

LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT

Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting December 8, 2016 – 10:00 AM at CTS - GEC

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held in the main conference room at CTS – GEC on December 8, 2016 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting invitees by e-mail on November 22, 2016.

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 Ms. Amanda Kincaid, KY SHPO

Neither Ms. Abner nor Ms. Kincaid had any opening comments.

Maintenance of Traffic in the Downtown: Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC

Mr. Harris indicated that substantial completion of the Downtown crossing was met on November 18, 2016. Construction work is continuing with shoulder and local street closures. Additionally, Walsh Construction has begun streetscaping work by working on the sidewalk ramps.

Design and Project Construction Update

East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

Mr. Heustis indicated that construction was on schedule for substantial completion by December 17, 2016. It would be open to traffic on December 18, 2016. Several “punch list” items are continuing to be completed.

Interpretive Markers: Mr. David Kroll, CTS - GEC

Phoenix Hill Historic District (HD)

Louisville Metro Government Public Works (Metro), Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association (PHNA) and CTS - GEC met in October 2016 to discuss Metro’s requirements for the installation of the markers. Metro will require the installer to obtain permits for each location. In addition, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) is to be executed between Metro and PHNA for PHNA to assume the maintenance and liabilities associated with the markers and to indemnify Metro from any actions that might occur as a result of the placement of the markers. PHNA will also have to add Metro onto their general insurance policy.

In November 2016, PHNA, Eagle Sign and Design, and CTS - GEC conducted a field meeting to view the preferred locations for placement of the six markers. Following the meeting, LGE stated that they would not approve the addition of new metal signs to their utility poles, as they would create a hazard for their personnel climbing up and down a pole.

CTS - GEC will conduct another field meeting with PHNA regarding alternative locations for the markers in questions. Once all locations and mounting methods have been confirmed, Eagle Sign and Design will begin fabrication of the markers, which would take four to six weeks. Installation

would then be scheduled pending permitting and the execution of the MOA. (*Subsequent to the KHPAT, the additional field meeting was held on December 9, 2016 where the marker locations were finalized. On December 13, 2016, Metro provided a determination that no permits were required based on the chosen placement of the markers.*)

Historic Properties Marketing: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Efforts to sell all three properties have not been successful. KYTC advised that the properties would all be re-advertised for sale in 2017.

Grocers Ice and Cold Storage Building

Mr. Sacksteder indicated that the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office (KY SHPPO) is agreeable to modifying the preservation easement for this property to preserve only the building façade. This may entice potential buyers to acquire it. Alternatives for rehabilitation could be sought with local agencies.

Drumanard and Rosewell

Both of these properties will be rebid. The rebid may follow a process employed by KYTC for an historic property that was rebid on the Paris Pike Project several years ago. Only serious bids will be entertained.

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

Market Street

Metro in conjunction with KYTC is currently reviewing the overall project to determine the most appropriate use of available funds and the next steps in the development process. Only four blocks of the Market Street project is part of the Project.

Main Street

LGE is placing their utility lines underground with completion by the end of 2016. Agreements are pending with ATT and Time Warner for their relocation. Plan review will commence at the 90% complete stage.

A pavement overlay of Main Street is proposed for June 2017. The construction letting for the streetscape would be April 2017. It is possible that the overlay could be combined with the streetscape into one construction project.

Shadybrook Farm No Work Zone Violation: Ms. Amanda Kincaid, KY SHPO

To mitigate for the adverse effect to a known archaeological site because of the clearing of a large area on Shadybrook Farm, FHWA proposed a \$50,000 mitigation commitment in correspondence to KYTC in summer 2016. This is equal to the cost of conducting a Phase II archaeological investigation. It is proposed to combine these funds with other funds (from similar impacts at the Milton – Madison Bridge) to establish a webpage for public availability of archaeological information hosted on the KY SHPO website. Development of the web-based application is proceeding.

Samuel Plato Academy: Ms. Amanda Kincaid, KY SHPO

Ms. Kincaid stated that the operations at the Academy were undergoing review and audit by KYTC. The main building of the Academy, Building C, is closed. It is hoped that this review could identify

those practices that have worked well. Mr. Jim Turner, Academy Executive Director, is researching those best practices with assistance from two contract employees from the Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC). The review is to be completed within 60 days and before the next class of students is enrolled.

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

Ms. Abner and Ms. Kincaid had no closing comments. The team was congratulated for their work during development of the Project, especially for the lack of issues that might have impeded the construction.

This was the final scheduled KHPAT meeting. Coordination would continue in spring 2018 with completion of the traffic study. However, additional meetings may be scheduled as determined by the BSHCT Co - chairs.

The deadline for the receipt of comments is December 23, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
December 8, 2016 – 10:00 AM at CTS – GEC**

FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
KY SHPO:	Amanda Kincaid Chris Gunn
KYTC:	Rob Harris Amanda Abner Dan Davis Susan Neumeyer
INDOT:	Ron Heustis Paul Boone
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Cynthia Johnson (Telephone)
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.:	Doug Magee
Wolf Pen Preservation Association:	Arnold Zegart
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Brian Shaw (Telephone) David Kroll (Telephone) Mindy Peterson (C2 Strategic)