

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting  
August 21, 2008 – 10:00 AM at the KYTC D-5 Conference Room**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 5 on August 21, 2008 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was distributed to the KHPAT by mail on August 5, 2008.

**Opening Remarks: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Hilton welcomed everyone to the KHPAT and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and their affiliations. He also introduced Mr. Mark Dennen as the Interim Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO), replacing Mrs. Donna Neary.

**Project Update: Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO**

Mr. Dennen indicated that he was familiarizing himself with the Project. He introduced Ms. Wendy Wheatcraft as an additional representative of the KY SHPO at all future coordination meetings.

Mr. Dennen stated that he, staff attorney Peggy Guyer, and the KY SHPO tax credit specialist had toured the Wesley House to begin the preparation of the preservation easement (MOA Stipulation III.K.5.). He had requested a copy of the proposed construction plans prepared by the owners of the property for future renovations of the property. Preparation of the easement is continuing.

Mr. Dennen also stated that he had contacted Bob Burry about the scheduling of a tour of Rosewell. The tour is tentatively set for August 29, 2008.

**SDC 4 Aesthetic Design Concepts: Mrs. Debby Taylor and Mr. Jim Klein, SDC 4**

A Power Point (PP) presentation of the noise and safety wall concepts was presented by Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Klein. A copy of that presentation is attached hereto. Mr. Klein stepped through the slides and discussions ensued, as follows.

Is there a better way to transition the top of the wall in the area of Springdale Road? Is a coping available for the top of the wall? Can the grade be reduced or can special construction measures be employed?

*It was stated that the grade of the wall raises approximately 22 feet vertically in a short horizontal distance, making the top of the wall appear as a set of steps.*

The locations of utility lines and power poles are estimated at this time and may change in final design.

*No comments received.*

What is the planting density near the neighborhoods?

*It was indicated that planting densities were not yet known, but coordination with each would occur to further define planting plans.*

The safety features shown on the west side of the bridge (railing) carrying Wolf Pen Branch Road over the preferred alignment are not favored.

*It was indicated that the features conform to the design of similar features on the Ohio River Bridges, and are placed to deter pedestrian access onto the wall.*

Why is a sidewalk to be constructed on the bridge carrying Wolf Pen Branch Road over the preferred alignment? It appears to be a “blind” sidewalk.

*The sidewalk is to be constructed to maintain the pedestrian paths from the subdivisions on either side of the bridge.*

It was stated that these design concepts for proposed noise barriers were to be presented to the neighborhoods in future coordination meetings to discuss possible design concepts. These meetings are anticipated to be held in early fall of 2008.

#### **Rosewell Treatment Plan: Mrs. Debby Taylor, SDC 4**

Mrs. Taylor provided a general update for the Rosewell maintenance items utilizing the attached PP. The Rosewell Report and Treatment Plan is still undergoing review and will be presented to the KHPAT at a later date. The work on the identified maintenance items began the week of April 21, 2008. Mrs. Taylor indicated that SDC 4 would provide regular updates of the Rosewell repairs until they are completed.

#### **Jefferson County Survey Update: Mr. Richard Jett, Louisville Metro Government**

Mr. Jett distributed the following items to the KHPAT for information:

The approved scope of work for the Survey Update  
The schedule extension and revised Timeline – Survey Project  
The geographical area of the Survey Update

The scope of work for the Survey Update was reviewed. Mr. Jett indicated that the Survey Update was being prepared by Metro Government in cooperation with the Kentucky Archaeological Survey of the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC). Ms. Janie-Rice Brother was introduced as the coordinator of the Survey Update with the KHC. She stated that during the development of the FEIS for the Project, KHC did not require the use of individual survey forms for historic structures. This is now a requirement for listing.

The Timeline – Survey Project shows initiation of the Survey Update by May 1, 2008 and completion by October 27, 2009. Mr. Jett stated that the completion date had been extended to December 27, 2009, with FHWA concurrence, due to the unanticipated delay in beginning the work.

The survey area of the Update was questioned. The language in the MOA states that the Jefferson County Inventory and Survey of Historic Sites will be updated "...with the information developed for the Project..." Mr. Hilton stated that the survey area only encompasses the area of the Project and not the entire county. However, Mr. Jett also stated that Metro Government had appropriated additional funding to extend the limits of the Survey Update countywide.

Mr. Segrest questioned if the Survey Update of the Butchertown Historic District (HD) would include all contributing structures in the HD. To date, there are 459 historic buildings in Butchertown, of which 72 have been previously surveyed; an additional 105 buildings were surveyed within the past week. Mr. Jett confirmed that this was the intent.

Mr. Segrest also questioned how a structure could be a contributing resource in a NRHP district, but not listed as such in a local HD. Mr. Jett replied that these were different listing programs with different listing parameters, and that a goal of the Survey Update was to rectify this type of inconsistency. At the conclusion of this discussion, Mr. Segrest requested a meeting with Mr. Jett to further discuss the Survey Update in Butchertown. Mr. Jett agreed. Ms. Brother also welcomed Mr. Segrest on the continuing field survey of the HD.

Attendees were urged to review the distributed items and provide any additional comments in writing to CTS-GEC by the close of business on September 5, 2008. As there were no additional comments or concerns, Mr. Hilton adjourned the meeting.

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**KHPAT Co-chairs:** Amanda Abner – KYTC  
Mark Dennen - KY SHPO

**Butchertown Neighborhood Association:** Jim Segrest

**City of Prospect:** Ann Simms and Sandra Leonard

**Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:** Richard Jett

**River Fields, Inc.:** Bob Griffith

**Kentucky Ombudsman:** Lee Douglas Walker

**CTS-GEC:** Jim Hilton, Jeff Vlach and Bob Lauder

**SDC 4:** Debby Taylor and Jim Klein

**Audience:** Janie-Rice Brother – KY SHPO; Laura Everdale – KY SHPO; Wendy Wheatcraft – KY SHPO; Sandra Leonard – City of Prospect