

**Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project
Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – March 24, 2005
Summary**

Opening Remarks: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the KHPAT members for their continued involvement.

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

Mr. Gulick announced that Secretary Bailey is departing from the (KYTC). Mr. Gulick also reaffirmed that funding from Governor Fletcher's office to finish the Design Phase would be met (an appropriation for approximately three years).

Mr. Gulick indicated that work is continuing with establishing contracts for the Indiana SDCs (Sections 3 and 6).

Mr. Jerry Leslie – Project Manager for Lochner, Section Design Consultant (SDC) 4 – East End Kentucky Approach Design Team; gave a PowerPoint presentation on the balloon testing that took place on March 9, 2005. The public meeting for the balloon testing was held on March 7, 2005 at the Harrods Creek Fire Department.

Mr. Leslie explained the balloon testing was used to show the height of the structure. He also informed the KHPAT that pictures were taken from many different angles and views of the Project. Those pictures will be used in developing visualizations for the east end approach. It was noted that balloon testing would also be performed sometime during the summer to provide a "tree with leaves on" scenario.

Mrs. Leslie Barras asked what the minimum vertical clearance for the structure over River Road would be. Mr. Gulick responded that the desirable clearance is 16.5'.

Immediate Needs Report Presentation and Discussion:

Mr. David Kroll, CTS-GEC

Mr. Tom Gallagher, CTS-GEC

Mr. Kroll introduced himself and gave a brief overview of why the Immediate Needs Report (INR) was developed. He also informed the KHPAT that a date of April 14, 2005 had been set for a Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) kickoff meeting for the Country Estates/River Road Corridor. Mr. Kroll explained the meeting would last approximately two hours and would have four specific parts: open house, formal presentation (scope),

small group exercises and a wrap up with the entire group. The meeting will be held at the Harrods Creek Fire Department located on US 42 in Prospect, Kentucky.

Mr. Kroll then turned the meeting over to Mr. Gallagher to present and discuss the draft INR prepared for the Butchertown and Phoenix Hill Historic Districts. Each member of the KHPAT was provided a draft copy of the INR at the meeting. Mr. Gallagher explained there were two categories of recommendations that will be addressed in the INR: land use, identity and character.

Mr. Gallagher explained that the INR took about four months to complete. The HPP kickoff meetings for Butchertown and Phoenix Hill took place in November 2004.

The question of why Butchertown and Phoenix Hill was combined into one INR was raised. Mr. Gallagher explained that the INR was to assist the SDC in respect to the key issues relating to aesthetic characteristics of the historic district to allow the engineering to advance to the *line and grade* phase.

It was brought to the attention of Mr. Gallagher that the word "final draft" was on the front cover of the INR. Mr. Gallagher indicated the phrase "final draft" did not mean this would be the only draft.

Mr. David Morgan, Co-chair, stated that he was upset the Kentucky Heritage Council had not been consulted prior to this draft being distributed.

General discussions ensued that the HPPs have lagged behind the work of the SDCs and that coordination had been lacking. The intent of the INR is to provide information to the SDCs on specific mitigation measures determined necessary to achieve the engineering design deadlines. It was/is to be developed in cooperation with the SDCs and based upon their specific needs. Mr. Gallagher indicated that coordination has been ongoing and will continue between the SDCs and the consultants working on the HPPs. It was stated that individual coordination meetings would be scheduled with representatives of Butchertown and Phoenix Hill within the coming month to further discuss and address their individual concerns. The Co-chairs concurred with extending the deadline for receipt of comments on the draft INR to April 29, 2005 with further discussions to occur at the following KHPAT of May 19, 2005.

Section Design Consultant Presentation:

Mr. Richard Sutherland, SDC 1
Mr. Miguel Rosales, SDC1

Mr. Rosales gave a presentation of the Kennedy Interchange Aesthetic Design Guidelines developed by SDC 1. The design guidelines were developed to determine the type and shape of structures most appropriate for the Kennedy Interchange to ensure compatibility with the adjacent neighborhoods, parks and business districts. A broad range of guidelines was proposed to define the context of the surrounding environment. Once this

activity had been completed, aesthetic design concepts were then developed to fit those guidelines. The final guidelines include recommendations for signs, lights, sound barriers, colors, textures and all other secondary elements. Following review of the guidelines by the KHPAT, Area Advisory Team (AAT) and the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), the guidelines and concepts would be finalized for the critical structural elements and incorporated into the preliminary engineering plans.

Because of the comprehensive nature of this presentation, Mr. Sutherland indicated that he would forward a copy of it to all KHPAT members. Comments on the presentation were welcomed.

Comments from Team Members:

Leslie Barras, River Fields

- It seems that the work of the SDC is proceeding ahead of the HPPs
- There was only three days of notice for the balloon testing
- During the public meeting for the balloon testing there was no mention of the HPAT
- Where is Progress Report #3?
- Half of the HPAT meetings have been canceled
- All Materials to HPATs must be sent at least 15 days in advance of the meeting
- 30-day notice of HPP kickoff meeting is required

Meme Sweets Runyon, River Fields

- River Fields would like to be advised of all meetings
 - o This was noted but it was advised that CTS can not be the one to provide that information. If a Stakeholder calls the meeting they will decide who is invited.

Ann Simms, City of Prospect

- City of Prospect has been present at all meetings for this Project

Final Comments: Mr. Vlach, CTS-GEC

The next KHPAT meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2005 at 10:00 am EDT at the Hyatt Regency. Any comments for consideration by the Co-chairs should be made in writing by the close of business on April 29, 2005 to the address below:

Kentucky Historic Preservation Comments
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Team Attendees**

Co-Chairs: William Gulick – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
_David Morgan – Kentucky Heritage Council

Butchertown Neighborhood Association: Jim Segrest

City of Prospect: Ann Simms, Sandra Leonard

Louisville Metro Historic Preservation: Joanne Weeter, Richard Jett

National Trust for Historic Preservation: Betsy Merritt

Phoenix Hill Association: Steve Kersey, Doug Magee

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

CTS-GEC:

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

SDCs:

Richard Sutherland (Kentucky Transportation Associates): SDC 1
Miguel Rosales (Kentucky Transportation Associates): SDC 1
Jerry Leslie (Lochner Team): SDC 4
Sandy Stevens: SDC 4