

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
June 18, 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 June 18, 2015 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was provided to meeting invitees by e-mail and mail on June 2, 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 the Project members in attendance is included with this summary. No members of the KHPAT attended.

Project Update: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Ms. Jennifer Ryall, KY SHPO

Ms. Abner introduced Ms. Jonna Wallace, who will be assisting her. Ms. Ryall was representing Mr. Craig Potts at the meeting. Ms. Ryall announced that she had taken another position at the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office (KY SHPO). She introduced Ms. Amanda Kincaid, who will be the new alternate for the KY SHPO.

Maintenance of Traffic in Section 1 Downtown: Ms. Celeste Blomberg, Walsh Construction

Ms. Blomberg provided the following maintenance of traffic update for the Downtown construction.

1. Ongoing restrictions on Adams Street (curb lanes), Witherspoon Street, Main Street, Market Street, Jackson Street, Jefferson Street, Preston Street, Liberty Street, River Road and Floyd Street are continuing for the bridge construction under I-65.
2. Hancock Street will have full closure from Main Street to Clay Street for ongoing bridge deck pours and superstructure activities.
3. Full closure of Frankfort Avenue between the Allied Concrete plant and River Road will allow for local access only from Story Avenue to River Road; this is expected to resume in August.
4. I – 64 WB, I - 71 to I - 65 ramp, I – 64 EB to I –71 NB ramp, and the Story Avenue on ramp will have restrictions for bridge work activities at FAVE and bridge A - 035 (I – 71 SB over I – 64 EB).
5. Witherspoon Street from River Road to Adams Street will be closed to finish Bridge A - 031 (I – 64 E over Witherspoon Street) through the summer with exceptions for special events. Crews will be doing demolition, piling, and concrete work.
6. Full closures of Jackson Street will be required for construction of Bridge A - 006 (I – 65 SB over East Market Street). Closures will be intermittent for the next two months for construction of Bridge A - 006 (I – 65 NB over East Market Street). Preston Street will also

have intermittent full closures for construction of Bridges A - 003 and A - 004 (I – 65 N over Liberty Street, Preston Street and Jefferson Street) for the next two months.

7. Full closure of Floyd Street between Muhammad Ali Boulevard and Liberty Street will help to mitigate traffic flow while Preston Street is closed. A detour will be established using Liberty Street, Preston Street, Muhammad Ali Boulevard/Walnut Street and Brook Street.

8. Restrictions will continue on River Road with occasional full closures at night for pile driving, bridge beams and deck pours.

9. The ramp from I-65 N to I-64 W opened to traffic early in the morning of June 18, 2015. Drivers will notice two significant changes:

- a. Traveling from I-65 N to I-64 W will split to the right to travel on the new ramp. Westbound traffic will split to the left in the original configuration.
- b. The new on-ramp marks an earlier decision point for drivers. With the new configuration, drivers traveling to either I-64 E/I-71 N or I-64 W will split from I-65 N, where the new ramp to I-64 E/I-71 N opened last month. Drivers traveling to I-64 W will split to the right to access the new on-ramp.

10. The new ramp from I – 65 S to I - 71 N opened on June 4, 2015. Drivers heading to I – 71 N continue to split to the left; drivers joining I – 64 E will stay to the right.

11. Bridge B - 018 (I – 65 to I – 64 E/I – 71 N) is expected to open early in August 2015.

12. Bridge B - 034 (both the ramp from I – 65 N and the ramp from I – 64 E to I – 71 N) is expected to open mid-late September 2015. It will be three lanes tapering to two lanes at Frankfort Avenue. Opening of this bridge will help with the I – 64 E/I – 71 N traffic backups.

Craftsman Training Program: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

Mr. Barber stated that a lease has been negotiated with The African – American Heritage Foundation for use of Building C as the site of the Craftsman Training Program (CTP). The KY SHPO has signed the lease and the KYTC is to execute it in the near future. The final bid plans to modify Building C into the CTP layout is currently being advertised. Additionally, a bid package is being assembled to purchase tools needed to initiate the CTP.

The KY SHPO and KYTC are working to finalize various details of the CTP. The agreement with the Jefferson County Technical College (JCTC) to assume responsibility for the CTP is pending execution. The first class is to meet in September 2015. Student applications are being accepted for review and selection to the first class. With graduation from the CTP, the students will receive an accreditation certificate and job placement into the workforce.

A meeting with the Louisville Housing Authority is scheduled for July 7, 2015. The meeting will identify houses in adjacent neighborhoods for students to rehabilitate with their learned skills.

The search for an Executive Director is continuing. A possible candidate has been interviewed for the Executive Director position. Approval of the Board of Directors is needed to finalize this selection.

Historic Properties Marketing: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

A sale of historic properties marketing meeting was held on March 26, 2015 to discuss the impending sales of Drumanard, Rosewell and Grocers Ice and Cold Storage buildings. Specific dates for the sale of each property have not yet been determined. The sale of each property will be managed by the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet.

Downtown Jeffersonville Streetscaping/Louisville Main Street Streetscaping: Mr. John

Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Jeffersonville

For streetscaping in the Historic District (HD), Stantec, as part of the Walsh Construction team, was asked to provide concepts based on environmental commitments and recommendations in the Old Jeffersonville Historic Preservation Plan (HPP). A scope of work to prepare conceptual development plans is currently under preparation.

Louisville

KYTC plans to meet with the KY SHPO to define proposals for streetscaping in downtown Louisville. It is proposed to utilize Walsh Construction to design the streetscaping for incorporation into the Project before the completion of construction.

The streetscaping proposal for East Market Street is currently in the Section 106 process with the finding of effect under preparation. Once approved, the effect finding would need to be incorporated into the Categorical Exclusion (CE) environmental document for approval. It is anticipated that these activities would be completed for a fall 2015 letting.

Design and Project Construction Update

Downtown Construction: Mr. Andy Barber, KYTC

In addition to the traffic and construction update provided by Ms. Blomberg, Mr. Barber offered the following construction update in the Downtown. Work is progressing on all three sections with construction at 67% complete; the construction is on schedule for substantial completion in December 2016.

Section 1: Downtown Kentucky Approach

- Louisville Metro Government is undertaking the streetscaping project on East Market Street (see previous discussion).

Section 2: Downtown Ohio River Bridge

- Towers 3, 4 and 5 have reached their maximum height. Cable is continuing to be added to Towers 3 and 5.
- It is anticipated that the new Ohio River Bridge would be open to traffic in 2016.

Section 3: Downtown Indiana Approach

- The façade for the Clark Memorial Bridge is completed. Approximately 15 blocks remain

to be incorporated into the streetscape for Jeffersonville. The pylons have been relocated, but the caps have not yet been placed. Installation of the refurbished lighting on top of each pylon would occur in three to five months.

East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

Mr. Heustis indicated that design is approximately 95% complete and construction is approximately 60% complete.

Section 4: East End Kentucky Approach

- Surface blasting continues for KY 841 NB and adjacent to an existing 60 inch water main. Tunnel excavation is approximately 95% complete. Excavation and the initial liner will be completed in July 2015. Completion of this task is a major milestone in the advancement of the construction in the East End.
- The structural steel has been set for the bridge over Harrods Creek and is being set for the Kentucky approach bridge.
- Construction of the detention pond, which is to collect runoff from the new river bridge, is to commence in summer 2015. The existing Project trailers on River Road will be moved to allow for the construction of the pond.

Section 5: East End Ohio River Bridge

- The tower legs are being placed above the elevation of the roadway surface. At Tower 3, 11 of the 23 concrete lifts have been poured. At Tower 4, nine of the 23 concrete lifts have been poured.
- During the week of June 22, 2015, structural steel is to be delivered on-site, which will be set between Pier 2 and Tower 3.

Section 6: East End Indiana Approach

- Blasting is continuing at the south end.
- The SR 265/SR 62/Port Road Interchange is scheduled to be open to traffic before the end of the year.
- Four bridges continue under construction.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

The deadline for the receipt of comments is July 3, 2015. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2015 in the Main Conference Room at KYTC District #5. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
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FHWA:	Jeff Schmidt
KY SHPO:	Jennifer Ryall Amanda Kincaid
KYTC:	Andy Barber Amanda Abner Jonna Wallace
INDOT:	Ron Heustis
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach Brian Shaw
Walsh Construction:	Celeste Blomberg