

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
September 24, 2015 – 10:00 AM at KYTC District #5**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held in a conference room at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District #5 on September 24, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting invitees by e-mail and mail on September 9, 2015.

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 or remarks.

Maintenance of Traffic in Section 1 Downtown: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

Mr. Barber 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. Andy Barber, KYTC

In addition to the traffic and construction update, Mr. Barber offered the following construction update in the Downtown. The design is 99% complete and the construction is 75% complete

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.

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.
- Structural steel is being set on the Harrods Creek Bridge and the approach bridge.
- Sound walls are being installed adjacent to KY 841.

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 in August 2015. Construction of this interchange will continue until 2016 and traffic restrictions will remain until completed.

Mr. Zegart complemented the Project on the maintenance of traffic scheme used for removal of the KY 841 Bridge over Wolf Pen Branch Road. The weekend closure was set and a detour established.

Interpretive Markers for Phoenix Hill HD: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC

On August 13, 2015, Mr. Kroll met with Mr. Doug Magee and Ms. Cindy Brown-Kinloch, representatives of the Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association (PHNA) to discuss Stipulation III.L.7 of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA – MOA) regarding the need to “place interpretative signage ... within the historic district to explain its historic significance.” After reviewing the design and placement of several other interpretive markers required by the FA - MOA, it became apparent the PHNA was more interested in new markers to designate the boundaries of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Historic District (HD). The individuals drove throughout the HD to survey the existing signage and to identify potential locations for the installation of new markers.

Several types of district identification signs currently exist in Phoenix Hill. In 2005, the PHNA installed a large (9’ tall, 4’ wide and 18” deep) marker at the corner of Liberty Street and Preston Street. The individuals discussed creating a smaller, 2-D version of this marker that could be mounted on existing telephone poles or new small metal poles at various locations on the border of the NRHP HD. Potential locations were viewed; however, the actual numbers of new markers and final locations have yet to be determined.

To revise the type of interpretative marker (discussed in Stipulation III.L.7 of the FA – MOA) to the type of signage preferred by the PHNA, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must concur that the proposed signage fulfills the intent of the FA - MOA. This requires a formal request from

the PHNA preferring the change, cost differentials between the types of markers and approvals from KYTC and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO) of the change. As a first step, Mr. Vlach had prepared a draft memorandum for review by Mr. Magee presenting the desire of the PHNA to change the type of marker. Mr. Magee and Ms. Kinloch agreed to review the memorandum and discuss it with the PHNA prior to execution. Upon receipt, CTS-GEC will facilitate the completion of this aforementioned process through FHWA.

Samuel Plato Academy: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

The first class began on September 21, 2015 with 12 students. Mr. Jim Turner was hired as the Executive Director for a three-year term. Construction renovation of Building C or Russell Hall was completed by the start of classes. Partners in the Academy include KYTC, KY SHPO, the African American Heritage Center and Jefferson County Technical College.

Historic Properties Marketing: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

Grocers Ice and Cold Storage

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. The sale will be a closed bid process.

Drumanard and Rosewell

An updated appraisal is required prior to placing each property for sale.

Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping

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

Streetscaping concepts in Jeffersonville and Louisville are under development by Walsh Construction. Additional coordination with the KHPAT is expected in December 2015.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The deadline for the receipt of comments is October 9, 2015. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2015 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
September 24, 2015 – 10:00 AM at KYTC District #5**

FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
KY SHPO:	Amanda Kincaid
KYTC:	Andy Barber Amanda Abner
INDOT:	Ron Heustis
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.:	Doug Magee Cindy Kinloch
Wolf Pen Preservation Association:	Arnold Zegart
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach Brian Shaw Gary Elder Ben Ross