

## Meeting Summary

### Area Advisory Team Meeting April 28, 2005

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The second Area Advisory Team Meeting was held on April 28, 2005 at the Harrods Creek Fire Station in Prospect, KY to discuss issues related to the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project (LSIORBP) with the design consultant team for Section 4, H.W. Lochner, Inc.

The following were in attendance:

#### Area Advisory Team Members:

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| Jim Halvatgis     | Bridgepointe                                |
| Mayor Lonnie Falk | Prospect                                    |
| Chris Aponte      | Harrods Creek Fire Protection District      |
| Debbie Carroll    | Assistant to Councilman Downard (alternate) |
| Aida Copic        | Metro Planning and Design (alternate)       |
| Mark Adams        | Metro Public Works                          |
| Alice Gunnison    | Wolf Pen Preservation Association           |
| Kay Ackerson      | Transylvania Beach                          |
| Harold Friedly    | Wolf Creek                                  |
| Gail Kopczynski   | Wolf Pen Woods                              |
| Paul Bickel       | St. Francis in the Fields (alternate)       |

#### Project Team Members:

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| Bart Bryant        | KYTC                   |
| George Jones       | FHWA                   |
| Richard Cary-Brown | CTS/GEC                |
| Chris Jones        | CTS/GEC                |
| Kevin Villier      | CTS/GEC                |
| Sharon Williams    | CTS/GEC                |
| David Kroll        | CTS/GEC                |
| Ted Grossardt      | University of Kentucky |
| John Ripy          | University of Kentucky |
| Keiron Bailey      | University of Arizona  |
| Jim Klein          | Lochner Design Team    |
| Lynne Giesecke     | Lochner Design Team    |
| Ed Holmes          | Lochner Design Team    |
| Chuck Craycraft    | H.W. Lochner, Inc.     |
| Jerry Leslie       | H.W. Lochner, Inc.     |
| Debby Taylor       | H.W. Lochner, Inc.     |



## **Additional Attendees:**

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| Ann Simms                | Prospect City Hall (alternate)                |
| Lee Walker               | KY Ombudsman                                  |
| Leslie Barras            | River Fields                                  |
| Jon Ackerson             | Transylvania Beach (alternate)                |
| Jeanne and Sandy Stevens | 4010 Therina Way                              |
| Dan Carrier              | Parsons-Brinkerhoff                           |
| Elaine Bordogna          | Wolf Pen Preservation Association (alternate) |
| Tony Yates               | Wolf Pen Woods (alternate)                    |
| Bob Liter                | 6200 Transylvania Beach                       |
| John L. Long             | 6202 Transylvania Beach                       |

The meeting began at approximately 6:20 p.m.

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**1.1** The attendees were asked to sign in upon arrival and were given a LSIORB Project brochure, a contact card, and the AAT Handout, which included an overview of the six character areas, the balloon testing location map, an agenda, the meeting ground rules, and a comment sheet.

## **2. MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2.1** The F.E.I.S. alignments and proposed r/w line were shown on the exhibits.
- 2.2** Jeff Schlotter was ill and unable to attend. Jerry Leslie acted as moderator and presented the Agenda Overview. Jerry introduced the Project Team, reviewed the meeting ground rules, and briefly discussed the AAT Handout including the balloon testing that had taken place for Section 4 on March 9, 2005. He introduced Richard Cary-Brown of CTS and Bart Bryant of KYTC.
- 2.3** Richard and Bart gave an overall project overview.
- 2.4** The AAT Members were offered an opportunity for questions and comments concerning the balloon testing or any other issue of concern.
- 2.4.1** A member questioned if Wolf Pen Branch Road is to be five lanes. Jerry explained that the proposed design for Wolf Pen Branch Road is for two lanes as now exists.
  - 2.4.2** A member questioned if there is a means of letting local residents know not to build in an area that will be impacted by the project. The specific concern was the new home being built beside Rosewell on Transylvania Avenue. Jerry explained that the property owner was well aware of the proposed project before beginning the new home, but chose to build there anyway.
  - 2.4.3** An AAT Member asked for clarification on the meaning of the height of the balloons. Jerry explained that the height of the balloon was the proposed elevation of the roadway.



- 2.4.4** A member asked what type of bridge the Ohio River Bridge would be. Jerry explained that along with the Section 6 AAT members, the Section 4 members would be asked to evaluate possible options for the proposed Ohio River Bridge.
- 2.4.5** Another member asked if another balloon float is scheduled since he was unable to see the balloons on March 9. Jerry explained that we are planning another balloon float during the summer with the leaves on.
- 2.4.6** Members requested additional emails and notifications for the next balloon float, particularly in the event of a delay due to weather.
- 2.5** During the Design Guidelines Development section of the meeting, Jerry, Jim Klein, and David Kroll worked together to identify the six distinct character areas and the specific historical aspects associated with Section 4.
- 2.6** Photos taken during the balloon testing of views from the historical properties were presented in an exhibit.
- 2.7** The Design Guidelines that are under development with required input from the AAT, the INR, and the HPP were presented as the following: Sound and Barrier Walls, Deep Cuts, Tunnel Portals, Large Structures, Spans with or without sound walls, Major Fills and Retaining Walls, Multi-use Pathway, and Emergency Access Ramp(s). The focus for this meeting was presented as the Major Fills (shown with and without retaining walls) and the Multi-use Pathway in the Ohio River Terrace Character Area.

  - 2.7.1** Chief Aponte requested that Emergency Services is added as a Design Guidelines issue since life and safety issues specific to the tunnel must be addressed during the design and construction phases of this section of the project.
  - 2.7.2** Members questioned what types of barriers were being considered, vegetated barriers or concrete of some type. The comment was made that grassy slopes would soften the view of the roadway. Jerry explained that we would cover those options with the members at a later AAT Meeting this summer.
  - 2.7.3** A member asked where the photos from the Transylvania Beach Road Area were. Jerry pointed out some of the photos taken in the area during the balloon testing, but explained that this character area was not our focus for tonight's meeting, but would be covered at a later date.
  - 2.7.4** Members pointed out that they are very interested in noise and lighting impacts and asked when that information would be presented. Jerry explained that additional sound and lighting studies will be completed and the results will be presented at a later AAT Meeting.
  - 2.7.5** A member asked about traffic volumes that will be generated from the projected southbound I-265 traffic arriving in the US 42 area.



Lochner agreed to check into this item and request additional traffic counts and projections as necessary to present to the AAT.

- 2.8 Possible design options for the large fill sections in the Ohio River Terrace Character Area were presented to the AAT members in a PowerPoint presentation.
- 2.9 Ted Grossardt of the University of Kentucky was introduced. Ted explained the interactive polling techniques that the AAT members would use to evaluate the suitability of the various fill options presented.
- 2.10 Jerry and Jim explained that some of the options presented would require easements from adjacent property owners to construct. Flattening the slopes and adding additional landscaping to soften the slopes would require a bigger footprint than originally outlined in the FEIS document. The adjacent property owners would have to be in agreement with this. One of the Project Team's goals for the evening's meeting is to determine if the AAT as a group is interested in the slopes requiring the larger footprint before individually making this presentation to the property owners.
- 2.11 The interactive polling exercise was conducted. The results are an attachment to this summary.
- 2.12 During the meeting wrap-up, the next meeting was discussed. Possible topics were explained and the AAT members indicated a desire to have the meetings more often than quarterly. The consensus was to have the third AAT Meeting within the next four to six weeks.
  - 2.12.1 Additionally, the members requested that we start on time for the next meeting.
  - 2.12.2 They requested less introductions and project overviews. The logic being that if an AAT member was attending as requested, these should not be necessary.
- 2.13 The meeting closed with a question and answer session with the members of the public attending the meeting.

### **3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

- 3.1 An audience member requested computer modeling of the pier placements Jerry explained that computer modeling would be implemented in later stages of the design of the project and that Sections 4, 5, and 6 would be working together on these issues as design progressed.
- 3.2 Concerns with lighting were reemphasized and the request was made to add lighting to the Design Guidelines list of issues.
- 3.3 The "Meeting Memory" follows:



## **AAT Meeting #2** **4/28/2005**

### **Meeting Memory**

- **KY has no way to stop development in the corridor prior to R/W phase.**
- **Balloons represented the proposed roadway height.**
- **This AAT will work with Section 6 AAT to work on Ohio River Bridge type.**
- **Plan a summer balloon test.**
- **Send AAT emails in advance of testing.**
- **Emergency services should be included in design guidelines.**
- **What type of barriers if barriers are required?**
- **How do these concepts rate for noise, lighting, and cost?**
- **How can decisions be made with half of members missing?**
- **Meeting needs to start on time.**
- **Less project overview.**
- **Next meeting to begin at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Computer simulations.**
- **Add light pollution to concerns list.**
- **Green Spring Drive labeled wrong on website.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

