

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting  
December 11, 2014 – 10:00 AM at KYTC District #5**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held in the Main Conference Room at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District #5 on December 11, 2014 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by e-mail and mail on November 24, 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 KHPAT members in attendance is included with this summary.

**Project Update: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Mr. Craig Potts, KY SHPO**

There were no opening comments from Ms. Abner or Mr. Potts.

**Craftsman Training Program: Mr. Craig Potts, KY SHPO**

Mr. Potts introduced Ms. Jennifer Ryall as the new Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO) liaison with his office. She has replaced Ms. Burcum Keeton, who took a position with Louisville Metro Government Historic Preservation.

Mr. Potts stated that his office has been coordinating with Jefferson County Technical College (JCTC), the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Louisville Metro Government as the stakeholders to initiate the Craftsman Training Program (CTP). He said that Mr. Bob Yapp was hired as a consultant to CTS-GEC on a one-year contract to help establish the CTP and find a director. Mr. Yapp, a national expert in the preservation trades, has established this type of training at other locales in the past. Mr. Yapp resides in Hannibal, Missouri and travels to Louisville as needed. The CTP has been funded by KYTC with the authority to administer the program delegated to JCTC; the final documents to manage the program by JCTC are near completion. The initial Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014. Ms. Cynthia Johnson is a member of this Board.

Mr. Potts distributed an article from the Louisville *Courier - Journal* newspaper of December 11, 2014 that detailed a CTP Boot Camp. The Wood Window Restoration Workshop was conducted at the Jefferson Jacob School during the week of November 17, 2014. Fourteen students were transported to the School every day from west Louisville to complete this training. This workshop was the first class under the CTP. After the class, students expressed an overwhelming desire for more hands-on training with limited time in a classroom.

**Project Status: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

***NRHP Nominations – Jacob School Lane, James Taylor Subdivision, Village of Harrods Creek***

CDM Smith completed the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations for Jacob School Lane Historic District (HD), James Taylor Subdivision HD and the Village of Harrods

***Clifton Neighborhood Noise Barrier***

A contract modification with Walsh Construction to construct noise barriers adjacent to the east side of I-64 in the Clifton neighborhood is under review by KYTC and Walsh Construction. A public information meeting will be scheduled with the neighborhood to discuss the potential for the construction of noise barriers once the cost details are finalized.

***Grocers Ice and Cold Storage***

Demolition, tuck-pointing and exterior wall reconstruction of the portion of the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage building that falls within the Project right-of-way were completed in early October 2014. Subsequently, a field observation report was prepared by Jacobs Engineering for Walsh Construction on October 9, 2014. CTS-GEC/Ratio completed a site visit on October 15, 2014 to inspect the building in preparation of an Addendum to the Condition Report (original Condition Report of June 15, 2009). The Addendum was prepared and forwarded to KYTC on November 14, 2014 after CTS-GEC internal review. After KYTC review, the Addendum was sent to KY SHPO for review on December 2, 2014. The review is continuing.

***Wayside Mission Archaeology***

Corn Island completed the archaeology at the site. A letter report of findings was prepared and submitted to KYTC/Ms. Susan Neumeyer on August 25, 2014 for review and comment. The letter report was reviewed and submitted by KYTC to the KY SHPO on September 22, 2014. No further action by the KY SHPO was required. When additional ground-disturbing activity occurs at the site, Walsh Construction is to have an archaeologist on-site.

**Design and Project Construction Update*****Downtown Procurement: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC***

Mr. Barber provided the following construction update in the Downtown. Work is progressing on all three sections with design at 99% complete and construction at 58% complete; the construction is on schedule for substantial completion in December 2016.

***Section 2: Ohio River Bridge***

- All towers are constructed above the surface of the water of the Ohio River.
- Tower 5 (Indiana shore) will reach its full height of 230 feet by December 31, 2014. Cables are to be placed on this tower starting in December 2014.

***Section 3: Indiana Downtown Approach***

- The "Big Squeeze" continues to restrict I-65 (northbound and southbound) to two travel lanes in each direction.

Mr. Barber stated that the Project website contains updated photographs of the construction in the Downtown. He mentioned that at times, the traffic webcams do not operate, as they are solar powered and the recent overcast days have not allowed the batteries to charge.

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

Mr. Heustis provided the following construction update in the East End. Work is progressing on all three sections with design nearly complete at 98%; the construction is on schedule for substantial completion by October 31, 2016. It is approximately 40% complete.

- Jackson Street will close after the traffic switch on I-65.
- Monitoring of the traffic flow along Floyd Street will continue. If back-ups persist, it may be closed to traffic.
- The TARC bus stop at First Street and Jefferson Street causes traffic to back-up in the intersection. Ms. Runyon asked if it was possible to move the bus stop away from the intersection until construction was completed. Mr. Rowland agreed to investigate this request.
- In April 2016, traffic will be switched to the new Ohio River bridge. All ramps to and from this new bridge need to be completed by that time.

Following this presentation, various questions and comments were discussed. Mr. Walker asked about access when I-64 eastbound is closed at night. Mr. Rowland stated that a detour had been established on I-264. Ms. Runyon complimented Walsh Construction on the maintenance of traffic during construction. Mr. Barber stated that the Project website contains updated photographs of the construction in the Downtown. He mentioned that at times the traffic webcams do not operate; however, they are solar powered and require their batteries to be recharged.

**Year 2015 KHPAT Meeting Dates: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Tentative dates for Year 2015 KHPAT meetings have been approved by the BiState Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) Co-chairs. At present, CTS-GEC is coordinating with KYTC to secure the Main Conference Room for the meetings. Once this has been completed, Outlook calendar invitations will be sent to all KHPAT members. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the Main Conference Room was secured for the 2015 meetings and Outlook invitations were extended to all KHPAT members on December 16, 2014.)*

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

None of the Co-chairs had any closing comments or remarks. The deadline for the receipt of comments is December 30, 2014. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2015 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM