

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
June 19, 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 June 19, 2014 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda and copies of the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) reports were provided to meeting attendees by e-mail and mail on June 2, 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 stated that his office has been coordinating with Jefferson County Technical College (JCTC) and the Kentucky Center for African-American Heritage to initiate the Craftsman Training Program (CTP). A meeting was held at the Trolley Barn to inspect the building that is to house the CTP and to discuss the requirements for the program.

Mr. Bob Yapp is under consideration for employment as the director of the CTP. Mr. Yapp is a national expert in this type of training, having hosted a television show on Craftsman Training in the near past. He also runs a school for at-risk children in Hannibal, Missouri in the preservation trades.

Mr. Magee questioned if coordination had been undertaken with Youth Build, a program for low-income young people who work toward completing their high school diploma, or equivalent, while learning job skills by building affordable housing in their communities. Mr. Potts replied that Ms. Burcum Keeton had worked extensively to build relationships with local groups, contractors and area churches who had expressed interest in the CTP. Mr. Magee further commented that Mr. Dan Forbis should be contacted to assist with the CTP; Mr. Forbis is associated with local carpenters who may want to join the effort in establishing the program. Mr. Magee said that he would supply contact information for Mr. Forbis to Mr. Potts.

Project Status: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Preservation Easement for Drumanard

The property appraisal has been initiated by KYTC for the Drumanard property. The Office of Legal Services, KYTC, has contacted Louisville Metro Government (Metro) to determine their interest in accepting the donation of Drumanard in accordance with Stipulation III.N.3. of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA-MOA). The stipulation states "if the BiState

Management Team (BSMT) cannot acquire an historic preservation easement, then the BSMT will acquire the Drumanard property, place an historic preservation easement on the property, and seek to sell the property at fair market value to a preservation organization or other party acceptable to the BSHCT or donate the property to a local government. The current owner will have first right of refusal.”

At present, the Jones family is still occupying the house. Once Drumanard is vacated, KYTC will initiate needed repairs. Mr. Bob Burry, an historic preservation architect, has been contacted to potentially prepare necessary specifications and plans for the rehabilitation. A letting is currently proposed through the Kentucky Department of Finance, similar to what occurred for the rehabilitation of Rosewell.

Preservation Easement for Rosewell

The property appraisal has been initiated by KYTC for Rosewell. The Office of Legal Services, KYTC, has contacted Metro to determine their interest in accepting donation of Rosewell in accordance with Stipulation III.P.3. of the FA-MOA. The stipulation states “Immediately following its acquisition and implementation of the treatment plan, the BSMT shall place a preservation easement on the property as set forth in Stipulation II.H and sell the property to a local historic preservation organization or other party acceptable to the BiState Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) or donate the property to a local government. The Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO) shall hold the easement. If sold, the current owner will have first right of refusal.”

Clifton Neighborhood Noise Barrier

A change order is being processed with Walsh Construction to proceed with possible construction of a noise barrier along I-64 in the Clifton neighborhood in the Downtown. The limits of the proposed noise barrier have been provided to Walsh Construction. Once the change order is completed, additional coordination with the neighborhood will be undertaken to determine the feasibility of construction of this barrier.

Grocers Ice and Cold Storage

The Office of Legal Services, KYTC has contacted Metro to determine their interest in accepting donation of the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Company building in accordance with Stipulation III.K.10.i. of the FA-MOA; this provides for coordination with Metro to facilitate the donation of the property to Metro and its resale, with a preservation easement to be held by the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC). The demolition of the western portion of the building has been delayed until June 23, 2014. Once this demolition is completed, an Addendum to the Condition Report would be prepared and an appraisal initiated. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the date for the demolition of the western portion of the building was changed by Walsh Construction to mid-August 2014.)*

NRHP Nominations for Jacob School Lane, James Taylor Subdivision and Village of Harrods Creek

CDM Smith is completing National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) - level documentation for Jacob School Lane, James Taylor Subdivision and the Village of Harrods Creek in accordance with Stipulation II.C.4.b.i. – iii. of the Settlement Agreement (SA), which mandates preparation of this documentation by December 31, 2014. The schedule of tasks to complete this documentation is:

- Task 1 Research Existing Materials and Archival Research: On-going
- Task 2 Field Survey and Completion of Survey Forms: On-going
- Task 3 Draft Documentation Preparation: June 1 – September 30, 2014

Initial review of the documentation by CTS-GEC would follow. Once determined satisfactory, the documentation would be provided to KYTC, the KY SHPO and Metro (Cynthia Johnson) for review and comment and prior to its availability.

National Scenic Byway Nomination for Upper River Road

In accordance with Stipulation II.C.4.c. of the SA, a draft nomination for designation of a segment of Upper River Road (including that portion that is currently a State Scenic Byway) as a Scenic Byway was completed by KYTC and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Washington, DC in early April 2014. KYTC received a response from FHWA that they were not currently soliciting nominations for scenic byways designations at this time due to a lack of funding. The project was placed on a pending list for future designation. Stipulation II.C.4.c. of the SA is fulfilled.

Walking Tour of Downtown Construction

The Co-chairs inquired about a walking tour of the Downtown Crossing. Walsh would like to accommodate this request, but the June 2014 tour calendar was booked. Walsh inquired if the tour could be scheduled in September and combined with the Indiana HPAT (IHPAT). A list of dates is to be obtained from Walsh and coordinated with both HPATs. *(Subsequent to the meeting, the dates of September 9 or 11, 2014 were provided to the HPATs for preference of a tour date. In addition, a joint HPAT meeting is proposed for the selected date with the walking tour to follow.)*

Maintenance of Traffic in Section 1 Downtown: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

Mr. Barber reported on upcoming maintenance of traffic items.

I-65 South

The first major stretch of new roadway for the Project is a section of I-65 South from Witherspoon Street to Muhammad Ali Boulevard that is scheduled to open to traffic on June 21-23, 2014. Drivers traveling from I-64 West and I-71 South to I-65 South would shift to the new roadway on June 21, 2014. Other drivers traveling on I-65 South are expected to shift to the new road on June 22, 2014. The new configuration would be functioning for all drivers by June 23, 2014. Traffic would be reduced from three through lanes to two through lanes in each direction. The new traffic pattern would remain in place into 2015.

This roadway, which is west and parallel to I-65 South, has been under construction for the past several months and is the new I-65 South collector-distributor. When the Project is complete, this collector-distributor would allow traffic to enter and exit I-65 South. By moving the traffic to the newly constructed roadway, along with the lane reduction already in place on I-65 North, crews can work between I-65 South and I-65 North to build the new mainline for I-65 South.

In May 2015, I-65 North from Muhammad Ali Boulevard to Witherspoon Street was reduced from three through lanes to two through lanes, with the right lane designated as a mandatory exit to Muhammad Ali Boulevard. This lane reduction is to remain in place into 2015.

Frankfort Avenue and Witherspoon Street

The closure of Frankfort Avenue will continue through July 1, 2014. The closure of Witherspoon Street from Adams Street to River Road will continue through June 27, 2014.

Proposed Indiana Downtown

Closure of the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge will occur on July 8, 2014 at 12:00 AM. During the closure, new US 31 entrance and exit ramps to and from Court Avenue would be constructed. When the bridge reopens in late August, the new ramps would remain in use. The closure will be in effect for approximately six weeks. Warning signage has recently been placed to alert motorists of the upcoming closure and detour signage has been placed.

There will be two media availabilities and an additional media advisory between June 18, 2014 and July 8, 2014 to disseminate the detour information. The final media availability would occur on July 7, 2014. For the first week of the closure, off-duty police officers will control the traffic lights to direct traffic as motorists become familiar with the detours.

Work is also proceeding on the approach to the new bridge over the Ohio River. Structural steel is to be set for the bridge in late July 2014 over Market Street and necessitating the use of the Riverside Drive detour. When this has been completed, structural steel is to be set over Riverside Drive, necessitating the use of the Market Street detour. In both cases, the steel would be set

ITS Towers in the East End: Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT

A report entitled *Visual Effects of Closed Circuit Television Towers on Historic Properties Louisville Southern Indiana - Ohio River Bridges East End Project Jefferson County, Kentucky* examined the effects of construction of one 100-foot and one 120-foot closed circuit television (CCTV) towers on historic districts and properties in Kentucky. The 100-foot tower will be constructed in Indiana; however, it will be visible to those historic properties along the river in Kentucky. This tower construction is proposed as a part of the intelligent transportation system (ITS) communications architecture for the Project. These towers consist of a single triangular lattice frame. Small cameras or other small ITS devices are mounted near the tops of the towers, which will be freestanding with no lateral supports or guy wires. The tops of each tower are modified so any future extension is not feasible. The report recommended that a No Adverse Visual Effect finding be issued. The reports were submitted on April 23, 2014 to the BSHCT Co-chairs for review. On May 20, 2014, the IN SHPO concurred in the findings of the report and the No Adverse Visual Effect finding. To date, a formal response from the KY SHPO is pending.

Following presentation of the report, Mr. Boone indicated that one of these towers had been erected in Section 3 (Indiana Downtown). After the KHPAT standard 15-day review, any additional comments will be returned to WVB for revision. A final report is anticipated to be available around August 1, 2014.

Design and Project Construction Update

Downtown Procurement: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

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

- The construction is on schedule for substantial completion by December 2016.
- In Section 1 (Downtown Kentucky), I-65 southbound traffic is to be routed onto new

pavement from Witherspoon Street to Muhammad Ali Boulevard, as previously described.

- All drilled shafts have been completed.
- Construction at Tower 5 is showing above the water level on the Indiana side of the river. The structural steel is to be set at the end of July 2014. The center pier, Tower 4, should be completed by December 2014 with Tower 3 on the Kentucky side complete in 2015.
- The pylons at the George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge have been relocated to their new location. Assembly of the lighting fixtures is to follow.

East End Procurement: Mr. Paul Boone, INDOT

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

- The rock excavation and blasting at the south portal is continuing. The main heading of the southbound tunnel is approximately 1,200 feet in and 1,000 feet in for the northbound tunnel. Material removed from the tunnel continues to be used for fill between the Harrods Creek Bridge and the river.
- The drilled shafts for the Harrods Creek Bridge have been poured.
- The initial five-foot pour (lift) of concrete has been poured in the tub at Tower 3. Another pour is to follow on June 21, 2014.
- Intermittent closures of Wolf Pen Branch Road are occurring to accommodate the tunnel blasting.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Potts recognized the contributions of Mr. Jim Segrest of the Butchertown Neighborhood Association with his membership on the KHPAT since 2004. Mr. Segrest had passed earlier in the year.

Mr. Barber recognized the contributions of Ms. Ann Simms on the KHPAT. Like Mr. Segrest, Ms. Simms has been a member of the KHPAT since 2004. Ms. Simms is retiring on July 1, 2014; she introduced her replacement, Ms. Holly LeVold.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is July 7, 2014. The next KHPAT meeting is to be combined with the IHPAT and scheduled for either September 9 or 11, 2014 at a location to-be-determined; the walking tour of the Downtown construction is to follow this joint meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
June 19, 2014 – 10:00 AM at KYTC District #5**

FHWA: Jeff Schmidt

KY SHPO: Craig Potts

KYTC: Amanda Abner
Andy Barber
David Waldner

INDOT: Paul Boone

Kentucky
Ombudsman: Lee Walker

Indiana
Ombudsman: Carl Percy

City of Prospect: Ann Simms
Holly LeVold

Phoenix Hill Neighborhood
Association, Inc.: Doug Magee

Louisville Metro
Historic Preservation: Cynthia Johnson

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

Courier-Journal: Patrick Sullivan