

**Louisville Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges
Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team
Meeting – March 10, 2004
SUMMARY**

Opening Remarks: Charles Raymer, CTS-GEC Deputy Project Manager

Mr. Raymer opened the meeting by noting that information for discussion would be handed out during the session and by asking everyone to sign in and check their contact information on the member list. He apologized for the late distribution of the agenda and explained that we have been resolving the absence of Indiana Co-chair Mike Hazeltine and that it has been confirmed that Mary Crowe, Architectural Historian of INDOT, is his replacement. Mr. Raymer also noted that CTS-GEC is continuing to resolve overall contract issues to get the Project moving forward and that the sub-consultants are continuing work with caution. He went over the agenda and stated that the draft Charter was requested by the Co-chairs to layout how the Advisory Teams were envisioned to function and operate. The Co-chairs were introduced, Ms. Crowe was welcomed aboard the Advisory Team and Mr. Carr gave opening comments.

John Carr, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and IHPAT Co-Chair

Mr. Carr welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He emphasized that this process is just getting started and that we are working together to move it along. He asked everyone to feel free to share their comments during the meeting so that the charter and team procedures can be put into place.

Charter / Team procedures:

Overview of MOA: Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC

Mr. Vlach passed out packets including pages 1-12 and page 39 of the MOA for overview. He explained that since we are in the initial phases of the Project we will be reviewing the first 2 of the 14 stipulations that cover Project Coordination and Project Development which will be guiding us through the historic preservation process of the Project. Also, included in the packet was the signature page that confirmed the Section 106 regulations were satisfied. Mr. Vlach then discussed the highlights of each page in the packet.

A question was raised about the status of the ombudsman. It was discussed that the ombudsman will be a liaison between the public and Bi-State Management Team and will be paid through CTS. Whoever is hired for this position, the individual be unbiased and will deal with conflict resolution. CTS is trying to acquire the historic Train Depot for their office.

Draft Charter: Kerri Cokeley, CTS-GEC

Ms. Cokeley read through the draft Charter and received the following comments and replies from Advisory Team members and the CTS-GEC team:

It was requested that there be a process of evaluation for the Co-chairs to keep Advisory Team members apprised of requests from individuals or groups asking to be included in the Historic Preservation Advisory Team.

It was requested that members of both Historic Preservation Advisory Teams be able to speak at each others meetings. Mr. Raymer confirmed that this request has been made before and that no decision has been made. Presently, only members of the specific Advisory Team may speak at meetings of their Advisory Team, unless time has been allotted in the agenda for additional comments.

When the question was raised about how the written comments will be shared with the Advisory Team Members, it was emphasized that oral and written comments will be given the same consideration. It was determined that this question be discussed with the Bi-State Historic Consultation Team before deciding on a definite procedure.

Finally, it was discussed that the Charter is in no way meant to override the MOA and where there might be disparity, the MOA will take precedent. The draft Charter will be refined based on the Advisory Team members' oral and written comments and will be presented again at the next meeting.

Components of the Historic Preservation Plans:

The Historic Preservation Plan: David Kroll, Director of Preservation at Ratio Architects

Objective/Goals**Historic Area Delineation**

Background – History and justification for boundaries

Area Boundary – Maps indicating the proposed boundary

Architectural and Historic Significance

History

Architectural Significance

Archaeological Integrity

Photographs

Physical Description of Resources

Existing Conditions

Land Use

Zoning

Assets & Liabilities Map

Building Conditions
Infrastructure

Preservation Objectives

Recommendations

Land Use
Zoning
Building Renovation/Rehabilitation
Infrastructure
Noise Mitigation
Streetscape/Interpretive signage

Architectural and Design Standards

Historic Archaeology

Demolition/Moving Guidelines

Implementation Procedures

Agencies
Procedures
Funding Opportunities

A question was raised about the bidding and selection process of consultants for the Historic Preservation Plans (HPPs). It was established that the first step in this process is to define the work to be accomplished so we can select the best consultants for each specific district when the time comes. Currently, we are taking advantage of CTS-GEC team members to develop these scopes because they were included in the GEC team due to their expertise in this area. The consultants that are working on the scopes of work now will not be inherently included or excluded from being selected to prepare the HPPs because of their involvement in the GEC team. Finally, it was stated that there will not be a bidding process for the selection of consultants, but rather a qualification-based selection that will be determined after the completion of the scopes of work.

Historic Preservation Plan Process: Jeffrey Bergman, Urban Planner at Ratio Architects

Process:

I. Finalize content of each HPP for both IN & KY

Present proposed content for HPP's to advisory teams
Revise per recommendations
Approval from advisory teams

II. Meet with each neighborhood/preservation group or owner (IN & KY)

- III. Research each district or property**
 - History / significance
 - Photographs / survey
 - Determine Preservation issues
 - Determine Planning issues
- IV. Meet with Planning Commissions & local governments**
- V. Work with Cultural Landscape and Noise Abatement consultants**
- VI. Create Recommendations – Draft of HPP's**
- VII. Present to each neighborhood/preservation group or owner**
- VIII. Present Draft to Advisory Counsel & SHPO's**
- IX. Revise per Recommendations as necessary**
- X. Approval from Advisory Counsel & SHPO's**
- XI. Produce National Register nomination**
- XII. Produce Public literature**
- XIII. Produce HPP's**
- XIV. Present Public Workshops**
- XV. Present to city/county governments and the Kentuckiana Regional Planning & Development Agency (KIPDA)**

The recommendation was made by Mr. Sanders, Rose Hill Neighborhood Association, that the National Center for Biking and Walking (www.bikewalk.org) be used as a resource when designing the streetscapes.

Closing Comments: John Ballantyne, Federal Highway Administration - Kentucky

Mr. Ballantyne recapped that FHWA's role is to make sure the MOA is implemented and that the Co-chairs are driving this Advisory Team process. He stated that he wants a clear checkmark next to each element of the MOA as it has been fully completed. The HPPs will inform designers of the contexts they need in order to perform the mitigation and design of the Project. He said that the schedule has not yet been finalized. FHWA received a two month extension; there is adequate funding to employ the GEC and the design consultants. The states must allocate their portion of the funding to the Project as parts of this process have advanced to a point where design can start. Mr. Ballantyne thinks that we are off to a good start and he thanked the Co-chairs for that.

Charles Raymer, CTS-GEC Deputy Project Manager

At the next meeting, CTS-GEC will present more specific details for each HPP and will present a draft scope of work for review. In the meantime, Ratio Architects of the CTS-GEC team will review the comments from this meeting and meet with the individual groups concerning the specific HPPs for input on the customization of the scopes of work for each specific HPP.

June 16th was discussed as the next KHPAT meeting (since this time, May 19th has been confirmed as the next meeting). It was determined that this will most likely be an all day meeting.

Jeff Vlach will be taking over the responsibility of the Historic Preservation Advisory Teams effective March 11, 2004 and will be working with both the Advisory Teams during this process.

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TEAM ATTENDEES**

FHWA: John Ballantyne

Co-Chairs: Mary Crowe – Indiana Department of Transportation and
John Carr – Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana: Greg Sekula

Town of Utica: Jimmy Carter

Jeffersonville Main Street, Inc.: Jay Ellis

Rose Hill Neighborhood Association: Henry Sanders and Joe Rafferty

CTS – GEC:

Charles Raymer
Jeff Vlach
Christa Turner
Kerri Cokeley
David Kroll (Ratio Architects)
Jeff Bergman (Ratio Architects)
Michael Matts (Gray & Pape)
Mike Striker (ASC Group)