

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
September 26, 2013 – 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 September 26, 2013 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project. An agenda was provided to meeting attendees by mail on September 11, 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.

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

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

KY SHPO Procedures to Finalize HPEF in Settlement Agreement: Mr. Craig Potts, KY SHPO

Mr. Potts indicated that his office was working with the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (IN SHPO) to finalize the Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF) process and associated grant application procedures. It is anticipated that after October 15, 2013, his office would begin accepting applications for a 90-day period for the first round of grants for \$500,000.00. Mr. Potts stated that a grant of \$200,000.00 has been made to River Fields, Inc. for the preservation, enhancement and interpretation of the Garvin Brown Preserve (Stipulation II.B.2.h. of the Settlement Agreement (SA)), leaving \$300,000.00 for eligible projects in Kentucky. An eligible project has been identified in Indiana and the applicants are working with the IN SHPO to finalize their grant application.

Mr. Potts stated that the remaining \$670,000.00 would be jointly administered in a second round of funding. The selection of projects in this round will target priority projects from the lists in Stipulation II.B.2 and Stipulation II.B.3 of the SA. Projects are to be funded on merit and selected jointly by the IN SHPO and the KY SHPO.

Project Construction Update

Downtown Procurement: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

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

- On July 7, 2013, the I-64 eastbound to I-65 southbound ramp was closed and demolished. A retaining wall and new pier are under construction for the new I-64 ramp.
- The casings for the drilled shafts at Towers 3 and 5 have been set in the river. For Tower 4, a template has been set for tower placement.

- East of I-65 at Exit 0, the retaining wall and embankment are under construction. The design of the retaining wall complies with the Asthenic Implementation Plan (AEI). Various property demolitions in the area of Exit 0 have been completed.
- Webcams have been activated for the Downtown. They are available for viewing on the Project website.

East End Procurement: Mr. Ronald Heustis, INDOT

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

- The rock excavation at the south portal is continuing. It had reached a depth of 40 feet with approximately 40 feet remaining. The spoil removed from this site is either being placed as fill in the embankment between River Road and Harrods Creek or taken to Leiters Quarry to be recycled into aggregate. It is anticipated that in December 2013, the horizontal grade into the tunnel would be set.
- Kentucky Kingdom has asked IFA about acquisition of some of the larger boulders for use in the park.
- At Tower 3 in the river, a precast tub is being constructed. When complete, it will be floated into place for the drilled shafts.
- Survey and geotechnical work are proceeding in Section 6 (Indiana East End).
- There have been no blasting exceedances to date at historic structures.

Ms. Gunnison inquired if traffic was stopped on KY 841 and US 42 during blasting. Mr. Heustis replied that traffic is stopped for up to 20 minutes for a blast on these two highways as well as Wolf Pen Branch Road.

Summary of Historic Project Stipulations - Downtown Procurement: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC and East End Procurement: Mr. Brian Shaw, INDOT/ IFA

CTS-GEC had developed internal tracking spreadsheets to ensure that the Project-related mitigation commitments in the SA and the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA – MOA) were completed as a part of the Downtown and East End Procurements. This tracking mechanism is similar to Attachment C of the Progress Reports (PR), which are sent to the KHPAT members every six months. Mr. Vlach and Mr. Shaw presented the progress of the Project since June 30, 2013, the date of PR No. 20, the latest PR. The presentation highlighted progress made between July 1 – September 26, 2013 complying with the stipulations of the SA and FA - MOA.

In the Downtown, it was indicated that coordination is continuing with the University of Louisville Medical Complex to place an ITS tower on a building at Liberty Street. Mr. Magee indicated that he would write a letter to KYTC endorsing this action.

In the East End, the status of the preservation easements for Drumanard and Rosewell was questioned. At present, the KYTC Division of Right of Way is working with the KY SHPO for the completion of the easements for Drumanard and Rosewell.

Ms. Gunnison questioned if a temporary turning lane was to be constructed from US 42 (westbound) to KY 841 (southbound) toward Wolf Pen Branch Road. Mr. Heustis replied that a

temporary signal would be installed from the work site for trucks turning onto KY 841 (southbound) toward Wolf Pen Branch Road.

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

Mr. Potts indicated that his office would begin accepting applications for 90 days beginning on October 15, 2013 for those priority projects identified in Stipulations II.B.2.d. – g. of the SA. The grant application will be available on the KY SHPO website on October 1, 2013. An electronic submittal of an application is preferred. He also stated that a link to the KY SHPO website would be placed on the Project website.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is October 11, 2013. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2013 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
KY SHPO:	Craig Potts Burcum Keeton
KYTC:	Amanda Abner Andy Barber
INDOT/IFA:	Ron Heustis Mike Bosc Brian Shaw
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Douglas Walker
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Cynthia Johnson
City of Prospect:	Ann Simms
Phoenix Hill Neighborhood 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
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach