

LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT

Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting December 10, 2015 – 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 10, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting invitees by e-mail on November 23, 2015.

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 attendees is included with this summary.

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

Mr. Potts complimented the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) on the new Downtown Ohio River Bridge opening on December 5, 2015 and the “Walk the Bridge” event.

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

Mr. Barber provided the following maintenance of traffic update for the Downtown construction. He indicated that the December 5, 2015 “Walk the Bridge” event was a success with between 40,000 – 50,000 people crossing the new Downtown Ohio River Bridge. In addition, he stated that construction in the Downtown was approximately 80% completed, with the following:

- I - 65 NB traffic will be diverted to the Lincoln Bridge on December 6, 2015 with two lanes of traffic.
- I – 65 SB traffic will be transitioned to the Lincoln Bridge within a few weeks. One lane of traffic will be maintained on the Kennedy Bridge for east – west access to I-71 NB, I – 64 EB and WB. This lane will close in January 2016 and there will be no access from I – 65 SB to I – 71 NB or I – 64 EB and WB until later in 2016. Access to I – 71 NB from I – 64 WB has changed with a new ramp system in place south of the Lincoln Bridge.
- I – 64 EB to I – 65 NB exit will be closed through much of 2016 to allow reconstruction of this ramp.
- The newly constructed I – 64 EB to I – 65 SB exit has been opened.

Design and Construction Status Update

East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

Mr. Heustis indicated that construction was approximately 80% complete.

Section 4: Kentucky Approach

- Blasting for KY 841 NB continues as well as noise wall construction.
- The final tunnel liner is being placed in the southbound bore; it is approximately 50% complete. The northbound bore will follow.

- The concrete has been poured on the northbound lanes of the Harrods Creek Bridge. The deck is to be poured on the Kentucky approach bridge in the immediate future.

Section 5: Ohio River Bridge

- At Tower 3, the last of the 22 concrete lifts will be poured during the week of December 14, 2015. At Tower 4, 20 of the 22 concrete lifts have been poured.
- The structural steel at Tower 3 has been extended between Pier 2 and Tower 3. In Indiana, the steel bridge deck is being assembled on – land and is being launched to Tower 4 in three stages.

Section 6: Indiana Approach

- The Developer achieved a milestone on November 30, 2015 for completion of work in Section 6 to Old Salem Road.
- The decks for the Brook Hollow Way Bridge over Lentzier Creek and SR 265 over Brook Hollow Way are completed.

Mr. Heustis noted that it was doubtful that a Walk the Bridge event could be held for the East End due to lack of access at the bridge location and parking. This would present safety concerns for the public. Additionally, he stated that no names have been mentioned for the East End Bridge yet.

Interpretive Marker for Phoenix Hill HD: Mr. David Kroll, CTS-GEC

On October 29, 2015, Mr. Doug Magee and Ms. Cindy Brown – Kinloch of Phoenix Hill approved a memorandum to request modification of the type and locations of signage required by Stipulation III.L.7. of the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA MOA). The next step is to submit a letter to KYTC consisting of the memorandum, preferred signage design/locations and costs (total cost of signing proposed versus the cost of historical markers). Three options for the signage were presented to the KHPAT by Mr. Kroll. To date, the preliminary costs were based on unit costs from INDOT historical pricing. No cost data was available from either Louisville Metro Historic Preservation or the Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission for similar types of signs. After review of the options, the following comments were offered:

- The Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association (PHNA) prefers gateway signs as opposed to the interpretive signage stipulated in the FA – MOA. It is the desire of the PHNA to mark the boundaries of the neighborhood by locating the signs on the major streets; no locations have been determined.
- Option One would be approximately 24 inches circular and Options Two and Three would be approximately 20 inches by 30 inches rectangular.
- It was suggested that the history of Phoenix Hill be included on the signs. Mr. Kroll indicated that other signs in the neighborhood currently contain this information.
- Mr. Magee expressed a preference for Option Three with Phoenix Hill Neighborhood and the established date on the sign. He deferred a selection until he has spoken with the Association. He was asked to respond to Mr. Kroll (and copy Mr. Sacksteder and Mr. Vlach) with their choice.

**Historic Properties Marketing: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC
*Drumanard and Rosewell***

The Kentucky Division of Finance requires two new property appraisals prior to placing each property for sale. The appraisal process has begun for each property. It is anticipated that the properties would be advertised for sale in spring 2016.

Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Building

Sealed bids for the sale of the property were due at 1:30 PM on November 24, 2015. One bid was received which was dismissed as unacceptable. Mr. Potts indicated that KYTC and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO) have 12 months to reach a resolution on the sale and renovation of the building. If resolution cannot be reached, the building can be razed and the (vacant) lot sold.

The advertisement process for the sale of the building was questioned. Ms. Runyon asked why the Project e-mail list was not contacted with sale and bidding information. Mr. Sacksteder replied that a banner placed at the building, which also directed interested persons to a page on the Project website, advertised the sale. The web page had more than 350 hits of interested persons. That page provided specific information on the property and the bid process to interested bidders. He also stated that advertisement on the various historic buildings for sale websites was not pursued by KYTC and, with agreement from the KY SHPO, a local bid process was favored.

It was recommended that further coordination for disposition of the building was appropriate. A meeting was scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the main conference room at KYTC District #5. Attendees are to include KYTC, KY SHPO, CTS-GEC, KHPAT and local realtors whom the KHPAT members may think would have an interest. Those members will be responsible for any invitation to the realtors. Some topics of discussion are a possible second bid, an historic tax credit, historic preservation and sale of historic properties in the real estate market. A walk – through of the building may also be available.

Louisville Main Street Streetscaping: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Hilton is working with Walsh Construction/Stantec in defining concepts for streetscaping of East Main Street in accordance with the Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) prepared for the Butchertown HD. Stantec is defining concepts for streetscaping the four-block section from Floyd Street to Clay Street, except for the section from the west side of I-65 to Hancock Street. Initial concepts center on extending the existing streetscape pattern that currently exists at Slugger Field. This pattern encompasses the area in front of the Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Building and the Bristol condominium development at Main Street and Clay Street. It is anticipated that the concepts would be available for discussion at the KHPAT meeting of March 17, 2016.

East Market Street Streetscaping: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Mr. Sacksteder is coordinating with Ms. Elizabeth Neiman, KYTC Project Manager for the Market Streetscape project. Ms. Neiman advised that environmental reviews of the project were ongoing and final design had not yet started. It is anticipated that a Level 3 Categorical Exclusion could be approved in December 2015. It is anticipated that streetscape concepts would be available for discussion at the KHPAT meeting of March 17, 2016.

Clifton Noise Barrier: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

CTS-GEC remodeled the noise barrier to define its limits at Clifton Park. The analysis was received on November 9, 2015 and approved by Mr. Andy Barber after minor revision. Public involvement is to follow. The modeled barrier is reasonable and feasible and is shorter than the noise barrier modeled in the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Project Archaeology at Wayside Mission: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The Final Archaeological Report (dated August 19, 2015) was received from Walsh Construction on October 27, 2015. On November 9, 2015, Ms. Susan Neumeyer, KYTC Archaeologist, stated that the report was to be submitted to KHC for comment and approval.

Year 2016 KHPAT Meetings: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Meeting dates for the KHPAT meetings in 2016 were distributed. The meeting locations are to be confirmed with Mr. Barber. Thereafter, Outlook Meeting invitations will be sent to the KHPAT in late December 2015. *(Mr. Barber confirmed the meeting locations on December 15, 2015.)*

Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund: Mr. Craig Potts, KY SHPO

Mr. Potts indicated that the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) and the KY SHPO received six applications for the second round of grants under the Historic Preservation Enhancement Fund (HPEF). The second round of funding had \$670,000.00 available after the initial distribution of \$1,000,000.00 for awards in each state (\$500,000.00 per state). Kentucky used the \$500,000.00 allotted for awards in the first round; Indiana had a remainder of funds of \$1,315.00 that reverted to the funding pool available for the second grant round. The total amount of funds available for the second grant round was \$671,315. The grant review committee consisted of six people. DHPA and KY SHPO provided three staff to read, evaluate, and score each proposal. Following are the ordered results of the review.

1. Pearl Street Infill Revitalization Phase II by Jeffersonville Main Street (Indiana)
2. Merriwether House Rehabilitation by River Fields, Inc. (Kentucky)
3. West Louisville Shotgun Houses Rehabilitation by the Samuel Plato Academy (Kentucky)
4. Jefferson Jacob School Rehabilitation by Prospect Lodge #109 F&AM (Kentucky)
5. Butchertown Park and Streetscape by Louisville Metro Government (Kentucky)
6. Samuel Starkweather Lime Kiln Plans and Stabilization by the Town of Utica (Indiana)

Projects 1- 4 were funded in total; Project 5 was funded approximately 33% and Project 6 received no funding.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The deadline for the receipt of comments is December 10, 2015. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
December 10, 2015 – 10:00 AM at KYTC District #5**

FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt Chris Hansen
KY SHPO:	Craig Potts Amanda Kincaid
KYTC:	Andy Barber Amanda Abner
INDOT:	Ron Heustis
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
Indiana Ombudsman:	Carl Percy
Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.:	Doug Magee
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Cynthia Johnson
River Fields, Inc.:	Meme Sweets Runyon
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach Bob Lauder David Kroll