

**Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – July 20, 2005
SUMMARY**

Opening Remarks: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach opened the meeting by presenting a revised agenda and noted that the venue for the next IHPAT is to change. Members will be made aware of the location in advance of the next meeting. While not mentioned at the meeting, IHPAT members are encouraged to submit comments in writing to the post office box or to Indiana@hpat.net.

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Project Updates: Mrs. Mary Kennedy and Mr. John Carr, Co-chairs

Mrs. Kennedy introduced Mr. Paul Boone as the INDOT Deputy Project Manager. Mr. Boone, who will be assisting Mr. Ed Cox, INDOT Project Manager, assumed this position on July 11, 2005. It was noted that Mr. Boone's office will be located in the Train Depot once the acquisition and rehabilitation of the building is complete. Mrs. Kennedy advised the IHPAT that INDOT was accepting resumes for the Indiana Ombudsman position. Advertisements for the position will be published in various newspapers and publications. It was indicated that an offer to acquire the Train Depot was made by INDOT and accepted by the property owner. Acquisition of the property is anticipated to occur by the end of October 2005. Once INDOT is in possession of the property, work on developing plans to rehabilitate the structure will commence in coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). It was also emphasized that INDOT is pursuing the development of contracts for Section Design Consultants (SDC) 3 (Indiana Downtown approach) and 6 (Indiana East End approach). It was noted that the bridge type selection process has started; the IHPAT will be updated as the process advances.

Status since IHPAT of October 27, 2004: Mr. Chad Costa, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach noted that with the cancellation of the March 23, 2005 IHPAT meeting, CTS-GEC provided a project status update report to the members. The discussion was turned to Mr. Costa who provided the project status of events that have occurred since the last update in March, as well as recapping the events occurring subsequent to the last IHPAT meeting on October 27, 2005. It was indicated that in prior IHPAT meetings the question of whether the lime kiln, which is within the path of the alignment, had lost its integrity due to the vertical grade change that occurred to the adjacent road was brought to the forefront. Since that time, coordination was undertaken with Clark County and the town of Utica to determine the ownership of the kiln. The results of that coordination identified the kiln as being within the town limits of Utica. Photographs of the kiln before and after the completion of the road improvements were collected to illustrate the change in setting. These photographs were provided to the SHPO for review and comment. The SHPO indicated on February 21, 2005 that additional archaeological investigations in the areas surrounding the lime kiln would be necessary before a determination of eligibility could be rendered. It was conveyed to the members that since this coordination, ASC Group, as part of CTS-GEC, is developing work plans to complete the necessary archaeological investigations, which would address comments received from the SHPO.

With respect to the donation status of the James Smith Farm, Mr. Costa informed the IHPAT that since the last contact in July 2004, a letter to the family was drafted requesting an update on their decision. It was stressed that a year was allowed to pass without contacting the family to respect their request of being left alone, until a decision was made. As INDOT is approaching the time in which the Indiana SDCs will be under contract, it was determined coordination with the family was necessary. The letter was sent to the family on July 5, 2005. It was noted that to date no response has been received.

The IHPAT was advised that CTS-GEC, with the approval of the Bi-State Management Team (BSMT), has assembled an organizational committee to assist in planning for the Smart Growth conference, which is to be held within three years of the ROD in accordance with Stipulation II.O of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The entities that comprise the organizational committee were identified as:

- City of Jeffersonville
- Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce
- The Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)
- Louisville-Metro Government
- Bluegrass Tomorrow
- INDOT
- KYTC
- FHWA

Mr. Jay Ellis, Jeffersonville Main Street Association, inquired as to whether any groups with conservation backgrounds were included on the committee from the southern Indiana side. It was noted that an extended list of potential contacts was developed. The committee has the ability to contact individuals on the extended list at any time to request information in planning for the conference. Mr. Ellis requested that Jeffersonville Main Street Association be included in planning for the conference.

Mr. Costa informed the IHPAT that work is underway to identify the western boundary of the Civil War cemetery that allegedly exists beneath Colston Park. ASC Group, through CTS-GEC, submitted to the SHPO in December 2004, a proposal to delineate the western boundary. Comments received from the SHPO in March 2005 on the proposal were addressed on June 30, 2005. It was indicated that the revised proposal was submitted to the SHPO on July 7, 2005. A question was raised by Mr. Joe Rafferty, Rose Hill Neighborhood Association, as to the details of the investigation to occur in Colston Park. It was explained that information gathered during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) phase of the Project identified a potential Civil War cemetery located beneath Colston Park. Furthermore, there is an Indiana law (IC 14-21-1-26.5) that requires the owner of any project occurring within 100 ft. of a cemetery to complete a development plan, which is submitted to the SHPO for approval. It was stressed that with not knowing the limits of the cemetery or whether it actually exists beneath Colston Park, CTS-GEC will perform investigations to explore the existence of the cemetery, delineate the western boundary and determine whether it is within 100 ft. of the proposed right-of-way. If a boundary is defined within 100 ft. of the proposed right-of-way, a development plan will be required. There were no additional comments.

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 by SDC 3 and 6, and satisfied this stipulation of the MOA. A copy of this presentation is attached to this summary.

Other Comments and Concerns: Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Carr, Co-chairs

As the Co-chairs had no additional comments or concerns, an opportunity for the remaining IHPAT members to comment or express concerns was afforded.

Mr. Carl Kramer, representing the Clark County Commissioners, indicated that the city of Jeffersonville is in the process of developing a floodwall mural project. The muralist, Mr. Robert Dafford, is expected to begin next month in area near the Ramada Hotel. After the meeting, Mr. Kramer provided CTS-GEC with the name of the Floodwall Art Committee Chairperson, Ms. Barbara Donahue.

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLFI) questioned the status of completing the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination forms for identified Indiana properties, which the MOA states will be completed within three years of the Record of Decision (ROD). It was indicated that the scopes of work for SDC 3 and 6 are under review and are expected to be approved by INDOT in mid-August. It was emphasized that CTS-GEC is aware of the schedules identified in the MOA; however, the work to complete the NRHP nomination forms for the appropriate properties will either be included in the scopes of work for SDC 3 and 6 or modified to the scope of work for CTS-GEC.

Coordination with INDOT regarding this matter occurred subsequent to the meeting. The assignment of this work activity has not been decided yet. INDOT is currently evaluating the options of assigning the task to CTS-GEC, the appropriate SDC or completing this task in-house. It remains the intention of INDOT to comply with all stipulations of the MOA within the appropriate timeframes. Should it appear a deadline may be compromised, the IHPAT would be informed and the FHWA, as the owner of the MOA, would be consulted regarding the appropriate course of action to extend the timeframe and provide the intended mitigation to the affected historic properties.

HLFI noted that southern Indiana is actively pursuing the completion of several County Interim Reports. A request was made that the update to the Clark County Interim Report be expedited as quickly as possible to serve as a tool for planning and to serve as a model for other reports to be developed in southern Indiana.

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HLFI informed the IHPAT that the Swartz Farm appears to be vacant and vulnerable to deterioration. A request was made to expedite the acquisition of the property to preserve its integrity. It was noted that the Swartz Farm is one of four properties to have a Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) developed. One of the initial steps in the HPP process is to develop the Immediate Needs Report (INR), which will relay critical preservation information to the SDC that would be incorporated into the aesthetic guidelines and design of the section. This process is anticipated to begin by January 2006.

Coordination with INDOT regarding this matter occurred subsequent to the meeting. Presently, INDOT Land Acquisition is exploring the possibility of early acquisition of the Swartz Farm. Future coordination with the IHPAT regarding this issue will be forthcoming as all the options unfold.

Mr. Chester Hicks, city of Jeffersonville, indicated that the EIS incorporated data from the city's 1991 Comprehensive Plan, which included population projections and travel models. Mr. Hicks inquired as to whether there have been any updates to the projections. It was indicated that CTS-GEC has not been requested

to update the population projections or the travel model and that item is not included in the contract of the GEC. However, it was noted that the issue would be consulted with the INDOT. Mr. Hicks expressed a willingness to provide some projections available as a result of the city's efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan.

Coordination with INDOT regarding this matter occurred subsequent to the meeting. Socioeconomic projections, as it pertains to population growth and travel patterns (including traffic projection), are accounted for in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). These projections are modeled with an average growth rate for Clark County. It is the direction of the Bi-State Management Team (BSMT) that the Project adheres to the projections completed as part of the FEIS.

HLFI commented on rumors that owners of properties on Riverside Drive that are within the alignment of the Indiana Downtown approach are considering removing the interior features of these structures. The question was raised as to whether any coordination has occurred with these property owners to request the structures remain in tact to preserve integrity. It was noted that it has always been the intention of the Project to relocate the structures intact. This is first time CTS-GEC was made aware of the issue.

Coordination with INDOT regarding this matter occurred subsequent to the meeting. No coordination with the owners of the subject structures has occurred. The INDOT will take under advisement this issue as presented by the IHPAT and consider the appropriate action to take. It is important to note, however, that this could become a property rights issue, which may limit what can be done by INDOT. Future coordination with the IHPAT regarding this issue will be forthcoming as all the options unfold.

It was asked when the acquisition process could begin for the affected historic properties, such as the Swartz Farm and the properties on Riverside Drive, given that early purchasing of right-of-way is already occurring in the East End. It was noted that there has been some protective buying in the East End in the vicinity of Gilmore Estates, where there is an eminent threat of building additional houses. These properties are currently entering the condemnation process. Mr. Ellis requested that CTS-GEC explore the option of beginning the acquisition of the threatened historic properties.

Coordination with INDOT regarding this matter occurred subsequent to the meeting. The early acquisition occurring in the East End is protective buying meant to restrict additional development within the anticipated right-of-way for the Indiana East End approach. The early acquisition of historic properties for the purposes of preservation, especially those not within the limits of the anticipated right-of-way will need to be handled on a case by case basis.

Mr. Hicks noted that KIPDA is in the process of updating the 2030 Transportation Plan, which will include revised socioeconomic projections that lead to the traffic models. This update will be made for the entire MPO region.

Final Comments: Mr. Vlach, CTS-GEC

Any comments for consideration by the Co-chairs should be made in writing by the close of business on August 4, 2005. Mr. Vlach indicated that next IHPAT meeting will be held on September 21, 2005. It was noted that the location of the next IHPAT was undetermined at the present time. IHPAT members will be notified of the meeting location and supplied with materials to be discussed at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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TEAM ATTENDEES**

Co-chairs: Mary Kennedy – INDOT
John Carr – IN-SHPO Representative

City of Jeffersonville: Chester Hicks

Clark County Commissioners: Carl Kramer

Rose Hill Neighborhood Assoc.: Joe Rafferty

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana: Laura Renwick

Jeffersonville Main Street Association: Jay Ellis

INDOT: Paul Boone
Teresa Giller

FHWA: George Jones

CTS – GEC:
Jeff Vlach
Chad Costa
Christa Turner
David Kroll
Kristen Jordan

SDCs:
JB Williams (SDC 2)
Jeff Campbell (SDC 2)
Rick Fitch (SDC 2)
Dan Carrier (SDC 5)
Miguel Rosales (SDC 5)