

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

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting
September 22, 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 September 22, 2016 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda and aerial photograph were provided to meeting invitees by e-mail on September 7, 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.

Mr. Sacksteder introduced Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC, to the meeting. Mr. Harris has replaced Mr. Andy Barber as the KYTC Project Manager. Mr. Barber was recently promoted to the KYTC Deputy State Highway Engineer.

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

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

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

Mr. Harris provided the following Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) update for the Downtown Construction. Construction is 95% complete. To date, \$849,000,000.00 has been expended for project construction; the remaining budget is \$44,000,000.00.

Section 1 – Kentucky Approach

- Ongoing traffic changes will accommodate final surfacing. Traffic advisories will be posted in the near future.
- Adams Street has been reduced to one travel lane to allow replacement of the concrete pavement.
- I-64 EB will be diverted to I-65 SB from 9:00 PM – 5:00 AM on September 30, 2016 and October 1, 2016 for final resurfacing.

Section 2 – Ohio River Bridges

- SB I-65 ramp construction from the Lincoln Bridge should be completed in mid-October 2016.

Section 3 – Indiana Approach

- The Court Avenue ramp to SB I-65 will be closed for surfacing on September 21, 2016 and reopen on September 27, 2016.

Design and Project Construction Update

Downtown Construction: Mr. Rob Harris, KYTC

In addition to the traffic update, Mr. Harris provided the following status of the construction in the Downtown.

Section 1 – Kentucky Approach

- I-64 WB and I – 71 SB grade and drain operations continue.
- Structural work continues on the I-65 SB superstructure and deck.
- Structural steel painting is ongoing.
- Plaza work has begun across from Waterfront Park.
- Local street restorations are ongoing.

Section 2 – Ohio River Bridges

- Construction of the deck of the Kennedy Bridge is complete.
- The approach substructure on I – 65 SB in Indiana is complete.
- On the Lincoln Bridge, painting of the structural steel is on - going.

Section 3 – Indiana Approach

- I-65 SB grade and drain and paving are ongoing.
- I-65 SB has been shifted at 10th Street to allow work on the access ramp (to I – 65 SB) to continue.

East End Construction: Mr. Ron Heustis, INDOT

Mr. Heustis indicated that construction was approximately 95% complete, and is on schedule for substantial completion by December 17, 2016.

- Section 4 is 92% complete and the tunnel is 91% complete. Some paving remains along with completion of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), lighting, final grading and landscaping. The final concrete tunnel liner is complete and mechanical, electrical, plumbing and construction of the control building continues.
- Section 5 has completed closure of the main span bridge; work is underway to complete the post-tensioning, bridge rail, and deck overlay.
- Section 6 is 99% complete with pavement markings, ITS, aesthetics, final grading and landscaping being completed.

Historical markers: Mr. David Kroll, XCTS - GEC

Phoenix Hill Historic District

In coordination with the Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association (PHNA), six locations have been selected to place the interpretive markers. It is proposed to mount three of the markers on existing poles and the remaining three markers on new poles. These locations were presented to Louisville Department of Public Works (Metro) to inquire of any right – of – way issues or permits; a response is pending. Mr. Sacksteder remarked that if the markers were placed on private property, right – of – way acquisition from the property owners could be required. Mr. Magee stated that he would assist Mr. Kroll if coordination with private property owners were required to erect the markers.

It was noted that, after the markers were erected, Metro would not be responsible for maintenance. Mr. Magee inquired as to what this entailed and that the PHNA may be able to assume this responsibility. Further coordination is needed.

Mr. Waldner asked if an archaeological reconnaissance was required for the three new poles to be erected on private property. Mr. Davis replied that such survey was not needed as long as an archaeologist was present when the poles were placed. Mr. Vlach was tasked with notifying Ms. Abner, Ms. Neumeyer and Mr. Davis of this date so appropriate personnel could be on - site.

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

Grocer's Ice and Cold Storage Building

Mr. Potts explained to the KHPAT members that time was expiring on the sale of the Grocers Ice building. A stipulation in the First Amended Memorandum of Agreement (FA – MOA) states that if Grocers Ice could not be sold, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) would have the right to demolish it. After discussion, the KHPAT members recommended the following:

- Reduce the preservation easement to retaining the basic building structure and protect the major portion of the front façade with the distinguishing elements; i.e. – the front name. It should be possible for a potential developer to add windows along the right front and sides of the building or make other revisions acceptable to the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KYSHPO) as long as the basic structure is retained.
- KYTC should consider further reducing the price, potentially compensating for the cost of demolition.
- Advertise the property for a third time including notification of these changes. Directly contact those who have previously viewed the property with notification of these changes.
- Ask previously interested parties if there are other conditions that might be addressed to improve their interest in acquisition.

Subsequent to the KHPAT meeting, Mr. Sacksteder provided these recommendations to Mr. Mark McCoy, KYTC Real Estate Section, and Mr. Andy Barber for their information.

Rosewell

Rosewell is advertised for sale with a bid opening on October 3, 2016. There has been interest shown in the possible acquisition of the property. Four Open Houses were held.

Drumanard

Drumanard is advertised for sale with a bid opening on November 3, 2016. Similar to Rosewell, there has been interest shown in the possible acquisition of the property. To date, three Open Houses have been held with three remaining on October 7, October 12, and October 18, 2016. All will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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

Market Street

Working with KYTC and Metro, Mr. John Carman is designing streetscape improvements for the 100 – 1100 blocks of East Market Street. Since presentation of the streetscape design to the KHPAT in March 2016, changes have been made, but not in that portion within the Project (the 300

– 600 blocks). Metro is currently reviewing the project to determine the most appropriate use of available funds.

Main Street in Louisville

A coordination meeting was held on September 2, 2016 with Angels Envy and Bristol Development to discuss the effect of the proposed streetscape on each development. LGE has committed to place their utility lines underground beginning in mid - October 2016. Agreements are still being developed with ATT and Time Warner for their relocation. Utility construction is expected to be completed in early 2017 with a construction letting to be scheduled shortly thereafter. KYTC has decided to let this streetscape as an independent project from the Bridges Project.

Shadybrook Farm No Work Zone Violation: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Mr. Craig Potts, KY SHPO

Milestone Construction had cleared a large area on the Shadybrook Farm, adjacent to the east side of River Road as it parallels the river. This property is within the Country Estates of River Road/River Road Historic District (HD). Ms. Runyon contacted Mr. Heustis, who immediately took steps to stop their actions. The property has been regraded and hydro-seeded and erosion control fence has been added around the cleared area.

An “after the fact” Section 106 determination of effect must be issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for impacts to both above and below ground resources at the site. To that end, KYTC had agreed to prepare a No Adverse Effect determination for the above ground resources for submittal by the FHWA to the KY SHPO for concurrence.

There is concern that intact archaeological resources may have been compromised. An Adverse Effect has occurred to a known archaeological site. To mitigate for this effect, a \$50,000 mitigation commitment is proposed by KTC, which 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 Kentucky Heritage Council website.

The following coordination steps will be required and will follow the FA - MOA, Section VI:

- A notification to FHWA will be sent to initiate consultation with involved signatories of the FA - MOA.
- Initiate consultation with the KHPAT and the Native American Tribes; said consultation with the Tribes requires a 45 day review.
- Review comments on the proposed mitigation with a final recommendation made to the KY SHPO and FHWA for approval.

After discussions, it was questioned if the website could encompass the entire state of Kentucky with a concentration on archaeological resources of Jefferson County. A proposal to erect historical markers documenting archaeological sites along River Road was also discussed as possible mitigation. Mr. Waldner stated that the \$50,000.00 could not accommodate both development of the website and the erection of the markers. Ms. Runyon proposed that a special KHPAT be scheduled to continue these discussions. Additionally, she requested that a public information

meeting be held to introduce the site and make the public aware of the archaeological conference scheduled for early 2017.

Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC

Neither Ms. Abner nor Mr. Potts had any closing comments. The deadline for the receipt of comments is October 7, 2016. The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2016 in the Main Conference Room at CTS - GEC. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

**KHPAT Meeting Attendees
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KY SHPO:	Craig Potts Amanda Kincaid Chris Gunn
KYTC:	Rob Harris Amanda Abner David Waldner Dan Davis
INDOT:	Ron Heustis
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Cynthia Johnson
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Walker
Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc.:	Doug Magee
Wolf Pen Preservation Association:	Arnold Zegart
River Fields, Inc.:	Meme Sweets Runyon
Neighborhood Planning And Preservation, Inc.:	Martina Kunnecke
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (Telephone)
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jeff Vlach (Telephone) David Kroll (Telephone) Gary Elder