

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
March 19, 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 March 19, 2014 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by e-mail and mail on March 3, 2014. Because of discussions at the BiState Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) meeting of March 4, 2014, additional discussion items were added. A revised agenda was sent to the IHPAT members via e-mail on March 5, 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 entity they represented. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

Project Update: Mr. Patrick Carpenter, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office

Neither Mr. Carpenter nor Mr. Carr had any opening comments or remarks.

George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge Treatment Plan: Mr. Blake Morris, Walsh Construction

Mr. Morris indicated that Revision 3 of the report entitled *Historical Documentation of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana* had been submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for review on March 11, 2014. Mr. Vlach stated that this Revision was satisfactory and was delivered to the BSHCT Co-chairs on March 18, 2014 for a final 30-day review for concurrence.

Mr. Morris identified that masonry contractor, Broady – Campbell (BC), has begun dismantling and relocating the pylons to the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge (Bridge). This work began the week of March 10, 2014 by restricting the outside travel lanes on the bridge approach for access to the sidewalks, handrail and pylons. The sidewalks are to be maintained on one side of the approach while the pylons are removed on the other side. Bicycles would be permitted at all times during this initial construction until full closure of the Bridge for 44 days following Memorial Day. The existing pylons are being disassembled in the order that they were assembled and moved. The disassembly breaks the pylons into individual pieces that are marked for reassembly. Each pylon was constructed with a Lewis pin erection at the joints. Following this removal and relocation, the approach to the bridge would be reconstructed.

Mr. Morris stated that the existing limestone block walls have been scanned using a LIDAR system. Each block was measured and numbered; a plan is to be developed to rearrange the blocks on the proposed east side of the reconstructed bridge approach. This design would ensure that the blocks

are replaced as close to their existing configuration as possible. The west side of the reconstructed bridge approach would be formliner, which would be constructed to mimic the east facade. It is proposed to complete this work by Memorial Day.

Once the blocks have been removed, they would be loaded onto flat-bed trailers for transport and storage. It is anticipated that excess blocks would remain after reconstruction of the east facade. It was recommended by the IHPAT that Mr. Shane Corbin or Mr. Andy Crouch (City of Jeffersonville) be consulted for possible reuse of these excess blocks. Suggested locations included Big Four Station Park and Preservation Park.

Project Status: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Colgate – Palmolive NRHP Nomination

Mr. Patrick Carpenter of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has coordinated with Dr. Jay Sheth, representing the Boston Medical Group (BMG), who is property owner of Colgate – Palmolive. On February 27, 2014, Dr. Sheth indicated that BMG is going to request that the BiState Management Team (BSMT) does not pursue the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing of the property. Dr. Sheth is to send an email/letter formally notifying the BSMT of this position. Once the notification is received, the BSMT would discuss with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office staff (IN SHPO) whether to continue review of the nomination, considering that the property owner would ultimately object to listing. If the IN SHPO continues the review, the BSMT would notify Dr. Sheth. However, the IN SHPO may not want to spend additional review time on a nomination that, even if approved by the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board and forwarded to the National Park Service, would not ultimately be listed due to the property owner objection.

Discussion ensued about the plans BMG has for the property, the details of which are unknown at his time. IHPAT members expressed hope that demolition of buildings would not occur. Mr. Sekula indicated that he and Mr. Scott Johnson of the Town of Clarksville (Town) are hoping to communicate with the owners further. Mr. Sekula inquired if Mr. Johnson could become a member of the IHPAT. Mr. Sacksteder replied that the Town is currently a member of the IHPAT, and Mr. Johnson could be identified as the representative of the Town to the IHPAT. Additional discussion is pending.

Pearl Street Infill Revitalization; Mr. Jay Ellis, Jeffersonville Main Street

Jeffersonville Main Street (Main Street) closed on the purchase of the vacant parcel and is in possession of the property deed. Preparation work (removing fence, asphalt and trees) on the lot has begun, the site survey is completed and the electric utility line has been removed. The houses at 216 W. Market Street, 218 W. Market Street, 222 W. Market Street and 229 Pearl Street are in various stages of removal from their foundations prior to relocation to the new parcel. Bids for the excavation of the new basements are pending. Relocation of the houses would occur after the basements and foundations are completed.

Archaeological Site 12CI978

Excavation of the site by McCullough Archaeological Consultants (MAS) was completed on November 27, 2013. The IN SHPO concurred in the Interim Report for the West Side on February 4, 2014. The IN SHPO concurred in the Interim Report for the East Side on February 26, 2014. The site is cleared for construction. The final report of findings and curation of artifacts is anticipated to take approximately one year; the actual dates for each are unknown.

Spring Street Freight House Interpretive Sign

ACS Sign Solutions fabricated and mounted the interpretive sign for the Spring Street Freight House (SSFH) on February 18, 2014; Mr. Vlach distributed a photograph of the mounted sign. Ms. Angela Nichols and Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT, were present for the mounting. Ms. Nichols agreed to check with Mr. Will Wingfield, INDOT Information Officer, for possible plans for a media release or opening event. Ms. Nichols indicated that she is not aware of any decision to move forward with a media event at this time.

Stansifer Avenue at I-65 Noise Barrier Meeting

On December 18, 2013, KYTC and CTS-GEC solicited the input of area residents regarding the potential for construction of noise barriers adjacent to the east and west sides of the northbound and southbound ramps, respectively, of Stansifer Avenue and I-65. The proposed noise barriers include:

- Noise Barrier #1: constructed at ground level west of I-65; it would vary in height from 12 feet to 16 feet, and would be approximately 994 feet in length.
- Noise Barrier #2: constructed on structure and on top of a proposed retaining wall west of I-65; it would vary in height from 12 feet to 14 feet, and would be approximately 1,214 feet in length.
- Noise Barrier #3: constructed at ground level east of I-65; it would vary in height from 16 feet to 22 feet, and would be approximately 855 feet in length.

Responses received by the deadline of January 10, 2014 indicated:

- Noise Barriers #1 and #2 - 80% (37 of 46 receptors) responded, of which 84% (31 of 37 receptors) favored the construction of noise barriers.
- Noise Barrier #3 - 85% (50 or 59 receptors) responded, of which 100% (50 or 50 receptors) favored the construction of noise barriers.

On the West Side, there are 30 individual receptors for Noise Barrier #1 and 30 individual receptors for Noise Barrier #2. They are the same receptors for both barriers. There are 16 rentals, including one house, which is divided into separate units with two renters, and 14 owner-occupied for 46 receptors.

On the East Side, there are 10 individual receptors. Of these receptors, one is a 44-unit rehabilitation center, six are rentals and three are owner – occupied for 59 receptors.

To discuss the construction of the noise barriers, a meeting was held at 5:30 PM on March 4, 2014 in the Shakespeare Room of the Clarion Hotel Conference Center, 505 Marriott Drive in Clarksville, Indiana. Informal discussions preceded a formal presentation by Walsh Construction. There was an opportunity for the public to make comments for the Project record. Survey Cards were received from all of the Residents/Adjacent Receptors Represented, except from one individual. The received responses favored the construction of the noise barriers (two on the West Side and four on the East Side); one individual did not indicate a preference, but returned a Survey.

Utica Lime Kilns MPDF and NRHP Nominations

The Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF) and the NRHP nominations for Howe's Lime Kiln & Quarry (#48001), Tyler Co. Kiln & Quarry #1 (#48002) and the Starkweather Kiln & Quarry (#48004) were approved by the Keeper of the NRHP/National Park Service (NPS) on December 30, 2013. Due to property owner objection for listing of the Tyler Co. Kiln & Quarry #2 (#48003), the lime kiln was determined eligible for listing on the NRHP, but it was not listed. The First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA-MOA) Stipulation III.H.8 (listing of the kilns and quarries) is satisfied.

Utica Lime Kilns Pamphlet

One thousand five hundred (1,500) copies of the Utica Lime Kilns Pamphlet were printed for distribution. In addition to INDOT, IN SHPO and the IHPAT, copies were delivered to the SSFH, interstate rest areas, local libraries, two state parks, museums, city and county offices and planning departments, local elementary schools and the Sunny Side of Louisville Visitors Bureau. On December 10, 2013, the IN SHPO approved the distribution locations; compliance with FA-MOA III.H.1 (develop and publish pamphlet for distribution) is satisfied. It was noted that additional copies of the pamphlet were available from Ms. Nichols at the SSFH.

Utica Lime Kiln #48004 Preservation Easement

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Carpenter indicated that internal discussions were on-going regarding the preservation easement.

Popular Report

No comments were received for additional revision of the Popular Report by an established deadline of December 19, 2013. On December 20, 2013, the BSMT approved its distribution in accordance with FA-MOA Stipulation II.P.2. Distribution was completed to the SHPOs, Native American Tribes, HPAT members and public libraries. FA-MOA Stipulation II.P.2 to develop a Popular Report in plain English is satisfied.

Mr. Kramer requested a hard copy of the Popular Report for his files. Mr. Vlach inquired if any other IHPAT members would like a copy; there were no other respondents. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Vlach sent a hard copy of the Popular Report to Mr. Kramer on March 21, 2014.)*

Old Jeff Houses Relocation Auction

Ms. Kennedy spoke with Mr. Michael Kuehl, INDOT Real Estate, on the status of the easements for the five houses in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District that were relocated. The preservation easements have been recorded for the five houses. The covenants were recorded for the houses that were sold (309 Pearl Street, 411 E. Maple Street and 310 Mechanic Street) and the property deeds have been successfully transferred. The covenants for the two houses that were donated to the City of Jeffersonville (411 W. Market Street and 626 E. 7th Street) would be recorded within the next six months. The deeds for these two houses are being routed for signature through the office of the Indiana Governor.

Maintenance of Traffic

Prior to the meeting, Mr. Vlach had distributed information to the IHPAT detailing detour routes through the historic districts in the Downtown and in the Brookhollow Subdivision of the East End Crossing. Each of the proposed closures was discussed with the IHPAT. In the Revised Record of Decision (RROD), it is the obligation of the BSMT to consult with the BSHCT on official detours throughout the construction phase. The BSHCT has suggested that the HPATs be informed of potential traffic issues, particularly those that might affect historic districts. The following comments were noted for each section.

Proposed Brookhollow Way Closure/ Detour: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

No impacts to historic districts or historic properties would occur from this closure and detour route. Traffic from a portion of Brookhollow subdivision is to be detoured to Utica – Sellersburg Road over a new connection to the adjacent Crystal Springs subdivision. The closure is anticipated to begin in late March 2014. Coordination has been undertaken with the City of Jeffersonville, Brookhollow and Crystal Springs subdivisions on this detour route and no adverse comments have been received.

Proposed Indiana Downtown: Mr. Blake Morris, Walsh Construction

- Missouri Avenue is closed and the (aforementioned) construction at the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge has begun. Utility relocation is currently underway. This detour is expected to be in place until the end of July 2014.
- Closure of Court Avenue and use of the detour is anticipated to occur from April 14 – 25, 2014 for exit ramp construction from I-65 northbound to Court Avenue. As the timing for placement of this detour coincides with the proposed houses relocation along Mulberry Street for the Pearl Street Infill Revitalization, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Sekula requested further coordination with Walsh Construction. It may be possible to delay the relocation of the houses.
- The US 31 northbound detour is anticipated to begin in late May 2014 and extend until late May 2005 for reconstruction of I-65 and the Missouri Street approach to the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge.

Design and Project Construction Update

Downtown Procurement: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

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

- The final design is approximately 80% complete and the construction is approximately 30% complete. Design is expected to be complete in July 2014.
- Tower 5 has been poured and is above the water level. In late 2014, the cables are to be delivered.
- The deck would be poured on the bridge on Sixth Street in April 2014.
- The retaining walls north of Market Street (at Court Street, Sixth Street and Ninth Street) in Jeffersonville are under construction.
- The sidewalks are to be maintained on one side of the Bridge approach while the pylons are removed on the opposite side. Bicycles would be permitted at all times during this initial construction until full closure of the Bridge for 44 days following Memorial Day.
- I-65 at the Tenth Street exit would remain open while construction occurs on the I-65 at Ninth Street exit.
- Through travel lanes on I-65 would be restricted from three lanes to two lanes to accommodate the construction during the summer months.
- A public open house is scheduled for March 27, 2014 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Mellwood Art Center in Louisville. Additional information is available at 1-888-ORB (672)-1993.

East End Procurement: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

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

- The final design is approximately 80% complete and the construction is approximately 25% complete.
- The maintenance of traffic scheme is open at the SR 265/SR 62/Port Road interchange. Mr. Carr questioned the configuration of the diverging diamond interchange at this location. Mr. Heustis replied that the diverging diamond had been replaced with a roundabout configuration shown on the *Proposed Brookhollow Detour* exhibit.
- The right-of-way has been cleared at the Salem Road Interchange. Utility relocation is underway, and grading from the interchange to the Ohio River is proceeding.
- The rock excavation and blasting at the tunnel from the south portal is continuing. To date, no shale or voids have been encountered.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder relayed that the African - American Heritage Interpretive Plan was prepared. This report was completed on December 30, 2013 and distributed to all of the local libraries within the Project area.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is April 3, 2014. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2014 in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

IHPAT Meeting Attendees
March 19, 2014 – 10:00 A.M. at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley

IN SHPO: John Carr

INDOT: Ron Heustis
Mary Kennedy (Telephone)
Patrick Carpenter
Paul Boone
Angela Nichols

KYTC: Andy Barber
Dav Kessinger
Rob Harris

Kentucky Technical
Review Team: Ken Sperry

Indiana
Ombudsman: Carl Percy

Kentucky
Ombudsman: Lee Walker

Indiana
Landmarks: Greg Sekula

Jeffersonville HPC: Laura Renwick

Clark County: Carl Kramer

Jeffersonville Main
Street Association: Jay Ellis

National Trust for
Historic Preservation: Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder
Jeff Vlach
Brian Shaw
Bob Lauder

Walsh
Construction: Blake Morris