

**Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – October 28, 2004
SUMMARY**

Opening Remarks: Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He informed the attendees that the September IHPAT meeting summary and agenda were available upon request. He then asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves and the entity they represent.

Project Updates: Co-chair William Gulick, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

Mr. Gulick introduced Mr. Bart Bryant, the new KYTC Assistant Project Manager for the Project. Mr. Bryant comes from the construction discipline and was the Resident Engineer for the Paris Pike Project and his contact information is below. He also noted that KYTC is expecting to hire one more individual for the Project who will fill a secretary position. It was noted that INDOT has selected its new Project manager, Ed Cox. In addition, FHWA has selected a new Project Manager, George Jones from the Illinois Division.

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It was announced that Mr. Lee Walker has been hired as the Kentucky Ombudsman and will begin work on Monday, November 1, 2004. His contact information is as follows:

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The SDCs for Section 2 and Section 5 (Ohio River Bridges) have not yet been selected. It is anticipated that the announcement of the Section 2 Design Consultant will be made on October 29, 2004 and the Section 5 Design Consultant on November 12, 2004.

Update on Section 1: Richard Sutherland, Kentucky Transportation Associates (KTA)

Mr. Sutherland noted that the following studies are currently being undertaken: the geometric study from Broadway to I-64, the study on how to construct the new bridge while keeping traffic on the Kennedy Bridge, the Waterfront Park impact study to lessen the width of the structures over the Great Lawn, and the Mellwood/Story connector study. It was noted that if the two-way traffic alternate were determined to be feasible, consideration would be given for a full interchange at Mellwood Avenue, which would cause Story Avenue to revert to a neighborhood street.

The East Louisville/Downtown access planning study for the acreage that will be relinquished from relocating the existing junction to the south and the East Louisville/Waterfront Park access circulation study for creating additional access between the redeveloped and existing areas have not been initiated yet.

The design team has been assembled and the entire group will meet for the first time on October 29, 2004 to initiate work on the Project. The mentoring of the two DBE firms on the design team will also be initiated at this time.

HPP Update: David Kroll, Director of Preservation

Mr. Kroll noted that the HPP Master Schedule and individual Kentucky Historic Districts schedules have been revised to reflect the new projected completion date for the Immediate Needs Reports per the previous stakeholder meetings with Butchertown and Phoenix Hill. These documents were disseminated for review and are included with this summary.

Kentucky updates:

Development of the Phoenix Hill and Butchertown HPPs will begin immediately with the Immediate Needs Report expected to be available to SDC 1 by February 28, 2005. The date for completing the Immediate Needs Report for the Country Estates Historic District/River Road Corridor HPP has not been set, but it is expected to have a delivery date of February 28, 2005 as well.

Indiana updates:

The Old Jeffersonville Historic District HPP is anticipated to begin in March 2005, after the Immediate Needs Reports are published for the Kentucky side. The HPPs for the rural sites in Indiana are expected to start after the initiation of the Old Jeffersonville Historic District plan, with the James Smith Farm HPP projected to begin next summer.

Dates are currently being planned for the initial kick-off public meetings and are tentatively set for the evenings of November 16, 2004 for Butchertown, November 17, 2004 for Phoenix Hill and December 1, 2004 for Country Estates Historic District/River Road Corridor. It is expected to have the neighborhood groups notify the individuals within their organization and the property owners designated in the MOA to let them know that the HPP is being started.

On the afternoon of October 28, 2004, CTS-GEC will be meeting with SDC 4 to discuss the development of the Immediate Needs Report for the Country Estates Historic District/River Road Corridor. The meeting will also focus on the expectations of the report and how best to incorporate its recommendations into the design plans. A similar meeting has already taken place with SDC 1 regarding incorporation of the Immediate Needs Report for Butchertown and Phoenix Hill in the design plans.

Comments added during the discussion:

A general comment was added that a meeting is scheduled on November 23, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waterfront Development Corporation. ICON developers will hold a public meeting concerning a proposed development in the residential area between Beargrass Creek and Stoplight Liquors in Butchertown.

Mr. Segrest emphasized the need for CTS to coordinate the plans for the Mellwood/Story interchange with the Metro Government and the KY SHPO to ensure that proper planning for the historic resources in this area is included. It was determined that, if constructing a new interchange is determined feasible, this coordination will be initiated as the footprint of the Project is being developed.

Ms. Barras showed concern for the tentative date for the Country Estates Historic District/River Road Corridor kick-off meeting, stating that the schedule seems ambitious for the considerable number of people that need to

be invited. She then asked what the format of this meeting would be. Mr. Fritz noted that the meeting is expected to be held in an open house format to possibly be followed by small group workshops to get direct input from the community members. The initial kick-off meetings will primarily address the issues in the MOA and allow CTS to gather the concerns of the community members.

Status and Scope of the East Louisville Downtown Access Study:

Mohammad Nouri, Louisville Metro Government

Mr. Nouri reemphasized the need for coordination and cooperation during the progression of the Project. He noted that the CTS-GEC team has already taken the initiative to begin this coordination with the Metro Government.

The scope of work for this study has been completed by the Downtown Development Corporation and will be forwarded to KYTC for review and comment by the end of the week. Once the scope is approved, the process of consultant procurement will begin immediately. They are expecting to have a design consultant on board by the end of November and to begin work on December 1, 2004. They anticipate having the study completed by June 2005.

An oversight committee will be established that will have input into the development of the work plan and the work itself. The committee will be made up of a four-member team including representatives of the following organizations: Louisville Metro Government, Downtown Development Corporation, Waterfront Development Corporation, and the Butchertown Neighborhood Association.

Comments added during the discussion:

Mr. Segrest recommended that the overall neighborhood plan that is currently being developed be coordinated with the HPP.

Other Comments and Concerns:

Ms. Barras shared that the new American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Context Sensitive Design Manual "Guide for Achieving flexibility in Highway Design" has been published. She recommended that the members consider purchasing it.

There was a brief discussion concerning the development of river connectivity in the Butchertown area considering the commitments in the MOA and the plans that are being developed for this area through the East Downtown Access Study.

A list of acronyms has been prepared for HPAT members. It is attached to this summary and will be available at all future meetings.

Final Comments: Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2004 at 10:00 am EST at the Brown Hotel (since this time, this meeting has been canceled; the next meeting will be January 27, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency). Any comments for consideration by the Co-chairs should be made in writing by the close of business on November 12, 2004 to the address below:

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TEAM ATTENDEES**

Co-chairs: William Gulick – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Craig Potts (for David Morgan) – Kentucky Heritage Council

KYTC: Bart Bryant

City of Prospect: Ann Simms

Butchertown Neighborhood Assoc., Inc.: Jim Segrest

Louisville Metro Planning and Design: Mohammad Nouri

Louisville Metro Historic Preservation: Joanne Weeter and Richard Jett

Phoenix Hill Association, Inc.: Doug Magee

River Fields, Inc.: Leslie Barras

CTS – GEC:

Jeff Vlach
Chad Costa
Christa Turner
David Kroll
Pete Fritz
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Kristen Jordan
Stephen Hoefler
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SDCs: Richard Sutherland (Kentucky Transportation Associates)
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