

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
April 13, 2011– 10:00 a.m. at McCauley – Nicolas Centre**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held at the McCauley – Nicolas Centre on April 13, 2011 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by mail on March 28, 2011.

**Opening Remarks: 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: Ms. Mary Kennedy, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office**

Ms. Kennedy advised that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) was to be prepared to address changes in the design of the Project. She indicated that the SEIS would include a Section 106 review process, and urged all of the attendees to join the process as a consulting party (when the invitations to join are extended).

Mr. Sekula stated that Mr. Tom Meredith was to prepare the photo documentation of the Central Passage House (CPH). This work is to begin in summer 2011. Demolition of the CPH is to be delayed until the SEIS is completed.

Bids are to be opened for rehabilitation of the Spring Street Freight House (Freight House) on April 13, 2011. At an open house in March 2011, two contractors expressed interest in submitting a bid; at a later session, additional contractors showed interest. The rehabilitation is to be constructed with 100% state funding.

Demolition of properties acquired within the right-of-way for the Project has been delayed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) while the Project is in the SEIS process. However, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has requested permission to demolish several properties in the Brook Hollow subdivision. This approval is pending.

The property owner at 116 Fort Street, which is one of the contributing properties in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD) to be relocated by the Project, has inquired about hardship acquisition. This inquiry was made due to the potential foreclosure on the property. This request is pending.

Mr. Sekula stated that a fire and removal of a house on a lot in the 300 block of Pearl Street has left two vacant lots in the HD. The lots are presently zoned residential. He said that combining the two lots into one lot would be suitable for relocation of one of the contributing houses in the Old Jeffersonville HD. Another lot was identified at the southeast corner of Maple Street and Pearl

Street. Mr. Sekula questioned if the City of Jeffersonville could acquire the lots at this time and INDOT could then acquire them from the city. Mr. Fogle is to send mapping of the lots to CTS-GEC to further pursue this possible action with INDOT.

### **Spring Street Freight House - Preservation Easement: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC**

In accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement (MAO) Stipulation III.A.2.c., a preservation easement (PE) is to be placed on the property consistent with Stipulation II.H and the property sold at fair market value to a preservation organization or other party acceptable to the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) or donated to a local government. Mr. Vlach indicated that he was working to prepare the PE and a draft could be available for discussion at the IHPAT meeting in June 2011 or August 2011. He stated that he was developing the PE similar to the sample provided to Ms. Kennedy by Indiana Landmarks (IL) in December 2010. It is probable that the IHPAT members would assist FHWA, INDOT and CTS-GEC in defining the specific stipulations of it. It was suggested that the PE include provisions for the construction of another small building on the site, similar to the existing metal building, which is to be removed. It is envisioned that the PE would be completed at the conclusion of the rehabilitation in April 2012. Mr. Sekula reiterated that IL would like to hold the PE as stipulated in the MOA.

Mr. Sekula stated that the Freight House will not house the planned Clark County Museum. It was one of three possible locations for the museum, but further investigations selected another possible site. It was also noted that the landscaping variance was passed by the Jeffersonville Plan Commission on February 22, 2011, allowing for the removal and replanting of trees on the lot to improve the street visibility of the Freight House. In answer to a question from Mr. Sekula, Mr., Fogle indicated that a CVS drug store was to be constructed on an adjacent parcel at the Spring Street intersection with 10<sup>th</sup> Street; an architectural variance was granted to CVS to construct the store on this brownfield site.

Mr. Sekula noted that the current zoning for the Freight House does not meet the city code for a public assembly site due to the size of the bathroom. He questioned if the bathroom size could be modified before construction begins. Additional discussion is pending. Mr. Sekula offered the assistance of Mr. John Hawkins, AIA (Kovert-Hawkins Architects), an architect who has worked with IL.

### **Section 106 Consultation Process: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Sacksteder distributed a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an SEIS that was published in the *Federal Register* on February 15, 2011 by the FHWA. The SEIS is being prepared because proposed changes in the Project have the potential to result in significant environmental impacts that were not evaluated in the Final EIS (FEIS). In addition to updating the FEIS/Section 4(f) Evaluation, FHWA expects the SEIS to examine design changes and their potential impacts. The SEIS will build upon the original EIS that was prepared between 1998 and 2003, and resulted in the issuance of the FEIS on April 8, 2003 and a Record of Decision (ROD) on September 6, 2003.

As a part of the development of the SEIS, impacts to historic properties must be considered. Section 106 consultation and possible amendment of the MOA will be part of the SEIS. Mr.

Sacksteder distributed the consulting parties list from the original Section 106 process for review. The IHPAT was asked to identify other individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking that may also be designated as consulting parties. A draft coordination letter was also distributed that explained to the consulting parties that the Section 106 Process is being reopened. The draft letter described the proposed changes to the Project as it was described in the NOI. The initial schedule from the Coordination Plan was also distributed that showed a Section 106 Consultation meeting on June 1, 2011.

Mr. Sacksteder explained that the MOA could be amended to accommodate any changes that may occur due to modified alternatives. The IHPAT would continue to be engaged under the stipulations of the MOA, and a parallel process would be initiated with consulting parties as a part of the SEIS. MOA commitments carried out as the SEIS is under development would be limited to those that have little potential to be changed due to alteration in effects or eligibility of the affected historic property; those commitments that may be changed due to the changing nature of impacts to historic properties may require revision of the MOA (amendment required). The MOA would be amended to accommodate those changes that may occur due to modified alternatives.

After initial review, the IHPAT advised of the following four entities that should be added to the list of consulting parties:

Ms. Jane Sarles, Historic Preservation Commission, Town of Clarksville

Dr. Jay Sheth, Colgate – Palmolive Representative

Ms. Marianne Zickuhr, Preservation Louisville

Ms. Rachelle Kennedy, Preservation Kentucky

Mr. Sacksteder was questioned about the status of the Big Four Bridge and the provision to place a pedestrian walk on the new Ohio River bridge. He replied that there was no commitment with the Project to place a pedestrian walk on the new bridge. Mr. Fogle stated that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Indiana approach to the Big Four Bridge was scheduled for completion by September 2011.

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

Questions were asked about the disposition of the Utica limekilns and the Swartz Farm. It was noted that both properties would be carried into the SEIS with resolution to occur as a part of the Section 106 process. It is anticipated that the Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) would be completed for the limekilns. Mr. Sekula stated that the James Smith Farm was being considered by the property owners for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as an archaeological site.

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by April 28, 2011 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The next scheduled IHPAT meeting is June 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Community Room of the McCauley – Nicolas Centre. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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FHWA: Duane Thomas

IN SHPO: John Carr

INDOT: Mary Kennedy  
Paul Boone

Indiana  
Ombudsman: Carl Percy

Indiana  
Landmarks: Greg Sekula  
Laura Renwick (also represented Jeffersonville HPC)

City of Jeffersonville: Brian Fogle

Clark County: Carl Kramer

Clark County Historian: Jeanne Burke

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder  
Jim Hilton  
Jeff Vlach  
Bob Lauder