

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
June 6, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. 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 6, 2013 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by mail on May 22, 2013.

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 KHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

Mr. Sacksteder introduced Mr. Craig Potts as the new State Historic Preservation Officer for Kentucky (KY SHPO). Mr. Potts had recently been appointed to this position by the governor.

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

Neither Ms. Abner nor Mr. Potts had any opening comments or remarks.

Closed Circuit Television Towers and Effect on Historic Districts: Mr. Tom Springer, Qk4

A report entitled *ORBDC – Visual Effects of CCTV Towers* examined the effects of construction of four, 80-ft closed circuit television (CCTV) towers on the historic districts of Butchertown and Phoenix Hill in Kentucky, and Old Jeffersonville in Indiana. The tower construction is proposed as a part of the intelligent transportation system (ITS) communications architecture for the Project. Two of the towers will be located in Kentucky, and two will be located in Indiana. These towers will consist of a single triangular lattice frame. Small cameras or other small ITS devices will be mounted near the tops of the towers, which will be freestanding with no lateral supports or guy wires. The report recommended that a No Adverse Visual Effect finding be issued. The report was submitted on May 14, 2013 to each SHPO by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and KYTC, respectively, for concurrence in the finding. It was requested that each SHPO provide their concurrence by May 31, 2013. Each SHPO concurred in this finding on May 23, 2013.

Discussion of the use of the lattice towers elicited the following comments from the KHPAT:

-Monopoles would be less intrusive than the lattice towers. The public is used to seeing “telephone” type poles, not lattice towers. Originally, three monopoles were proposed, but were replaced with two lattice towers.

-The No Adverse Effect finding for the lattice towers is not appropriate. In the SFEIS, monopoles were proposed and evaluated as an Adverse Effect. It is not felt that the towers would generate this level of impact, and the SHPOs concurred on May 23, 2013. It was noted that a similar presentation to the Indiana HPAT (IHPAT) on June 5, 2013 solicited a preference for the lattice tower.

- What assurances can be made that the lattice towers will not be cluttered with other attachments and become a visual intrusion? Is there a process for review of any devices to be placed on the lattice towers?* The towers will only support the small cameras or other small ITS devices for use by TRIMARC and will not exceed 80 feet in height. They will not become cellular telephone towers. Additional coordination with TRIMARC can be undertaken, as requested.
- Can the small cameras or other small ITS devices be placed on the roofs of adjacent buildings?* At Tower 2, placement on the roof of the University of Louisville Hospital is under discussion. A final decision has not been rendered.
- What is the design (tower or pole) in the East End?* The CCTV design in the East End has not yet begun. Additional consultation was requested when the design commences.
- *A side-by-side comparison of a monopole and a lattice tower was requested. It was also requested that ground-level photographs at the specific locations of the lattice towers be prepared.* In the attached report, the lattice towers have been imposed on ground-level photographs to give a better rendition of their actual view.
- What specific mitigation for the Adverse Effect is included in the Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) for the monopoles?* In the SFEIS, additional landscaping near each monopole was included.

Aesthetics and Enhancement Plan for the Downtown Procurement: Mr. Richard Sutherland, Stantec

Mr. Sutherland presented a Power Point (PP) of the Aesthetics and Enhancement Plan (AEI) for the Downtown Procurement. The AEI was developed as a result of many meetings with local stakeholders, HPATs and Area Advisory Teams (AATs). He indicated that the AEI concepts had been extensively revised in accordance with comments received since it was first prepared.

Mr. Sutherland stated that a downtown committee would be formed in Louisville, headed by the Downtown Development Committee (DDC). This committee would be formed to develop gateway signage recommendations to present to the BSMT by the end of 2014. It would be facilitated by KYTC and could be composed of AAT members and interested stakeholders. Ms. Runyon expressed concern that historic interests were not represented on the committee in spite of a designated role by the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA MOA); her fear was that commercial interests would dictate the final signage recommendations. Mr. Sutherland replied that representatives from Phoenix Hill and Butchertown were invited to be on the committee, but had not yet attended. Ms. Runyon's comments were also reflected by Mr. Magee. KYTC will strive to include appropriate historic and preservation interests in the composition of the committee.

Mr. Sutherland indicated that the AEI was presented to the BiState Management Team (BSMT), and it received approval on May 23, 2013. Once the final report is completed, it will be provided to the KHPAT. It is possible that additional enhancements may be added to the AEI; a process would be developed to amend any future enhancements to the plan.

Requests for Blasting and Vibration Monitoring East End: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

At the combined HPAT meeting of April 18, 2013, INDOT solicited the opportunity for HPAT members to submit technical documentation in support of a request for blasting and vibration

monitoring plans for additional historic structures. The deadline for receipt of the technical documentation was May 31, 2013. Three requests were received by this deadline for the Robinson Brown House, the Todd House and the Wolf Pen Branch Mill Farm. All three requests are under review by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) with a decision pending. These requests to submit technical documentation for additional resources are only applicable to the East End Procurement. *(Subsequent to the meeting, all three requests were approved by IFA on June 10, 2013.)*

Several questions were asked about the commencement of blasting.

- When will a decision on the three submitted requests be made?* It was noted that the review was underway and that a formal decision would be made before the initiation of blasting at the end of June 2013. As noted above, all three requests were approved on June 10, 2013.
- Where will the blasting begin?* Surface blasting will begin at the entrance to the tunnel at the south portal. It is anticipated that two to four blasts per day will occur over a six-day week for approximately three years. It was noted that an average number of approximately 4,000 blasts could occur.
- It was requested that the blasting activities and structures that may be affected be provided to the HPATs via e-mail.* On June 11, 2013, INDOT provided the anticipated blasting and pile-driving schedule for the Kentucky East End to Mr. Potts. Near the north portal, blasting and pile-driving is anticipated to occur September 2013 - December 2013 and again July 2014 - November 2014.

Pre-construction Surveys to the KHPAT: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

At the combined HPAT meeting of April 18, 2013, a request was made for a listing of those historic structures that would have pre-construction surveys performed. A commitment was made to supply this listing when ready. Mr. Vlach noted that the surveys were sent to the HPAT members on the following dates:

Downtown Kentucky	April 22, 2013
Downtown Indiana	May 20, 2013
East End (Indiana and Kentucky)	May 17, 2013

2014 – 2016 KHPAT Meeting Dates: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

In accordance with Stipulation I.A.9.a of the FA MOA, and Stipulation II.C.2.a of the Settlement Agreement (SA), the dates for the quarterly HPAT meetings for 2014 – 2016 were scheduled and posted to the Project website on May 6, 2013. Mr. Vlach also distributed a listing of the meeting dates to all attendees.

Project Roadway Lighting – Downtown: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC

Mr. Hilton indicated that roadway lighting concepts are under development by the DBT (Walsh) near the historic districts. In accordance with the FA MOA, roadway lighting within the viewshed of historic properties is to be designed and constructed to minimize light dispersion beyond the highway right of way and is to include full cutoff optics.

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

Mr. Potts indicated that his office in cooperation with the IN SHPO was working to finalize the draft procedures for the Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF).

A question was asked about a presentation on the aesthetic design of the north tunnel portal, similar to that given for the south portal at the KHPAT of March 28, 2013. It was indicated that the design of the north portal would be the same as that for the south portal.

A comment was made that the design of the Wolf Pen Branch Bridge lacked aesthetic treatments. Mr. Heustis requested that any similar questions should be directed to his attention. He also stated that all designs would be advanced through the BSMT for final approvals.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is June 21, 2013. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2013 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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KYTC:	Amanda Abner
INDOT:	Ron Heustis
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Douglas Walker
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Pearcy
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Cynthia Johnson
City of Prospect:	Ann Simms
Phoenix Hill Association:	Doug Magee
River Fields, Inc.:	Meme Sweets Runyon
Preservation Louisville:	Marianne Zickuhr
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
Wolf Pen Preservation Association:	Alice Gunnison Arnold Zeghrt
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jim Hilton Jeff Vlach Tom Springer (Qk4)

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