

**LOUISVILLE – SOUTHERN INDIANA  
OHIO RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT**

**Kentucky Historic Preservation Advisory Team (KHPAT) Meeting  
August 26, 2010 – 10:00 AM at the KYTC District #5 Main Conference Room**

The following summarizes the discussions of the KHPAT meeting held at KYTC District #5 on August 26, 2010 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project). An agenda was distributed to the KHPAT by mail on July 30, 2010.

**Opening Remarks: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Sacksteder welcomed everyone to the KHPAT and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and their affiliations. A list of the KHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary.

**Project Update: Ms. Amanda Abner, KYTC and Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO**

Neither Ms. Abner nor Mr. Dennen had any Project updates to report.

**Vermont American Building: Mr. Jeff Vlach, CTS-GEC**

Stipulation III.L.4. of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) provides for the preparation of a Treatment Plan (TP) for rehabilitation of the Vermont American Buildings affected by the Project. The preparation of the TP began in late 2008 with the initiation of property owner contact. On June 16, 2010, the property owner granted access to the facility. Field work was completed on June 24, 2010. Draft A of the TP was received for review by CTS-GEC on August 2, 2010; following review, comments were returned to Ratio/CTS-GEC on August 11, 2010 for resolution. Draft B is under preparation for additional review prior to submittal to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). Following this review process, the TP will be sent to the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Officer (KY SHPO) for review.

The TP outlines two options for reuse of the facility. Option 1 proposes a mix of residential and commercial uses. Option 2 proposes a mix of commercial and office space usages. Neither option is preferred at this time.

**Review of the 100% Plans and Specifications for Rosewell: Mr. Jerry Leslie, SDC 4 and Mr. Bob Burry, SDC 4**

Mr. Burry made a Power Point presentation (PP) of the 100% plans and specifications for Rosewell. The PP outlined repairs to the hip beam, floor joist framing on the first floor, the kitchen floor, the fascia/soffit/gutter/roof, the smokehouse, interior finishes and exterior wall treatments. A copy of the PP was distributed at the meeting and is retained in the Project files. Mr. Burry indicated that all of the review comments received to date have been incorporated into the revision of the plans at the 100% stage. Mr. Burry stated that the 100% plans are near completion.

Mr. Burry indicated that Louisville Metro Government (Metro) would be the lead agency in overseeing the completion of the construction activities and in the contractor prequalification process. An MOA is under development between KYTC and Metro to oversee this process. A pre-qualification and bid package is under preparation to advertise for qualified contractors. A pre-bid meeting will be held at Rosewell prior to the acceptance of the pre-qualification packages. The letting is presently scheduled for early 2011. It was also stated that the KY SHPO would be engaged in the pre-qualification and bid package and construction letting processes.

A question was asked about water damage at Rosewell. Mr. Burry responded that there is no water damage existing at the site. There are no concerns.

### **Country Estates of River Road/River Road Corridor – HPP Final Draft Revisions: Mr. Michael Matts, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Matts reviewed the changes made in the final draft of the Historic Preservation Plan (HPP) that reflected input received during the KHPAT meeting of December 17, 2009. Mr. Matts also discussed the Country Estates HPP Implementation – Potential Partners table that was prepared as an additional component of the plan, which was also recommended at the December KHPAT. A copy of the HPP revisions and the Implementation Table were distributed with the meeting agenda and are retained in the Project files. The table is a summary that identifies relevant sections of the MOA, briefly summarizes the HPP recommendations, provides a page number in the HPP referencing the location of the full recommendation with a color-coded assignment of responsibility for action and funding of each recommendation. There were no additional comments for revisions to either the HPP or the table.

#### Revisions to Text

At this stage in the HPP review process for this document, text revisions were limited to portions of four pages in the plan. Comments were limited to changing the word “selling” to “purchasing” with regard to the Belleview Conservation and Preservation Easement, and to expand the language in the fourth bullet in this section to allow for conservation development.

#### HPP Implementation Table

On page 1 of the Table, the sixth recommendation – it was agreed that the MOA Stipulation and the summary language will be modified to identify properties identified in Stipulation III.M.1.a-k with regard to blasting and vibration plans.

It was agreed to advance the HPP to the BiState Historic Consultation Team (BSHCT) at their next meeting of September 14, 2010 for concurrence in the noted revisions. With BSHCT concurrence, the HPP would be advanced to the BSHCT Co-chairs for a final review and then sent to the BSMT for final approval. With approval, the HPP would be distributed and the MOA Stipulations (II.F.2.g. and III.M.1.) satisfied.

In the East End, it was noted that a bike path is shown in the Metro *2010 Bike Master Plan* adjacent to River Road. The bike path comes up to the new Harrods Creek bridge (River Road over Harrods Creek), but does not cross the creek on the bridge. A separate bridge is to be constructed upstream of the bridge for bikes, which construction must be adopted by Metro and FHWA. CTS-GEC was

directed to the Metro website for additional details; Mr. Dirk Gowin, Administrator in Transportation Planning, is the contact.

Another topic of discussion was the recommendation that all of the historic properties in the Country Estates of River Road Historic District (HD) must have blasting plans developed prior to any further activity. Ms. Runyon stated that properties outside of the blast zone were damaged when blasting was completed for the first tunnel bore at Drumanard. Ms. Merritt requested that those properties that were damaged be identified. It was noted that no very fragile historic properties were identified in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the Project; with the passage of time since completion of the EIS, it was thought that the Merriwether House may now fall into this category due to disrepair. Mr. Leslie indicated that the blasting and vibration (BV) plans prepared for the initial blast were prepared in accordance with the Record of Decision (ROD) which identifies the blast zone at 500 feet. This appears to be a disconnect with the MOA which states that BV plans will be prepared for all of the specific properties identified in Stipulation III (of the MOA). Mr. Sacksteder replied that further discussion would be undertaken with the KYTC and SDC 4 to develop BV plans for all historic properties, as requested. He agreed to include this on future KHPAT meeting agendas.

#### **Drumanard – Baseline Report and Preservation Easement: Mr. Mark Dennen, KY SHPO**

Mr. Dennen stated that the Baseline Documentation (Documentation) prepared for Drumanard/Drumanard HD/Strater – Watson House by SDC 4/Chris Amos was submitted to the KY SHPO by KYTC on May 5, 2010 for review and approval. The Documentation was submitted for use in preparation of the preservation easement for the property. Comments received subsequent to the meeting on July 16, 2010 indicated that minor revisions were required to the Documentation prior to approval. All comments have now been addressed to the satisfaction of the KY SHPO.

In regard to the preservation easement, the KY SHPO sent preferred language to the KYTC for use in drafting the easement in April 2010. KYTC is pursuing the acquisition of a preservation easement on the property. If KYTC cannot reach an agreement with the property owners, KYTC will condemn the entire property as stipulated in the MOA and place the preservation easement on it.

Mr. Dennen indicated that his office had received a letter dated June 16, 2010 from the activist group ‘Say No To Tolls’ to remove Drumanard from the NRHP. The petition submitted by the group provided documentation for removal of the property in accordance with Section 60.15 of 30 CFR 60. His office responded on July 29, 2010 denying the request for delisting. In accordance with the regulations, the group has 45 days to continue to pursue the petition for removal of the individual listing of the property with the KY SHPO and the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

#### **Final Comments: Mr. John Sacksteder, CTS-GEC**

Mr. Dennen had met with Ms. Kristen Lutes of the Edison House to discuss the preservation easement. He presented to Ms. Lutes that KYTC would take the lead in procuring the services of an architect and a contractor and would provide oversight of the exterior improvements, provided the

owners are willing to place a preservation easement around the property and enter into a MOA with KYTC stating this. Ms. Lutes agreed to present this to the board of the Edison House for further action. As this coordination continued to be pending, Mr. Vlach was asked to contact Ms. Lutes for their consideration of placement of the easement. *(Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Lutes indicated on September 10, 2010 that the owners of the property, Historic Homes Foundation, had agreed to place the easement. Additional coordination will ensue.)*

Construction access through Drumanard was questioned during the removal of the displaced homes in the Shadow Wood Subdivision. Mr. Leslie stated that a construction easement was to be placed along the Harbor Condominiums and adjacent to Drumanard to access US 42 for construction access. He also indicated that this access was developed in accordance with the MOA and ROD and was included in the construction estimate and preservation easement. Mr. Dennen stated that his office had no knowledge of this access. Ms. Runyon requested additional discussion of this access at a future KHPAT meeting. This request was granted.

Mr. Sacksteder stated that neighborhood meetings had been held with Clifton and Butchertown on the construction of gateways into each community. An additional meeting is scheduled with Clifton on November 3, 2010 to continue this discussion, and an additional meeting with Butchertown is to be scheduled.

Mr. Sacksteder asked that any additional comments be provided to CTS-GEC by September 10, 2010 for inclusion in the record of the meeting. The next scheduled KHPAT meeting is October 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM in the KYTC District #5 Conference Room. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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KHC/KY SHPO:	Mark Dennen Craig Potts Vicki Birenberg
KYTC:	Amanda Abner Andy Barber Christa Turner
Louisville Metro Historic Preservation:	Richard Jett
City of Prospect:	Ann Simms
National Trust for Historic Preservation:	Elizabeth Merritt (via telephone)
River Fields, Inc.:	Meme Sweets Runyon
Kentucky Ombudsman:	Lee Douglas Walker
FHWA	Duane Thomas Marilyn Valdez
CTS-GEC:	John Sacksteder Jim Hilton Jeff Vlach Michael Matts
SDC 4:	Jerry Leslie Bob Burry