

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
September 23, 2015 – 10:00 A.M. at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley in Jeffersonville, Indiana on September 23, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to the IHPAT invitees on September 8, 2015 via e-mail and hard copy.

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

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

Maintenance of Traffic in Downtown: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder provided the following Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) update for the Downtown.

Section 1 Continuing Construction:

1. Ongoing restrictions on Adams Street (curb lanes), Witherspoon Street, Main Street, Market Street, Jackson Street, Jefferson Street, Preston Street, Liberty Street, River Road and Floyd Street are continuing for the bridge construction under I-65. When the new bridge opens to traffic, the majority of work on surface streets along the I-65 corridor will be complete.
2. Hancock Street will have full closure from Main Street to Clay Street for ongoing bridge deck pours and superstructure activities through the fall 2015.
3. Full closure of Frankfort Avenue between the Allied Concrete plant and River Road will allow for local access only from Story Avenue to River Road; this is expected to continue through the winter 2015.
4. I – 64 WB, I - 71 to I - 65 ramp, I – 64 EB to I –71 NB ramp, and the Story Avenue on ramp will have restrictions for bridge work activities at FAVE and bridge A - 035 (I – 71 SB over I – 64 EB).
5. Witherspoon Street from River Road to Adams Street will be closed to finish Bridge A - 031 (I – 64 E over Witherspoon Street) through 2016 with exceptions for special events. Crews will be doing demolition, piling, and concrete work.
6. Full closures of Jackson Street will be required for construction of Bridge A - 006 (I – 65 SB over East Market Street). Closures will be intermittent through fall 2015 for construction of Bridge A - 006 (I – 65 NB over East Market Street). Preston Street will also have intermittent full closures for construction of Bridges A - 003 and A - 004 (I – 65 N over Liberty Street, Preston Street and Jefferson Street) through fall 2015.
7. Full closure of Floyd Street between Muhammad Ali Boulevard and Liberty Street will help to mitigate traffic flow while Preston Street is closed. A detour will be established using Liberty Street, Preston Street, Muhammad Ali Boulevard/Walnut Street and Brook Street.
8. Restrictions will continue on River Road with occasional full closures at night for pile

- driving, bridge beams and deck pours.
9. Full closure of Jefferson Street will continue through September 2015.
 10. The new ramp from I – 65 SB to I - 71 SB/I-64 WB opened on August 7, 2015.
 11. Bridge B - 018 (I – 65 SB to I – 64 EB/I – 71 NB) is expected to open in September 2015.
 12. Bridge B - 034 (both the ramp from I – 65 NB and the ramp from I – 64 EB to I – 71 NB) is expected to open late September 2015. It will be three lanes tapering to two lanes at Frankfort Avenue. Opening of this bridge will help with the I – 64 EB/I – 71 NB traffic backups.
 13. The Story Avenue on-ramp was closed on August 31, 2015 to build Bridge A037. Closing of this ramp eliminates merging across two lanes of traffic, and eliminates extra traffic shifts that would be required to keep the ramp open.

Section 2 Continuing Construction:

1. Periodic closures of Market Street from the Kennedy Bridge to Fort Street* are proposed.
 2. Periodic closures of Riverside Drive from the Kennedy Bridge to Fort Street* are proposed.
- *Alternating closures; both will not be closed at the same time.

Section 3 Continuing Construction:

1. Two lanes in each direction will remain open on I-65 NB and SB for the duration of the Project.
2. I- 65 NB and SB will have an inside lane restriction from Mile Marker 1.4 to 3.5. This restriction will remain in place through September 2015 for the construction of truss foundations.
3. US 31 NB is closed to build the bridge carrying US 31 NB over I-65. The established detour utilizes Court Avenue to Spring Street to 10th Street. US 31 NB is expected to open in late 2015.
4. The ramp from US 31 SB to Court Avenue has been closed and traffic has been routed to Exit 0. The established detour is Market Street WB to Missouri Street NB to US 31 SB/Court Avenue. This closure/detour began July 12, 2015 and will last through September 2015. Crews are building a new ramp. With this closure, the intersection of Sixth Street and Missouri Avenue was closed. A detour was established using Market Street, Woerner Avenue and Sixth Street.
5. The mainline I-65 SB traffic switch is expected to occur in late September 2015; traffic will no longer be in a split configuration.

Design and Construction Status Update

Downtown Construction: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

In addition to the traffic and construction update, Mr. Sacksteder offered the following construction update in the Downtown.

Section 2: Downtown Ohio River Bridge

- 72 of the 88 cables have been strung from the towers.
- In January 2016, traffic will be switched to the new Ohio River Bridge to allow rehabilitation of the Kennedy Bridge.

Mr. Sekula questioned if the intersection of Missouri Avenue and Sixth Street would remain open during construction to minimize gridlock. Mr. Boone replied that it was closed to reconstruct the intersection. It is expected to open the second week of October 2015.

East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

Mr. Heustis offered the following construction update in the East End. Overall, design is 95% complete and construction is 73% complete.

Section 4: East End Kentucky Approach

- Tunnel excavation is complete and work has begun on the final liner. Work continues on the roadway and bridges.

Section 5: East End Ohio River Bridge

- At Tower 3, 17 of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured. At Tower 4, 16 of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured.
- Structural steel for the Kentucky backspan is being set on falsework at the bridge.

Section 6: East End Indiana Approach

- Road construction of the mainline is continuing to the east to Old Salem Road.
- The SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange partially opened to traffic. Construction of this interchange will continue until 2016 and traffic restrictions will remain until completed.

Mr. Kramer questioned if there was access to SR 265 at Old Salem Road from Utica. Mr. Heustis replied that this access was not currently available, but access from Utica – Sellersburg Road to SR 62 to SR 265 existed. Improvements to Old Salem Road adjacent to the new interchange with SR 265 are planned for construction after the Project is completed, and will provide access from Utica to SR 265 via Old Salem Road. This latter construction is not a part of the Bridges Project.

**Interpretive Markers for Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive HD and Colgate – Palmolive HD:
Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Ross provided the following updates for the interpretive markers at each location.

Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Company HD

On August 13, 2015, CTS-GEC conducted a site visit of the Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Company Historic District (HD) in Clarksville. The HD was surveyed for possible locations for the placement of new interpretive marker to “explain the historical significance of the site, its evolution, and its importance to the economic growth of the region.”

Based on the survey, two potential locations were identified. The preferred location would be on the south side of the base of the Water Tower within the HD. A second location would be along Missouri Avenue adjacent to the new sidewalk leading from the U.S. 31 Bridge. Regardless of the location, it was recommended that the marker design be similar to the two-panel markers to be installed at the Overlook for the Utica Limekilns.

CTS-GEC contacted a representative of the Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive property, also known as Water Tower Place, to discuss placement of the sign, as well as to investigate the right-of-way

along Missouri Avenue. The Town of Clarksville is extending Court Avenue through the center of Water Tower Square in early 2016, which would bisect the HD. It was recommended that the location for the marker be identified after the road construction.

Ms. Renwick indicated that an interpretive marker is present in the northwest corner of the Missouri Avenue intersection with Market Street. It is similar in design to the interpretive marker placed by the Ohio River Greenway at Woerner Avenue (see following summary).

Colgate-Palmolive Historic District

On August 13, 2015, CTS-GEC conducted a site visit of the Colgate-Palmolive HD in Clarksville. CTS-GEC surveyed the HD for possible locations for the placement of a new interpretive marker to “explain the historical significance of the site, its evolution, and its importance to the economic growth of the region.”

Two interpretive markers already exist: an Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) marker across from the Colgate-Palmolive HD on Clark Boulevard, which was installed in 2005, and an Ohio River Scenic Byway sign next to a parking lot driveway on Woerner Avenue, which was installed in 2010. Both of the existing markers relate the general history of the site, but neither relate the eugenic sterilization program developed and promoted nationwide by the leader of the Indiana Reformatory. This sterilization program is of national significance and is identified in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination, which was prepared for the site before the property owner refused listing. .

Mr. Ross indicated that the IHB is evaluating placement of a (IHB) marker next to the HD describing the eugenic sterilization program; additional coordination is to follow. If IHB decides against the manufacture and placement of their marker, a new marker could be placed adjacent to one of the two existing markers. The design of this new marker would be dependent upon the selected location, and would likely mirror the marker developed o for the Utica Limekilns.

Project Status

Utica Limekilns Interpretive Marker: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC

Mr. Ross indicated that CTS-GEC had contacted Mr. Clement Uhring of WVC to coordinate the pedestal design and mounting of the interpretive marker for the Utica Limekilns in the Ohio River Overlook. Once the landscaping package is completed, a Field Design Change (FDC) would be issued to incorporate the markers. Additional coordination is required.

Pearl Street Infill Revitalization Project: Mr. Jay Ellis, Jeffersonville Main Street

Mr. Ellis stated that Jeffersonville Main Street (Main Street) is working to complete the necessary utility connections for all four houses. A contractor has been hired to connect the water and sanitary sewer lines to all of the houses, but the work has not yet started. Main Street has applied for an Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF) round two grant to continue the rehabilitation of the houses.

Utica Lime Kiln #48004 Preservation Easement: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

There has been no change in status of the review of the draft preservation easement (PE) since the last IHPAT meeting of June 18, 2015. The draft PE continues under INDOT review. Once this

review is completed, CTS-GEC will initiate the requested coordination with Jeff – Clark Preservation, Inc., the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission and the Clarksville Historical Society to inquire of their willingness to hold the preservation easement. As previously noted, Indiana Landmarks (IL) and the Town of Utica have applied for a HPEF round two grant for stabilization and limited rehabilitation of the limekiln. IL would be willing to accept the easement if the limekiln is rehabilitated.

Site 12CI978 Phase III Report Review: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

The final draft report entitled, *Phase III Investigations at Site 12CI978, a Multicomponent Prehistoric and Historic Site, at the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridge Downtown Crossing (Des. 0300798), Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana*, was concurred in by the Indiana SHPO (IN SHPO) on September 2, 2015. This task is complete.

Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund Round 2 Awards: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

The second round to apply for a grant from the HPEF closed on June 30, 2015. Six applications were received before the deadline. The requested funds in these applications total more than the \$670,000.00 in available grant monies. The Indiana and Kentucky State SHPOs are jointly coordinating the review and evaluation of the applications to determine the final funding awards. The selections are anticipated to be complete by October 31, 2015.

Samuel Plato Academy: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The first class began September 21, 2015 with 12 students. Mr. Jim Turner was hired as the Executive Director for a three-year term. Martin Construction completed the renovation of Building C or Russell Hall by the opening of classes.

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

Louisville

Mr. Hilton indicated that streetscape concepts are under development by Walsh Constriction/Stantec. Additional coordination with the IHPAT is anticipated in December 2015.

Jeffersonville

Street lighting near the HD is to feature full cut-off optics and the streetscaping will use the remaining limestone blocks from the construction of the façade at the Clark Memorial Bridge. Coordination with the IHPAT would follow in November 2015.

Stipulation III.E.3. of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA – MOA) states that the BiState Management Team (BSMT) will design and construct streetscape improvements along city streets within the HD between Spring Street and the Project, taking into consideration the type of improvements on Market Street and Spring Street by the City of Jeffersonville. A budget of \$750,000.00 has been established for these improvements.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Neither of the Co-chairs had any closing comments or remarks. The deadline for the receipt of comments is July 2, 2015. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2015 in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley.

Specific dates for the sale of the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage building have not yet been determined. The sale of the property will be advertised by a banner placed at the building location. A page has been developed on the Project website that will specifically provide information to interested bidders. The banner will provide the website information.

A question was asked about possible names for the two new Ohio River Bridges. Mr., Sacksteder replied that the Kentucky State Legislature would name the Downton Bridge and the Indiana General Assembly would name the East End Bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

ATTENDEES

FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
IN SHPO:	John Carr
INDOT:	Mary Kennedy Ron Heustis Paul Boone Angela Nichols
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
Indiana Landmarks:	Greg Sekula
Jeffersonville Main Street Association:	Jay Ellis
Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission:	Laura Renwick
Clark County:	Carl Kramer
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jim Hilton Jeff Vlach Brian Shaw Gary Elder Ben Ross