

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
June 18, 2014 – 10:00 A.M. at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley on June 18, 2014 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda and copies of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) reports were provided to meeting attendees by e-mail and mail on June 2, 2014.

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

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to identify themselves and the agency they represented. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is included with 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.

**Project Status: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC**

***George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge Treatment Plan***

The Treatment Plan was submitted to the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) Co-chairs for a final 30-day review on March 19, 2014. No comments were received by April 21, 2014, so the Treatment Plan was considered final. Copies of the final Treatment Plan were distributed to the BSHCT Co-chairs on May 5, 2014. Stipulation III.D.2 of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA-MOA) to develop and to implement a Treatment Plan has been satisfied.

***Colgate – Palmolive NRHP Nomination***

On April 28, 2014, at the request of the property owner, Boston Development Group (BDG)/Dr. Jay Sheth, the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (IN SHPO) acknowledged their request to suspend review of the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Registration Form* for the *Indiana State Prison South/Indiana Reformatory/Colgate – Palmolive Historic District*. On April 30, 2014, CTS-GEC, at the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), advised BDG that it would not seek further review of the *Registration Form* for listing of the property. All further processing of the *Registration Form* by the IN SHPO and INDOT was terminated.

The FA-MOA and the Settlement Agreement (SA) for the Project mandated that the BiState Management Team (BSMT) develop documentation and seek NRHP nomination of the Colgate – Palmolive Historic District (Stipulations III.B.1. of the FA-MOA and II.C.3.f. of the SA). The FA-MOA also stated that if the property owner did not consent to NRHP listing, no further action was required since a documentation report had already been prepared and approved by the IN SHPO in 2006. With the suspension of the NRHP nomination review, Stipulations III.B.1. of the FA-MOA and II.C.3.f. of the SA have been satisfied.

Mr. Sekula requested a copy of the e-mail from Dr. Sheth, in which he requested suspension of the review of the NRHP nomination. Mr. Sekula questioned if an e-mail communication was sufficient

to constitute property owner objection to the nomination; he further stated that the Sheth objection should conform to NRHP standards. *(In consultation with the INDOT and IN SHPO after the meeting, it was determined that Mr. Sekula should request the Sheth e-mail in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.)*

Mr. Sekula questioned if the NRHP nomination could be pursued if the property owner changed again. According to Mr. Sekula, the property owner is in arrears with certain bills and property maintenance may be lacking. Mr. Carr responded that the nomination could be finalized, as the IN SHPO and the Keeper of the National Register reviews have not yet been completed. It was noted that the original owner had declined the nomination, and the present process was only started when the present owner indicated a willingness to consider the nomination. If another owner came forward, the process could potentially proceed.

#### ***Pearl Street Infill Revitalization***

The four houses and one shed have been raised from their foundations and are staged for moving on city-owned property. The excavation of three crawlspaces is complete and one basement remains to be dug at the relocation site. It was hoped to have the concrete poured the week of May 5 – 9, 2014. Additionally, an electric utility has yet to relocate their lines. It is now anticipated that the buildings would be moved the week of June 23, 2014.

#### ***Utica Lime Kiln #48004 Preservation Easement***

A teleconference between INDOT and CTS-GEC was convened on April 17, 2014 to discuss development of the preservation easement for Utica Limekiln #48004. At the time of the teleconference, both Indiana Landmarks (IL) and the Archaeological Conservancy had declined to hold the preservation easement for the limekiln. At the request of INDOT, Mr. Vlach prepared a draft preservation easement, which was submitted to the Indiana Attorney General for review and comment on May 20, 2014. The review is pending.

Mr. Sekula and Ms. Merritt questioned if funds could be made available from the Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF) for rehabilitation of the kiln, and, if so, how much could be appropriated. Mr. Sekula questioned how preservation of the kiln could be ensured if it had not been repaired; he stated that IL would accept the preservation easement if the kiln was rehabilitated. At present, no estimates have been made of the cost of rehabilitation. Mr. Sekula agreed to contact Ratio/Mr. David Kroll to inquire if Ratio could prepare a treatment plan for the kiln that included an estimate for rehabilitation. It was noted that Ratio would not provide this cost estimate as a part of the Project, if they agree to do so. Once this plan was completed, funds could be sought from the HPEF. *(Stipulation II.B.3 of the SA states that if funds remain uncommitted in the HPEF two years from the date of establishment of the HPEF, Eligible Projects will include..... (Stipulation II.B.3.a.) Rehabilitation of historic structures. Therefore, if funds remain uncommitted after May 3, 2015, an application for funds could be made by a local government, other local public authority or a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.)*

#### ***Old Jeff Houses Relocation***

The preservation easements have been recorded for all of the five houses that were relocated. The covenant easements have been recorded for the three houses that were sold (309 Pearl Street, 411 E. Maple Street and 310 Mechanic Street). For the two houses being transferred to the City of Jeffersonville (411 W. Market Street and 626 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street), the covenant easements and the deeds

for all five properties were sent by INDOT to the City of Jeffersonville on June 9, 2014 to record. Ms. Renwick reported that the City Auditor indicated that the property deeds would probably not be accepted until next spring "because of tax reasons".

***Utica Limekilns Interpretive Marker and INAAP Igloos Roadside Historical Marker***

In accordance with Stipulation I.C.3.d. and I.C.3.e. of the SA to develop a roadside historical marker for the Utica Limekilns and the INAAP Igloos, respectively, an Intent to Apply for a Historical Marker was prepared and submitted to the Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB) on April 28, 2014 and prior to the deadline of April 30, 2014. On May 15, 2014, INDOT was notified that the IHB had approved the Intents to Apply for both historical sites. A completed application form, clearly demonstrating the significant role or contribution of each site to the state and/or nation, is due to the IHB by August 12, 2014. CTS-GEC will consult with the staff at the IHB regarding the sites, demonstrating their significance and finding primary sources to complete the applications. This process is highly competitive and acceptance of the Intent to Apply forms does not guarantee that the sites will be selected as State Historical Markers.

The application that is due on August 12, 2014 does not include the written text for the historical markers, but it identifies primary sources to be used in developing the text for each sign. If the applications are approved, this list of sources is to be made available to the IHPAT for review and comment and to assist in developing the text for each sign. However, if the applications are not approved by IHB, markers similar to those developed for the Spring Street Freight House could still potentially be created.

***Walking Tour of Downtown Construction***

The Co-chairs inquired about a walking tour of the Downtown Crossing. Walsh would like to accommodate this request, but the June 2014 tour calendar was booked. Walsh inquired if the tour could be scheduled in September and combined with the Kentucky HPAT (KHPAT). A list of dates is to be obtained from Walsh and coordinated with both HPATs. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the dates of September 9 or 11, 2014 were provided to the HPATs for preference of a tour date. In addition, a joint HPAT meeting is proposed for the selected date with the walking tour to follow.)*

**Maintenance of Traffic: Mr. Max Rowland, Walsh Construction**

***Proposed Indiana Downtown***

Closure of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge will occur on July 8, 2014 at 12:00 AM. During the closure, new US 31 entrance and exit ramps to and from Court Avenue will be constructed. When the bridge reopens in late August, the new ramps would remain in use. The closure would be in effect for approximately six weeks. Warning signage has recently been placed to alert motorists of the upcoming closure and detour signage has been placed.

There would be two media availabilities and an additional media advisory between June 18, 2014 and July 8, 2014 to disseminate the detour information. The final media availability would occur on July 7, 2014. For the first week of the closure, off-duty police officers will control the traffic lights to direct traffic as motorists become familiar with the detours.

Work is also proceeding on the approach to the new bridge over the Ohio River. Structural steel is to be set for the bridge in late July 2014 over Market Street and necessitating the use of the

Riverside Drive detour. When this has been completed, structural steel is to be set over Riverside Drive, necessitating the use of the Market Street detour. In both cases, the steel would be set at night.

#### **ITS Towers in the East End: Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT**

A report entitled *Visual Effects of Closed Circuit Television Towers on Historic Properties Louisville Southern Indiana - Ohio River Bridges East End Project Clark County, Indiana* examined the effects of construction of three 80-foot and one 100-foot closed circuit television (CCTV) towers on historic districts and properties in Indiana. It also examined the effect of the 100-foot tower on those historic properties along the river in Kentucky since it would be visible from those properties. This tower construction is proposed as a part of the intelligent transportation system (ITS) communications architecture for the Project. These towers would consist of a single triangular lattice frame. Small cameras or other small ITS devices would be mounted near the tops of the towers, which would be freestanding with no lateral supports or guy wires. The tops of each tower would be modified so any future extension would not be permitted. The report recommended that a No Adverse Visual Effect finding be issued. The reports were submitted on April 23, 2014 to the BSHCT Co-chairs for review. On May 20, 2014, the IN SHPO concurred in the findings of the report and the No Adverse Visual Effect finding. Ms. Renwick questioned why a photograph was not taken from the south end of the INAAP Igloo Storage Historic District (HD) on Salem Road looking west toward Tower 3. This comment would be forwarded for revision.

Following presentation of the report, Mr. Boone indicated that one of these towers had been erected in Section 3 (Indiana Downtown). After the IHPAT standard 15-day review, any additional comments would be returned to WVB for revision. A final report is anticipated to be available around August 1, 2014.

#### **Design and Project Construction Update**

##### ***Downtown Procurement: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC***

Mr. Barber provided the following construction update in the Downtown.

- The construction is on schedule for substantial completion by December 2016.
- Construction at Tower 5 is showing above the water level on the Indiana side of the river. The structural steel is to be set at the end of July 2014, as discussed.
- Closure of the Clark Memorial Bridge was discussed by Mr. Rowland earlier in the meeting.
- In Section 1 (Downtown Kentucky), I-65 southbound traffic has been routed onto new pavement from Witherspoon Street to Muhammad Ali Boulevard.

##### ***East End Procurement: Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT***

Mr. Boone provided the following construction update in the East End.

- The rock excavation and blasting at the south portal is continuing. The main heading of the southbound tunnel is approximately 1,200 feet in and 1,000 feet in for the northbound tunnel. Material removed from the tunnel continues to be used for fill between the Harrods Creek Bridge and the river.
- The initial five-foot pour (lift) of concrete has been poured in the tub at Tower 3.
- Concrete has been poured at the 12 drilled shafts at Tower 4.

- The rock excavation and blasting is continuing in Indiana on both sides of Old Salem Road.
- The interchange at SR 265-SR 62-Port Road is under construction. As a result, Utica-Sellersburg Road is closed to traffic for the next six months. A detour has been established.

Mr. Kramer complemented the maintenance of traffic during construction.

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

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

The deadline for the receipt of comments is July 3, 2014. The next IHPAT meeting is to be combined with the KHPAT and scheduled for either September 9 or 11, 2014 at a location to-be-determined; the walking tour of the Downtown construction is to follow this joint meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**IHPAT Meeting Attendees  
June 18, 2014 – 10:00 A.M. at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley**

FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
IN SHPO:	John Carr
INDOT:	Paul Boone Mary Kennedy Lara Olinger Angela Nichols
KYTC:	Andy Barber
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Pearcy
Indiana Landmarks:	Greg Sekula
Jeffersonville HPC:	Laura Renwick
Clark County:	Carl Kramer
Rose Hill Neighborhood Association:	Joe Rafferty
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jim Hilton Jeff Vlach Brian Shaw Gary Elder
Walsh Construction:	Max Rowland Jack Hagerman