

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

**Indiana Historic Preservation Advisory Team (IHPAT) Meeting
June 19, 2008 – 10:00 AM at the INDOT Falls City Sub-District**

The following summarizes the discussions of the IHPAT meeting held at the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Falls City Sub-District on June 19, 2008 for the Louisville – Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (Project).

Opening Remarks: Mr. Jim Hilton, CTS-GEC

Mr. Hilton welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those present to identify themselves and the entity they represented. A list of the IHPAT members in attendance is attached to this summary. An agenda had been distributed to the meeting attendees on June 3, 2008.

Project Update: Mrs. Mary Kennedy, INDOT and Mr. John Carr, IN SHPO Office

Mrs. Kennedy indicated that the revised Ohio Falls Car and Locomotive Historic District (HD) National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination was received by INDOT on June 19, 2008 and forwarded to the Indiana State Historic Preservation Office (IN SHPO) for additional review and advancement to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board. If the revised nomination is reviewed and accepted in time, it may be presented at the Review Board meeting in October 2008.

She stated that details for the completion of the *Clark County Interim Report* were under development to resurvey the Area of Potential Effect (APE), as defined in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This clarification of the survey area was made because at the joint HPAT meeting of April 17, 2008, Mrs. Kennedy had reported that INDOT was working on an agreement with the IN SHPO under which their office would undertake the survey of the entire county. Since the April meeting, the change in the survey area occurred per a FHWA directive. Mr. Sekula disagreed with the survey area stating that the MOA did not specifically mandate only the APE. His interpretation was that the entire Clark County was to be included. Ms. Renwick also opposed the inventory of only the APE and stated that the survey of the entire county was warranted to account for those resources lost to secondary and cumulative growth perpetuated by the Project. Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Carr indicated that they would carry this issue to the BSHCT for further discussion.

A question was asked as to when SDC 3 (Downtown Indiana) would be brought under contract. Mr. Hilton responded that CTS-GEC has provided the scope of work to INDOT for review and comment. To date, INDOT has not requested negotiation of the contract.

Swartz Farm Rural Historic District MOA Amendment (Stipulation III.I)

The amendment to the MOA due to the demolition of the Swartz Farm was forwarded to the IHPAT on June 3, 2008 for review and comment. To begin the discussion, Mr. Vlach provided an overview of the original stipulation and the proposed amendment and the following comments were offered:

- The landscaping plan (Existing Stipulation III.I.8.) should not be deleted in the amendment.
- Amended Stipulation III.I.4a. should be revised to read, “If it is not feasible to relocate...” replacing “In lieu of not locating...”
- In amended Stipulation III.I.4., the clause “an appropriate location on the Swartz Farm property” was questioned. After discussion, it was determined that the proposed location for the relocation of the Central Passage House (CPH) to the Swartz Farm property would require approval by the IN SHPO, and that no changes to the clause, as written, were required. As it is not feasible to relocate the CPH to the original site of the Swartz Farmhouse, the relocation should focus on aspects of historic preservation to enhance whatever site is chosen.
- Amended Stipulation III.I.5. Should be investigated and revised to define what the “first right of refusal” clause entails, i.e., is this a requirement of Indiana state law, how does this process work. If the clause is revised to read “In lieu of donation of the property to a non-profit organization, and as approved/coordinated with the IN SHPO, the current owner will have the first right of refusal”, does the current owner have the same rights for a donation?

Mr. Sekula asked if coordination with the Gottbrath family had been undertaken concerning negotiations for the purchase of the property. He urged that the purchase of the farm and protection of the southern portion of it with a preservation easement should be pursued. Mr. Hilton stated that with the demolition of the house, it is possible that the right-of-way footprint for the I-265 interchange could be reconfigured. Prior to any change in the geometrics of the interchange (from that proposed in the EIS), recoordination with the IHPAT through the BSHCT would occur.

Attendees were urged to review the amendment and provide any additional comments in writing to CTS-GEC by the close of business on July 7, 2008. After that date, the received comments from the IHPAT would be considered at the ensuing BSHCT meeting of July 15, 2008. Following that meeting, a final edition of the amendment would be produced for review and comment by the MOA signatories.

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IN SHPO: John Carr

INDOT: Mary Kennedy

KYTC: Amanda Abner

Indiana
Ombudsman: Carl Percy

HLFI: Greg Sekula
Laura Renwick (also represented Jeffersonville HPC)

Clark County: Jeanne Burke

CTS-GEC: Jim Hilton
Jeff Vlach
Kathy Francis