

Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – July 21, 2005
SUMMARY

Opening Remarks: Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach opened the meeting and reminded everyone in the audience they should hold their comments until the established breaks. He reiterated that everyone would have the opportunity to voice their concerns and noted that the Ohio Bridges Project (Project) team would be available after the meeting if discussions needed to continue. He also emphasized there is no one way to comment that would be superior over other means of commenting. All comments would be considered in the same view of the Project.

Project Updates: William Gulick, Co-chair and Janie-Rice Brother, Co-chair

Mr. Gulick advised that Mr. Richard Cary-Brown, CTS-GEC Project Manager, would be resigning from the Project at the end of July. He also noted that recommendations had been made to the Bi-State Management Team (BSMT) as to a replacement for the position of Project Manager.

Ms. Leslie Barras, River Fields, asked if experience with mega projects would be a requirement. Mr. Gulick responded that it would be a consideration not a requirement.

Ms. Brother thanked everyone for attending and stated that if anyone had any preservation questions/issues she would refer them to Mr. David Morgan, KY-SHPO and return answers as soon as possible.

Immediate Needs Report SDC 1: Tom Gallagher, CTS-GEC

Mr. Gallagher informed the KHPAT members that the Immediate Needs Report (INR) is about moving forward with the big picture, looking at things in a broad sense and making recommendations. He also noted this is only one step of the process to preparing the Historic Preservation Plan (HPP).

Mr. Gallagher continued his presentation with discussing the changes that had been made; editorial, a new chapter had been included (addresses background on how recommendations were made), two new appendices, additional detail and incorporated comments. A description of the revisions made to the INR, by chapter, is provided below.

Chapter 1: Inclusion of a general Project map for a broad overview. Expanded text to demonstrate the prior process and its importance in the recommendations.

Chapter 2: Boundary issues that were of concern were discussed. Mr. Gallagher expressed that all of the maps that were included in the INR were taken directly from the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). There was also clarification of the conceptual map that incorporated the context zones.

Mr. Jim Segrest noted there were buildings on East Main Street that were excluded from both Butchertown and Phoenix Hill Historic Districts. He also stated there was one contributing building on Geiger Street that should be identified.

Chapter 3: Mr. Gallagher indicated this was a new chapter included in the INR. All of the recommendations from the other chapters were removed and incorporated within this chapter.

Chapter 4: This chapter is a summary of the historic context, however Mr. Gallagher wanted to note that this was not the complete historic context that would be included in the final HPP.

Additional text was included regarding St. Joseph's Church

Mr. Segrest indicated the Butchertown street system was developed in 1797, one mile to the east of Louisville and influenced the street layout of the streets in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Chapter 5: Specific recommendations – Witherspoon Realignment to add some flexibility to the alignment to make sure the “complete streets” concept can be applied. Maximum and minimum cross sections were added to demonstrate the concept.

Mr. Segrest stated Butchertown has a neighborhood resolution with aspect to this issue, if the minimum width could be used to avoid the historic properties located on either side of Witherspoon. They also believe the connectivity through Geiger Street is a good idea to connect the east and west side of Butchertown. Mr. Segrest also noted that Spring Street was mislabeled on the map; it is actually Adams Street.

Ms. Barras of River Fields asked for clarification of the map on page 34 labeled A that shows the recommended Witherspoon/Geiger alignment as a black arrow. Secondly she asked if there would be additional assessments on structures. Mr. Gallagher responded that indeed the black arrow is the recommended Witherspoon alignment. Also, it was acknowledged that there were many aspects that needed to be looked at with this recommended alignment such as historical buildings, traffic patterns, etc.

With respect to the Mellwood/Story interchange, historic properties were noted on both sides of the interchange, and the map was expanded to discuss the recommendations for Brownsboro Road.

| Ms. Barras - map on page 38 Mellwood interchange, wanted to note there is at least one contributing structure of Clifton on the upper Mellwood side. Ms. Barras also asked if actual locations and widths had been decided. Bill Gulick – KYTC Co-chair stated the widths, location and interchange configuration are all still under study.

| Mr. Segrest asked Ms. Brother, KY-SHPO Representative/Co-Chair, for basic information about how to move the historic buildings on Mellwood that would be potentially impacted by the interchange without complicating the process. He also explained Butchertown Neighborhood Association was a non-profit organization and therefore it would be helpful to understand what they can do to help relocate these houses with the financial restrictions. Ms. Brother explained that she would take this request to Mr. David Morgan, KY-SHPO, for additional information. Ms. Brother indicated that a

meeting between Butchertown Neighborhood Association and the Kentucky Heritage Council may be necessary to discuss this issue.

Mr. Segrest also noted there is not a single objection from the neighborhood that he is aware of because of the benefits the historic district would gain.

Mr. Doug Magee of the Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association expressed concern about heavy truck traffic on Wenzel Street, as trucks traveling along Story are unable to turn onto Chestnut Street. Mr. Gallagher stated CTS-GEC has the maps presented to them by Phoenix Hill and the issue will be looked at in more detail as the HPP is developed.

Mr. Magee questioned if the roads connecting to River Road would be narrowed to discourage heavy traffic. Mr. Gallagher stated it is the intent to reconnect the neighborhood but was unsure of the type and width of the roads that would connect all the way to River Road.

Ms. Barras of River Fields noted that it would be desirable for the KHPAT to have an opportunity to review and discuss opportunities to affect the underpasses of the I-65 bridges that are on an accelerated path.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the section on gateways associated directly with the interchange were the ones he was speaking about in the INR. Also, he wanted to note the chapter on lighting was more to address roadway lighting not streetscape lighting.

Ms. Brother questioned if there would be specific protocol about public art. Specifically, the inquiry was in regards to appearance and content, as well as funding procedures. Mr. Gallagher responded that recommendations would be made in the HPP to reference these concerns. Mr. Segrest noted that any artwork placed in Butchertown would have to be reviewed by the architectural review committee because the historic district is a Local Landmarks District.

It was questioned as to whether the INR-SDC 1 was essentially final. It was emphasized that the INR-SDC 1 was final barring any substantial comments received from the KHPAT by the established deadline. It was further inquired as to what happens next with the preparation of the HPPs and can funds be released to take actions in regards to historic mitigation before final completion of the HPPs. Mr. Gulick responded there are funds presently being used for historic mitigation prior to the completion of the HPPs.

Country Estates/River Road Corridor: Michael Matts, CTS-GEC

Mr. Matts gave a brief overview of a potential charrette process that would be used as input for the INR for the Country Estates of River Road Historic District/River Road Corridor. Mr. Matts then asked for comments from the KHPAT members. A copy of Mr. Matts presentation is included with this summary.

Ms. Meme Sweets Runyon, River Fields, stated the timing of the charrette process should be taken into consideration providing stakeholders with ample advance notice. Ms. Runyon also wanted clarification about stakeholders, who would be involved. Mr. Matts indicated the stakeholders were stated in the MOA, as noted below:

III.M.1 – KYTC shall develop an HPP as set forth in Stipulation II.F which will identify the context and provide recommended measures for context sensitive design, noise abatement, roadway lighting, blasting and vibration plans and interpretive signage which shall be implemented as part of the Project to mitigate adverse effects to the historic district and individual properties within the vicinity of the construction of the A-15 corridor. The HPP shall specifically consider and develop recommendations for the following historic properties:

- a. Country Estates of River Road Historic District, including individually listed National Register properties within the District,*
- b. James T. Taylor/James W. Chandler House,*
- c. Merriwether House,*
- d. Upper River Road Bridge over Harrods Creek,*
- e. Harrods Creek Village Historic District,*
- f. Schildnecht House,*
- g. Determan House,*
- h. Allison-Barrickman House,*
- i. St. Francis in the Fields Church,*
- j. Belleview, and*
- k. Rosewell*

Ms. Runyon also suggested that prior to the charrette a tour/team tour should take place of the properties within River Road corridor. She also noted that a charrette process is a very good idea.

Introduction and Overview of Scope for SDC 2 and 5: Mr. JB Williams, SDC 2 Project Manager, and Mr. Dan Carrier, SDC 5 Project Manager

Mr. Williams and Mr. Carrier were introduced as the Project Managers for SDC 2 and 5, respectively. Mr. Williams and Mr. Carrier presented a combined overview of the scope of work for Section 2 (the Downtown bridge) and 5 (the East End bridge) in accordance with MOA Stipulation I.A.9.c., which states:

I.A.9 – The respective Co-chairs will convene additional meetings at the following times to review plans, comment, and make specific recommendations regarding Project design scopes of work and details for consideration by the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team:

- c) Prior to the development of the scope of work for design consultant services on individual Project sections.*

It was emphasized that this presentation was similar to previous presentations given previously by SDC 3 and 6. A copy of this presentation is attached to this summary.

Final Comments: Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Any comments for consideration by the Co-chairs should be made in writing by the close of business on August 5, 2005. Mr. Vlach indicated that upcoming KHPAT meetings will be held at the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) Administration Building (1000 West Broadway Louisville, KY) and are scheduled at 10:00 AM EDT/EST, as follows:

September 22, 2005
December 8, 2005

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TEAM ATTENDEES**

Co-chairs: William Gulick – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Janie-Rice Brother (for David Morgan) – Kentucky Heritage Council

City of Prospect: Ann Simms

Butchertown Neighborhood Assoc., Inc.: Jim Segrest

Louisville Metro Planning and Design: Mohammad Nouri

Louisville Metro Historic Preservation: Joanne Weeter

Phoenix Hill Association, Inc.: Doug Magee

River Fields, Inc.: Leslie Barras and Meme Sweets-Runyon

CTS – GEC:

Jeff Vlach
Chad Costa
Christa Turner
David Kroll
Tom Gallagher
Michael Matts
Kristen Jordan

SDCs: J.B. Williams – SDC 2 (Michael Baker Jr. Inc.)
Dan Carrier – SDC 5 (Parsons Brinckerhoff)
Jeff Campbell – SDC 2
Rick Fitch – SDC 2
Miguel Rosales – SDC 5