

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

### **Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting December 9, 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 December 9, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to the IHPAT invitees on November 23, 2015 via e-mail. Prior to the introductions, it was indicated that Shane Corbin was leaving the City of Jeffersonville on December 31, 2015 and that Dan Matson had already left. Mr. Vlach was directed to contact that office to inquire who would replace Mr. Corbin and Mr. Matson as representatives to the IHPAT. (*Mr. Vlach made this contact on December 16, 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 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 complimented the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Walsh Construction on the new Downtown Ohio River Bridge opening on December 5, 2015 and the “Walk the Bridge” event.

#### **Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping: Mr. Richard Sutherland, Stantec**

Walsh Construction/Stantec is developing the streetscape and aesthetic lighting design in the Old Jeffersonville Historic District (HD) with construction anticipated in spring 2016. Mr. Sutherland presented the following scope of this design, which does not include landscaping:

Street lighting will be extended along four sections of city streets:

- Market Street between Pearl Street and Spring Street
- Mulberry Street between Riverside Drive and Market Street
- Clark Street between Riverside Drive and Market Street
- Pearl Street between Riverside Drive and Market Street

Lighting hardware will match that which already exists along Market Street.

Multiple intersections will be milled and replaced with new asphalt. New crosswalks will be installed and a Jeffersonville City Medallion will be placed in the center of the intersection.

Salvaged limestone blocks from the Clark Memorial Bridge approach will be utilized to construct stone benches on the south side of Riverside Drive facing the river. Additionally, gateway monuments will be erected at Riverside Drive and Market Street underneath the new bridge approach for the HD. New limestone cornice pieces will be manufactured to top the gateways.

Aluminum fence will be constructed as a screen along Riverside Drive underneath the bridge approaches and in front of the parking lot in the area left by removal of four houses. One of the two

entrances will be removed. Prefabricated concrete posts will be constructed at regular intervals to tie the fence together. The posts will be surfaced with a stacked or dry stone appearance.

Fence will be constructed perpendicular to Riverside Drive along the property line of the area mentioned above that will extend to the alley or flood wall. This fence will be made of composite material, similar to that used along Market Street near the park. It will also have a dry or stacked stone appearance.

All work has been coordinated with the City of Jeffersonville. Jeffersonville will be responsible for maintenance of the aesthetic features in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will prepare a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) defining Jeffersonville's responsibility for maintenance. The INDOT Seymour District will develop the agreement and coordinate with Jeffersonville.

Mr. Sekula advised that the proposed streetscape elements should be sent to the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) for review. Ms. Renwick indicated that all of the streetscaping elements along Riverside Drive fall within the local Jeffersonville HD. As such, this design must be approved by the JHPC through a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) application. She indicated that the COA must be issued by JHPC prior to construction. She elaborated that JHPC should not have concerns with the proposed design plans, but the review process and approval is required for work in the local HD. She agreed to send the application to Mr. Vlach. *(Mr. Vlach received the application on December 9, 2015 and provided a copy to Mr. Sutherland on December 22, 2015.)*

Mr. Ellis remarked that the existing lighting on Market Street is rather bright. He asked if the proposed lighting would match the existing in brightness or if a different option could be proposed for the lighting elements. Several other IHPAT members concurred that they would prefer that the proposed lighting not be as bright as that currently found along Market Street. Mr. Sutherland agreed to review this issue. *(Mr. Sutherland sent an e-mail to Walsh Construction on December 9, 2015 asking to modify the lighting brightness as requested by the IHPAT. Walsh agreed to coordinate with the vendor to mask the light on the residential side of the pole to reduce light penetration.)*

Mr. Ellis asked about the mitigation for removal of the existing trees along Riverside Drive. He stated that in a previous IHPAT meeting, a commitment had been made to replace the vegetation. Mr. Barber agreed to reply to Mr. Ellis. *(At the IHPAT of September 25, 2013, Mr. Ellis questioned if the trees along Spring Street were to be replaced due to damage inflicted by the physical relocation of the houses along Fort Street. Mr. Kevin Hetrick, INDOT, replied at that meeting that INDOT was waiting for a list from the City of Jeffersonville of those trees that were to be replaced or rehabilitated. To date, this list has not been received)*

### **Maintenance of Traffic in Downtown: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC**

Mr. Barber provided the following maintenance of traffic update for the Downtown construction. He indicated that the December 5, 2015 "Walk the Bridge" event was a success with between 40,000 – 50,000 people crossing the new Downtown Ohio River Bridge. In addition:

- I - 65 NB traffic was diverted to the Lincoln Bridge on December 7, 2015 with two lanes of traffic.

- I – 65 SB traffic will be transitioned to the Lincoln Bridge within a few weeks.
- The I – 64 EB to I – 65 NB exit will be closed indefinitely to allow reconstruction of this ramp.
- The I – 64 EB to I – 65 SB exit has been opened.
- The US 31-flyover ramp to the Clark Memorial Bridge has been opened for access to I - 65.

Mr. Kramer passed along a compliment from a friend on the maintenance of traffic during construction. Mr. Ellis noted that the webcam videos on the Project website were helpful in navigating the Project limits before driving.

## **Design and Project Construction Update**

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

In addition to the traffic update, Mr. Barber offered the following construction update in the Downtown. Work is progressing on all three sections with construction at 80% complete; the construction is on schedule for substantial completion on December 9, 2016.

As noted, the Lincoln Bridge was open to traffic on December 7, 2015 (I – 65 NB). Traffic for I – 65 SB will be switched to the Lincoln Bridge in a few weeks.

Exit 0 in Indiana will be permanently closed and access along adjacent city streets will be reopened.

### ***East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT***

Mr. Heustis indicated that construction was approximately 80% complete. He also stated that no potential names have been mentioned for the East End Bridge yet.

#### ***Section 4: Kentucky Approach***

- Blasting for KY 841 NB continues as well as noise wall construction.
- The final tunnel liner is being placed in the southbound bore; it is approximately 50% complete. The northbound bore will follow.
- The concrete has been poured on the northbound lanes of the Harrods Creek Bridge. The deck is to be poured on the Kentucky approach bridge in the immediate future.

#### ***Section 5: Ohio River Bridge***

- At Tower 3, the last of the 22 concrete lifts will be poured during the week of December 14, 2015. At Tower 4, 20 of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured.
- The structural steel at Tower 3 has been extended between Pier 2 and Tower 3. In Indiana, the steel bridge deck is being assembled on – land and is being launched to Tower 4 in three stages.

#### ***Section 6: Indiana Approach***

- The Developer achieved a milestone on November 30, 2015 for completion of work in Section 6 to Old Salem Road.
- The decks for the Brook Hollow Way Bridge over Lentzier Creek and SR 265 over Brook Hollow Way are completed.

Mr. Kramer questioned if additional traffic directional signs would be placed at the SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange. Mr. Heustis replied that once the bridge is opened, traffic should calm and additional signs could be placed, if necessary.

## **Project Status**

### ***Pearl Street Infill Revitalization: Mr. Jay Ellis, Main Street***

A utility easement has been placed at all four properties. Duke has installed the electric lines and Vectren has installed the gas lines to each house. The City of Jeffersonville is to construct a sidewalk across the front of each property, and landscaping is to include tree planting, tree wells, lighting and final grading. At 401 Pearl Street, insulation, dry wall and heating – ventilation - air conditioning (HVAC) is to be completed. HVAC is also to be completed at 403, 405 and 407 Pearl Street.

### ***Interpretive Markers: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

#### ***Utica Limekilns***

There has been no change in status since the last IHPAT of September 23, 2015.

#### ***INAAP Igloo Storage Facility***

There has been no change in status since the last IHPAT of September 23, 2015.

#### ***Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive HD***

The draft signage is under preparation for discussion at the IHPAT meeting of March 16, 2016.

#### ***Colgate – Palmolive HD***

On September 10, 2015, CTS-GEC contacted the Indiana Historical Bureau (IHB). Ms. Casey Pfeiffer stated that the eugenics sterilization program conducted at the site could merit an IHB marker. As such, an IHB marker application will be prepared in February 2016 and submitted for a consideration for approval. This would follow a similar process to the interpretive marker developed for the INAAP Igloo Storage Facility.

### ***Utica Limekiln #48004 Preservation Easement: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

INDOT is revising the preservation easement, which should be complete by December 31, 2015. At that time, Mr. Vlach is to contact other potential holders of the easement to include Jeff – Clark Preservation, Inc., the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission and the Clarksville Historical Society. This contact will be made to inquire of each agency's willingness to hold the easement. Indiana Landmarks (IL) and the Town of Utica did not receive an Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF) Round 2 Grant for stabilization and limited rehabilitation of kiln; coordination with IL will be initiated to determine their willingness to hold the easement.

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

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) and the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) received six applications for the second round of grants under the HPEF. The second round of funding had \$670,000.00 available after the initial distribution of \$1,000,000.00 for awards in each state (\$500,000.00 per state). Kentucky used the \$500,000.00 allotted for awards in

the first round; Indiana had a remainder of funds of \$1,315.00 that reverted to the funding pool available for the second grant round. The total amount of funds available for the second grant round was \$671,315. The grant review committee consisted of six people. DHPA and KHC provided three staff to read, evaluate, and score each proposal. Following are the ordered results of the review.

1. Pearl Street Infill Revitalization Phase II by Jeffersonville Main Street (Indiana)
2. Merriwether House Rehabilitation by River Fields, Inc. (Kentucky)
3. West Louisville Shotgun Houses Rehabilitation by the Samuel Plato Academy (Kentucky)
4. Jefferson Jacob School Rehabilitation by Prospect Lodge #109 F&AM (Kentucky)
5. Butchertown Park and Streetscape by Louisville Metro Government (Kentucky)
6. Samuel Starkweather Lime Kiln Plans and Stabilization by the Town of Utica (Indiana)

Projects 1- 4 were funded in total; Project 5 was funded approximately 33% and Project 6 received no funding.

***Year 2016 IHPAT Meetings: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

Meeting dates for the IHPAT meetings in 2016 were distributed. The meeting dates and locations were confirmed. Outlook Meeting invitations will be sent to the IHPAT in late December 2015.

***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 December 28, 2015. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016 in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
IN SHPO:	John Carr
INDOT:	Mary Kennedy Ron Heustis
KYTC:	Andy Barber
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Indiana Landmarks:	Greg Sekula
Jeffersonville Main Street Association:	Jay Ellis
Clark County:	Carl Kramer
Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission:	Laura Renwick
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach Brian Shaw Gary Elder
Stantec:	Richard Sutherland