be completed by December 9, 2016.

## **Design and Project Construction Update**

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

Mr. Boone 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. Blasting is nearly complete, although some small events could require an additional small blast.

- 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.

Mr. Zegart questioned if rumble strips could be placed on the access ramps to slow vehicular speeds. Mr. Boone responded that KYTC would monitor traffic after the completion of construction to determine the need for traffic control devices.

## Historic Properties Marketing: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC Grocer's Ice and Cold Storage Building

This property is currently being advertised. Three open house events have been held. A fourth is scheduled for June 21, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Bids are to be received by noon on June 30, 2016. The property was advertised on five historic websites recommended by Mr. Craig Potts. It was also advertised on the Project website, and a banner announcing its sale was hung on the front of the building.

#### Rosewell

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Kentucky Finance Cabinet have approved the sale of the property. Documentations for the sale is expected in the near future. The advertising process for this property will mimic that of the Grocer's Ice and Cold Storage Building. A media campaign will be utilized to alert the public of the sale. Ms. Runyon asked that she be provided copies of all of the sale information when it becomes available and she will distribute it via the River Fields web contacts list.

#### Drumanard

This property is now approved for sale after the sale. The sale will likely occur sometime this fall following completion of the sale of Rosewell.

#### Other Property Information

Mr. Sacksteder advised that the house KYTC purchased at the entrance to Shadow Wood will be demolished. Conditions discovered in the house led to a determination that it was more economically feasible to demolish the house and sell the remnant lot than to repair it to a reasonable condition for sale.

## Louisville Main Street Streetscaping: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

KYTC has determined that the Main Street streetscaping will be performed under a separate contract rather than as a part of the current construction project. This will allow the current developer, Bristol Development, and a potential buyer of the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Building to complete their respective construction along Main Street. Neither would affect the proposed streetscaping. KYTC is working with LGE, ATT, and Time Warner Cable to move their utilities underground in the area of the streetscaping.

#### **Additional Discussion: All**

Mr. Magee asked about the Meriwether House. Ms. Runyon advised that River Fields has acquired the property and is starting the rehabilitation of the house. She noted that there have been many instances of vandalism of the property. River Fields intends to erect a gate and lock the entrance to the property. Ms. Merritt noted that there had been some vibration exceedances from blasting in the vicinity. Mr. Boone responded that a review of the property had been made in conjunction with River Fields. While there were changes in the condition of the home from initial reviews, no damage was identified that could directly be attributed to vibration. Ms. Runyon stated that River Fields is uncertain of final disposition of the property once it is rehabilitated. They will ensure that the historic integrity of the property is maintained.

Ms. Runyon stated that Milestone Construction had cleared a large area on the Shadybrook Farm, adjacent to the east side of River Road as it parallels the river. This property is within the Country Estates of River Road/River Road Historic District (HD). Ms. Runyon contacted Mr. Heustis, who immediately took steps to stop their actions. The property has been regraded and hydro-seeded and erosion control fence has been added around the cleared area. Ms. Runyon indicated that on her last visit there were large gaps in the protection. Mr. Boone is to verify that the full erosion control fence has been installed.

Both Ms. Merritt and Ms. Runyon expressed concern about this potential violation of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FAMOA). Ms. Runyon requested that KYTC and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) complete an archaeological investigation of the disturbed site to determine any impacts to artifacts. She also stated that Milestone did not obtain permits for the construction of their batch plant in an area not zoned for such construction and was within the floodplain. She advised that she had contacted Louisville Metro Planning and Zoning about the construction. Ms. Merritt asked that someone discuss the situation further with Milestone to ensure their understanding of the processes that must be utilized for such work prior to moving to a new site.

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

Neither Ms. Abner nor Ms. Kincaid had any closing comments. The deadline for the receipt of comments is July 1, 2016. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2016 in the Main Conference Room at CTS - GEC. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

# KHPAT Meeting Attendees June 16, 2016 – 10:00 AM at CTS – GEC

KY SHPO: Amanda Kincaid

KYTC: Rob Harris

Amanda Abner

INDOT: Paul Boone

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Ombudsman: Lee Walker

Phoenix Hill Neighborhood

Association, Inc.: Doug Magee

Wolf Pen Preservation

Association: Arnold Zegart

River Fields, Inc.: Meme Sweets Runyon

National Trust for

Historic Preservation: Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder

Gary Elder