

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting  
June 17, 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 June 17, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to the IHPAT invitees on June 2, 2015 via e-mail and hard copy.

**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**

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

**Maintenance of Traffic - Proposed Indiana Downtown: Ms. Celeste Blomberg, Walsh Construction**

Ms. Blomberg provided the following maintenance of traffic update for the Downtown construction. She indicated that Ms. Mindy Peterson, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), would be available to discuss the Maintenance of Traffic scheme with the local media.

**Section 2**

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**

1. Two lanes in each direction will remain open on I-65 NB and SB for the duration of the Project.
2. Beginning on June 17, 2015, 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 for up to three months for the construction of truss foundations. An advisory is to be issued on June 17, 2015.
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.
4. The ramp from US 31 SB to Court Avenue will be closed and traffic will be routed to Exit 0. The established detour will be Market Street WB to Missouri Street NB to US 31 SB/Court Avenue. This closure/detour is expected to begin July 6, 2015 and last through September 2015. Crews will be building a new ramp. An advisory has been distributed; additional advisories will be posted closer to the closure.

Mr. Sekula questioned if a dedicated lane was to be established on I-65 SB to Exit 0. Ms. Blomberg indicated that the traffic pattern would remain as is.

5. On July 15, 2015, a major shift in traffic is to be implemented: existing I-65 NB and SB traffic will be switched to the newly constructed I-65 NB traffic lanes to allow for construction of the new I-65 SB traffic lanes.

Mr. Ellis questioned the placement of the traffic cones on Court Avenue in front of the Thornton's Service Center east of I-65. Ms. Blomberg stated the cones are marking the work that is continuing in this area (along with the renovation of the Service Center), and will remain until the improvement of Court Avenue commences.

It was noted that any improvement of the traffic flow in front of the Colgate – Palmolive property would be the responsibility of others. It is not in the scope of the Project.

## **Project Status**

### ***Utica Limekilns Interpretive Marker: Mr. Ben Ross, CTS-GEC***

The final draft of the marker and graphics were provided in a handout and as a display. Mr. Ross stated that the marker and graphics had been revised based on minor comments received. IHPAT members were urged to view the display at the conclusion of the meeting. In an e-mail received from Mr. Carl Kramer on June 2, 2015, he had reviewed the marker, and found it to be excellent. No other comments were received from the IHPAT members.

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

Mr. Ellis provided the following update of construction activities.

All four structures have been rehabilitated with the outside renovation nearly completed.

Landscaping of each residential lot is pending completion of the construction.

A Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF) grant will be sought for interior renovations and utility connections to the individual houses.

Mr. Ellis thanked Mr. Sekula and Indiana Landmarks (IL) for their assistance in the development of the Infill Project. He stated that IL had been a valuable partner.

### ***INAAP Igloo Storage Historical Marker: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC***

On April 15, 2015, Mr. Vlach contacted Mr. Tom Vittitow, Planning and Development Manager of River Ridge Development Authority to inquire about the possible placement of the Indiana Army Ammunition Plant (INAAP) Igloo Storage Historical Marker on or in close proximity to the River Ridge Commerce Center (RRCC). The preferred location will be in proximity of a new interchange and heavy haul road under construction on the RRCC property with the exact location to be determined early in 2016. The marker could be placed along the heavy haul road in proximity of a to-be-salvaged igloo. At the request of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the casting of the marker is to be delayed until spring 2016 nearer to the time of anticipated placement.

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

On April 29, 2015, INDOT representatives, Mr. Heustis, Mr. Kevin Hetrick, Ms. Jennifer Jansen and Ms. Kennedy met with Mr. Vlach via teleconference to discuss the selection of a potential Holder for the Preservation Easement (PE) for Utica Limekiln #48004. As a result of meeting discussions, Mr. Vlach was directed to contact Jeff – Clark Preservation, Inc., the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission and the Clarksville Historical Society to inquire of their

willingness to hold the PE. At present, the draft easement continues under review and revision by INDOT/Ms. Jansen. Once this review is completed, CTS-GEC will initiate the requested coordination with these three agencies.

Initial contact was made with each of the three aforementioned agencies in early May 2015. A response was not received from Jeff – Clark Preservation, Inc. or Clarksville Historical Society. Ms. Renwick of the Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Commission stated that the Commission is legally authorized to hold property. However, as a city body, they could be reluctant to be responsible for the limekiln, which is outside of the Jeffersonville city limits. She also cited the current condition of the limekiln as a possible deterrent to holding the easement.

Mr. Sekula indicated that IL and the Town of Utica were preparing an application for a HPEF grant for stabilization and limited rehabilitation of the limekiln. If approved, the grant would cover the cost to prepare plans and specifications for these activities. Mr. Sekula stated that IL would be willing to accept the easement if the limekiln was rehabilitated.

***Site 12CI978 Phase III Report Review: Mr. Jeff Vlach., CTS-GEC***

Comments on the draft report entitled, *Phase III Investigations at Site 12CI978, a Multicomponent Prehistoric and Historic Site, at the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridge Downtown Crossing (Des. 0300798), Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana*, were received from INDOT Cultural Resources Office (CRO) on May 15, 2015 and returned along with CTS-GEC comments to Walsh Construction for revision on May 20, 2015. Receipt of a revised report is pending. Nevertheless, the site was cleared on October 24, 2014.

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

The second round to apply for a grant from the HPEF is open for eligible applicants and projects. This second round is a joint grant round with the Indiana and Kentucky State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) making the selections together. On May 7, 2015, the IHPAT and Kentucky HPAT (KHPAT) were notified of this grant round and were sent the respective HPEF Grant Application Packet for projects in Indiana and Kentucky. The announcement was also posted on the Project website. All applications must be received by the close of business at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 to the respective SHPO.

Mr. Carr asked for clarification of the deadline for HPEF proposals and the 5:00 PM received time. It was reiterated that the deadline was 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 with submission to the respective SHPO. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Carr sought clarification from Ms. Malia Vanaman, Associate Grant Coordinator, IN SHPO. Ms. Vanaman indicated that she had inadvertently placed the wrong deadline date on an internal newsletter. She also stated that the Indiana Government Center closes at 4:45 PM, and hand-delivery of an HPEF grant application should note this closing time on June 30, 2015. On June 19, 2015, this message was also sent to the IHPAT members.)*

***Craftsman Training Update: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC***

Mr. Sacksteder stated that a lease has been negotiated with The African – American Heritage Foundation for use of Building C as the site of the Craftsman Training Program (CTP). The Kentucky SHPO (KY SHPO) has signed the lease and the KYTC is to execute it in the near future. The first class is to meet in September 2015.

**Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping/Louisville Main Street Streetscaping: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC*****Jeffersonville***

For streetscaping in the Historic District (HD), Stantec, as part of the Walsh Construction team, was asked to provide concepts based on environmental commitments and recommendations in the Old Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Plan (HPP). A scope of work to prepare conceptual development plans is currently under preparation. Prior to further advancement of the streetscaping proposal into design, coordination with the City of Jeffersonville and the IHPAT is required. As part of the scope of work, Stantec, CTS-GEC, Walsh Construction and KYTC concurred in a recommendation to incorporate the unused stone blocks from the Clark Memorial Bridge approach work into the Jeffersonville streetscape. It is anticipated that approximately 15 blocks may be available for use.

Mr. Ellis questioned the proposed budget for the streetscaping proposal. Mr. Sacksteder indicated that Mr. Barber, KYTC, should be consulted for this information.

***Louisville***

KYTC plans to meet with the KY SHPO to define proposals for streetscaping in downtown Louisville. A schematic showing proposed improvements along East Market Street is available on the Project website, but is overly elaborate as to context sensitive design details. Further coordination is anticipated.

**Design and Project Construction Update*****Downtown Procurement: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC***

In addition to the traffic and construction update provided by Ms. Blomberg, Mr. Sacksteder offered the following construction update in the Downtown. Work is progressing on all three sections with construction at 67% complete; the construction is on schedule for substantial completion in December 2016.

The façade for the Clark Memorial Bridge is completed. The decorative pylons have been relocated, but the caps have not yet been placed. Installation of the refurbished lighting on top of the pylons was questioned. (*Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Blomberg replied that the lighting would be installed in three to five months.*)

It has been necessary to perform nightly concrete pours in the Kentucky downtown. On one particular night, the concrete trucks were directed over an alternate route causing excessive disturbances to the neighborhoods. To avoid similar instances in the future, specifications have been prepared, including advanced notice of such work via mail two days before each pour.

***East End Procurement: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT***

Mr. Heustis indicated that design is approximately 90% complete and construction is approximately 60% complete.

***Section 4: East End Kentucky Approach***

- Blasting for KY 841 NB continues. Tunnel excavation is approximately 95% complete. Excavation and the initial liner will be completed in July 2015.

- The structural steel has been set for the bridge over Harrods Creek and is being set for the Kentucky approach bridge.

***Section 5: East End Ohio River Bridge***

- The legs are being placed above the elevation of the roadway surface. At Tower 3, 11 of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured. At Tower 4, nine of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured.
- During the week of June 22, 2015, structural steel is to be delivered on-site, which will be set between Pier 2 and Tower 3.

***Section 6: East End Indiana Approach***

- Traffic was switched to the new SR 62 WB pavement to allow removal and reconstruction of the SR 62 EB pavement.
- In late July 2015, traffic will be switched to allow for the completion of the Port Road access connection to the SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange.
- The beams for the Brook Hollow Way Bridge over Lentzier Creek and SR 265 over Brook Hollow Way are to be set.

**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 July 2, 2015. The next IHPAT meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2015 in the Community Room at Mountjoy Chilton and Medley. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

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IN SHPO: John Carr

INDOT: Mary Kennedy  
Ron Heustis  
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Ombudsman: Carl Percy

Indiana  
Landmarks: Greg Sekula

Jeffersonville Main  
Street Association: Jay Ellis

Rose Hill Neighborhood  
Association: Joe Rafferty

Jeffersonville Historic  
Preservation Commission: Laura Renwick

CTS-GEC: John Sacksteder  
Jim Hilton  
Jeff Vlach  
Brian Shaw  
Gary Elder  
Ben Ross

Walsh Construction: Celeste Blomberg