THE LOUISVILLE-SOUTHERN INDIANA OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT
SECTION 2, DOWNTOWN BRIDGE

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

APRIL 22, 2008
6:00 - 8:00 PM
THE 300 SPRING BUILDING
JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 53

APRIL 24, 2008
6:00 - 8:00 PM
FRAZIER INT'L HISTORY MUSEUM
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 24

TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES: 77 *(NOT INCLUDING PROJECT TEAM REPRESENTATIVES)*

Both Downtown Bridge Open Houses began at 6:00 pm, each taking the form of a self-guided tour with recommended three tower cable-stayed bridge aesthetics displayed on boards/easels throughout the room. Representatives from Section Design 2, Community Transportation Solutions, and the Bi-State Management Team were on hand to answer any questions posed by members of the public. No official open house presentation took place. Many attendees – particularly in Jeffersonville – were new to the project and asked basic questions regarding bridge location, alignment, final bridge type, etc. Bridge designers were on hand to respond thoroughly to these queries. Public response to the recommended downtown bridge aesthetics on display was overwhelmingly positive.

AESTHETIC RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED:

Louisville
Jeffersonville
200'
250'
750'
750'
250'
200'
210'
240'
240'
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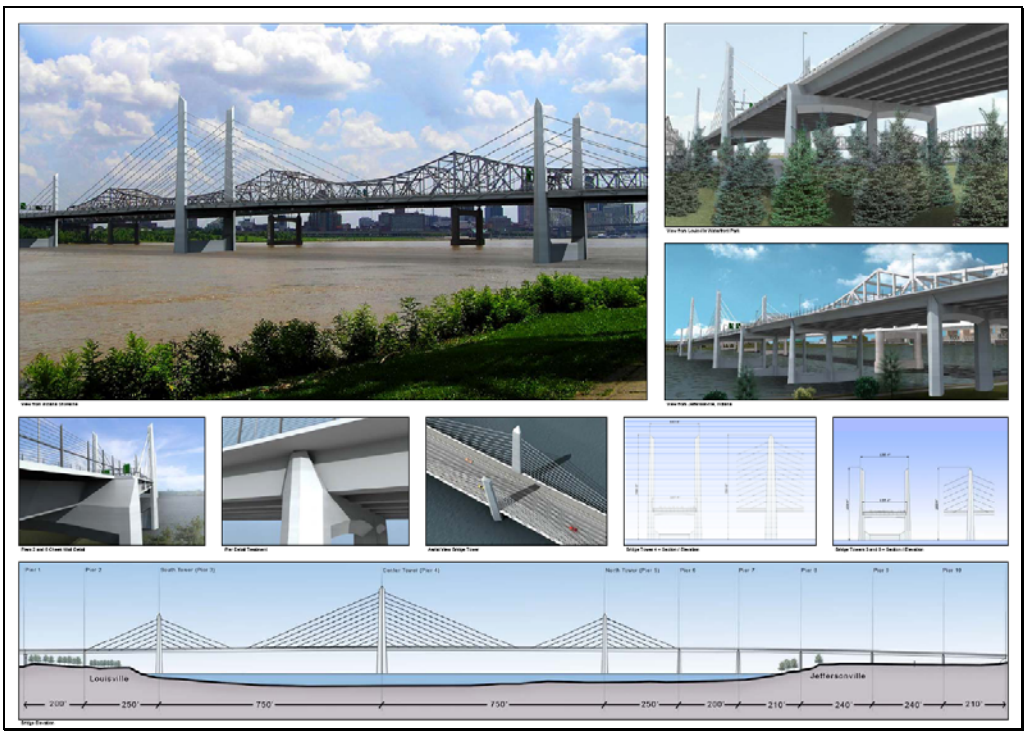
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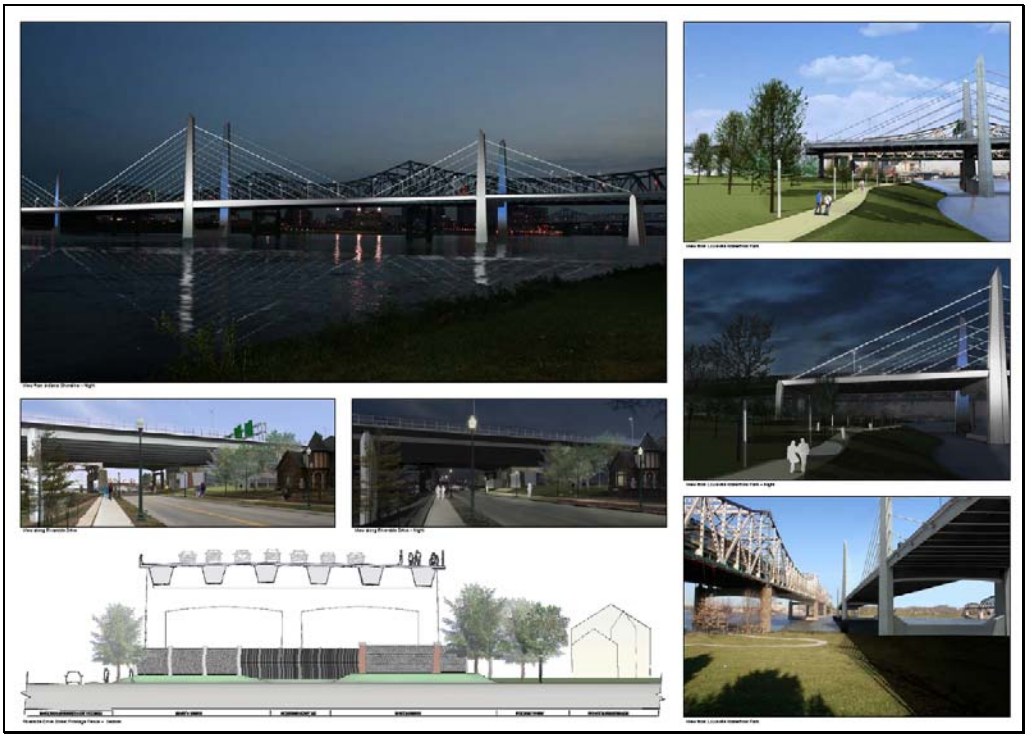

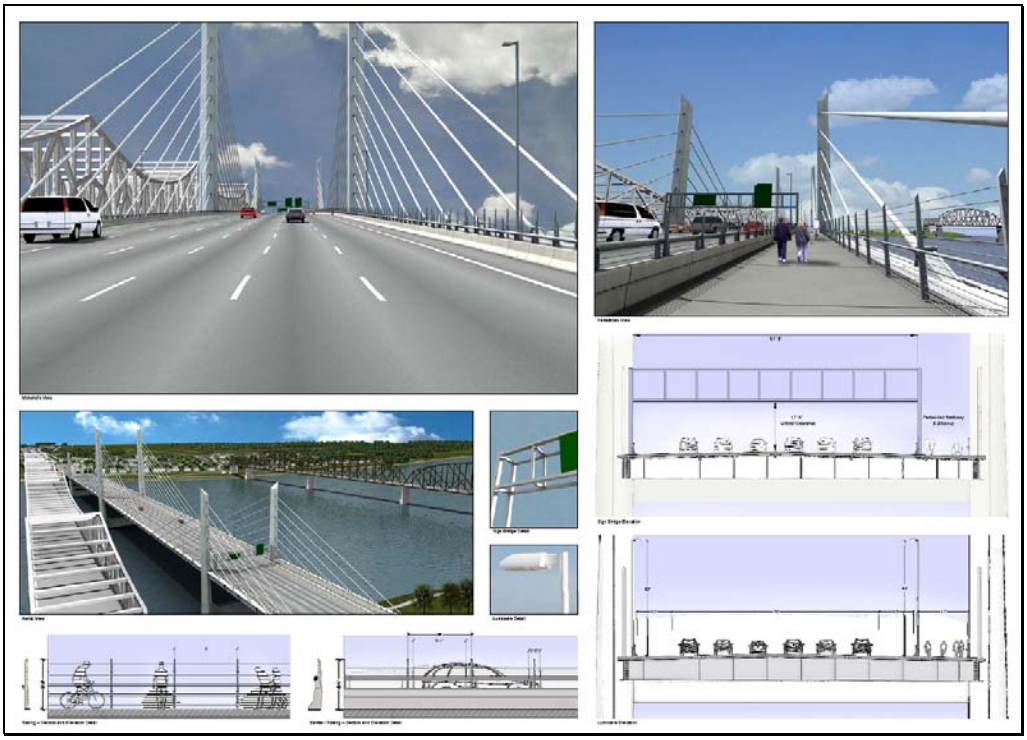

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(Via comment sheet: "Please provide any general comments you may have regarding the ***aesthetic elements*** *that have been recommended for the Downtown Bridge")*

- Great project and information. Aaron was great and provided me with helpful information. Excited about seeing this major project in process and completed.
- Clean lines! Great design! Visually pleasing!
- Keep up the fine work. Keep pushing. If they can build a cable-stayed in Korea, maybe after 30+ years of no action we may finally get it done.
- Wow! Will be a gorgeous addition to the Louisville landscape. Clean, simple and contemporary.
- I think that it is a very well-designed bridge, and also is very beautiful. I cannot wait for my home city to build it. The only thing I didn't agree with was the walkway. My opinion is that traffic will be too bad and aggressive to have a comfortable walk across.
- Looks like this bridge will certainly be low maintenance. The simplicity makes it very striking and pleasing. Lighting will add to its beauty immensely.
- Plans look good. Hope to see the new bridges soon. We really need new bridges as soon as possible.
- Very nice design and appearance. I reside in Chicago, Illinois, and although we have a multitude of bridges in the city, this design is far more unique than any we possess. Colors/member shapes work more with the riverscape.
- I like the cable-stayed design. Much less intrusive.
- Color Louisville Cardinal red to the new stadium or at least the red lighting to emphasize entire bridge. Exposed beams: what about the animal life, birds, etc.? May up cost in the long run. Indiana should be first, we have the money.
- In my opinion all three bridges should be lit the same color. Traffic and people shouldn't be side by side. The old railroad bridge should be for people and bicycles. It should be lit also.
- This [Downtown] bridge should be less urgent than stepping up all the issues that must be accomplished now to get the East End Bridge ready to cross the river. Why is this true? Because [the] Kentucky side home and property owners – including doctors, attorneys, and all others who have the money and they confidence that they can fight this off – buy this pro-position off and push the decision for the East End Bridge to the point under which it will look impossible and they think we will end up going ahead and building the Downtown Bridge first. *This should be avoided at all costs.* Why? Because trucks and cars line up daily to cross downtown, bumper to bumper and can't cross the [Kennedy] Bridge, when 1/3 of these cars and trucks would not be there if the East End Bridge comes first. *Get East End first and it will*

be easier to accomplish [the] Downtown Bridge. You see, much of the need will be reduced and Louisville and Jeffersonville will be a better place before you build the first tier downtown.

- I like the design. I also like that it will be only "north-bound" traffic. Great idea!
- The walls would look less sterile and more like a neighborhood if metal cutouts of birds that John James Audubon painted when he resided at the Falls of the Ohio. [These] could be applied to any fencing and bridge piers. I suggest that all fencing be see-through to increase the perception of safety.
- Make construction of the bridge so that a railroad deck can be added.
- Lovely design. Integrates well with the surrounding environment such as bridges, buildings, river, etc. Consideration of maintenance aspects was well done.
- Good form following function. Glad the three tower cable-stayed bridge was chosen.