



## Meeting Summary

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### Area Advisory Team Meeting

June 2, 2005

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The third Area Advisory Team Meeting was held on June 2, 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:

Jim Halvatgis	Bridgepointe
Ron Teaford	BRAD (alternate)
Mayor Lonnie Falk	City of Prospect
Chris Aponte	Harrods Creek Fire Protection District
Ray Rissler	City of Green Spring (alternate)
Elizabeth Kinney	Metro Dept. of Neighborhoods (alternate)
Jennifer Osborne	Metro Council District 7 (alternate)
Kip Eatherly	Metro Council District 17 (alternate)
Aida Copic	Metro Planning and Design (alternate)
Kyles Broyles	Shadow Wood
Keith Williams	St. Francis in the Fields (alternate)
Elaine Bordogna	Wolf Pen Preservation Association (alternate)
Gail Kopczynski	Wolf Pen Woods

#### Project Team Members:

Bill Gulick	KYTC
George Jones	FHWA
Chris Jones	CTS/GEC
Kristen Jordan	CTS/GEC
Kevin Villier	CTS/GEC
Ted Grossardt	University of Kentucky
John Ripy	University of Kentucky
Billie Motsch	University of Kentucky
Keiron Bailey	University of Arizona
Jim Klein	Lochner Design Team
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**Additional Attendees:**

Ann Simms	City of Prospect (alternate)
Sandra Leonard	City of Prospect (alternate)
Lee Walker	KY Ombudsman
Liz Coomes	3604 Trail Ridge
Dan Carrier	Parsons-Brinkerhoff
Kathleen Partlow	Parsons-Brinkerhoff
Tony Yates	Wolf Pen Woods (alternate)
Paul Owen	Bridgepointe (alternate)
Brent Nemec	7001 New Bern Court
Avinash Goel	5300 Wolf Pen Woods Drive

The meeting began at approximately 6:30 p.m.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

1.1 The attendees were asked to sign in upon arrival and were given a copy of the meeting agenda and the AAT Handout, which included information for the topic of the meeting, barrier and wall design concepts. AAT Members had previously been mailed a Section 4 Bulletin summarizing the results of the polling exercise for large fills from the April 28, 2005 meeting and an agenda for the June 2, 2005 meeting. These Bulletins were also made available for attendees. AAT Members were also given a summary of the April 28, 2005 AAT Meeting as well as a handout showing the results of the polling exercise from the previous meeting.

**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 moderated the meeting. Jeff began the meeting with a presentation of the Agenda Overview.

2.3 Jerry Leslie reviewed the results of the polling exercise from the April 28, 2005 AAT Meeting concerning large fills.

2.4 The AAT Members were offered an opportunity for questions and comments concerning the previous meeting or any other issue of concern.

2.4.1 Mayor Falk questioned which barrier type is the strongest. Jerry explained testing criteria.

2.4.2 Mayor Falk asked if there were cases where bouncing off the barrier is more dangerous than not. Bill Gulick explained that guardrail is itself a hazard and is the third leading cause of traffic deaths. The question becomes which is the worse hazard, the guardrail or what it protects from.

2.5 Jim Klein presented an overview of the possible design option for barriers and walls.

2.6 Jerry discussed potential and probable locations for sound and safety walls.



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- 2.7 Jerry discussed the HPP in relation to the development of the Design and Aesthetic Guidelines for Section 4.
- 2.8 Chief Aponte questioned fire hydrant access for emergency situations. He requested that location of fire hydrants be considered carefully in the project design.
- 2.9 Mayor Falk questioned the difference in a safety and a sound barrier. Bill explained that they are completely different structures with different criteria and function.
- 2.10 Chief Aponte questioned the use of moveable median barrier for access by emergency vehicles. Jerry explained that coordination with the HCFD and Metrosafe will be an ongoing activity to determine the needs for fire, life, and safety.
- 2.11 Jim Halvatgis asked if Lochner will look at the latest technology for sound absorption devices. Jerry assured him that Lochner will do that because it a requirement of the environmental document and it's the right thing to do for the project.
- 2.12 Ted Grossardt introduced the polling process for walls and barriers. He explained that the rating was for the aesthetic value of the walls and barriers, and not sound absorption qualities. Ted conducted the polling exercise. The results are a separate attachment to this summary.
- 2.13 Mayor Falk commented that he had voted lower on the walls and barriers including vegetation because it will take several years for the growth to happen that will make it look like it did in the slides.
- 2.14 Elizabeth Kinney was very concerned with the maintenance of the plant material. She explained that Metro does not have the resources to maintain extensive plantings. Her fear is that without extensive maintenance including regular watering large plantings will die. Jerry explained that there is the option of putting the largest amount of landscaping on the property owner's side if they are in agreement.
- 2.15 Jim presented the next discussion topic, the various design options for walls and landscaping in the Bridgepointe and Springdale Road areas.
- 2.16 Kieron Bailey explained the rating evaluation process for the results.
- 2.17 The AAT participants rated the presented options.
- 2.18 Aida Copic emphasized her concerns with maintenance issues for all presented options.
- 2.19 Jeff presented the meeting wrap-up.
- 2.20 Jerry presented an overview of the topics for the next meeting: the bridge over Harrods Creek and River Road, the Wolf Pen Branch Road Bridge, and the Ramp structure over the freeway. The next meeting date was discussed as mid to late July.
- 2.21 Jeff opened the meeting to audience questions and comments:
- 2.21.1 Ray Rissler questioned the progress of the Project Financial Plan. Bill explained that the work on the plan is well underway, and the first stage of the plan is due this summer with the final plan submitted by the end of 2005.
- 2.21.2 Kyle Broyles expressed his concerns of impacts to the existing stream that runs through Shadow Wood. Jerry explained that the stream would be retained or restored, whatever was necessary.
- 2.21.3 Jim Halvatgis asked how much property would need to be acquired. Jerry explained that we do not know that answer yet until we complete the geotechnical investigations and analyses and determine right-of-way plans.



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- 2.21.4** An audience member asked when sound issues would be covered in an AAT Meeting. In her opinion, sound levels are much more important than landscaping. Jerry explained that we have a separate AAT Meeting scheduled to discuss sound issues and that our sound studies are underway.
- 2.21.5** Tony Yates emphasized that noise and lighting issues are his two major concerns as his property backs up to the freeway.
- 2.21.6** Jim Halvatgis asked if sound walls can be installed prior to construction beginning. Jerry explained that we would investigate that option.
- 2.21.7** Brent Nemec asked if there had been any consideration given to reconfiguring the traffic on US 42 that will be turning onto the freeway. Jerry explained that traffic studies has been done during the FEIS phase and that Lochner will certainly study the traffic on US 42 in conjunction with the design of Section 4.
- 2.21.8** Aida Copic asked if more information could be distributed to the AAT Members prior to the meetings detailing the topics (*Lochner mails the AAT packets and info to the main member of an organization. Aida and Elizabeth Kinney are two alternates who attend Section 4 meetings most often, but are not given the packets supplied to the main members of their organizations. To solve this problem, Lochner will mail packets to main and alternate AAT Members in the future*).

**2.22** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

**2.23** The Meeting Memory follows:

### AAT Meeting #3 6/02/2005

## GROUP MEMORY NOTES

SECTION 4 EAST END APPROACH  
AREA ADVISORY TEAM

6-2-05

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AAT MEETING #3

- Question regarding crash barriers: will each example shown stop a car?
  - *Yes, all meet federal standards*
- Is the objective to stop a car, or just to slow it down?
  - *[Depends, each case] is examined on a case-by-case basis*
- Regarding sound barriers, [there is a] need to maintain access to fire hydrants



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- *[Comment noted; this will be examined]*
  - Is there a difference between sound barriers and safety barriers?
    - *Yes, they are two completely different things*
  - Will we be discussing median barriers?
    - *Yes, we will work to provide safe access for emergency vehicles [along with other median considerations]*
  - Will the latest sound abatement technology be used?
    - *Yes*
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### Interactive Group Polling Exercise

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- Regarding “voting” [rating the examples shown]: voted lower on examples with vegetation because these won’t remain attractive looking over time
  - Plants often die, due to lack of maintenance. How will this be addressed?
    - *There are many ways to address maintenance. Some based on choice of materials, others require maintenance only until [the plants are] well established. Also, “adoption” agreements [with the local communities are possible]*
  - Adoption (use of volunteers) doesn’t always work, due to lack of commitment
  - Need to ensure success [of maintenance and plant viability] from the beginning
  - Need to ensure that rates of plant growth are appropriate [not too slow or too fast]
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### General Comments on Barrier Walls

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- None of the concepts shown do enough to make the area ‘livable’
- Seem more has been done at Springdale Road than for Shadow Wood



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- Walls may be a safety concern (30-foot drop)
  - Shadow Wood is like a park now; need to keep it that way. Double wall concept is more park like
  - Would homeowners be expected to maintain the plantings [those on the property owners' side of the wall]?
  - Maintenance should be part of every concept's analysis
  - Plantings should fit in with what's already there
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#### Next Meeting

- Agenda (tentative): bridges, structures
  - Date (tentative): mid to late July
    - *Don't want to conflict with other meetings*
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#### General Discussion

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- Schedule for development of financial plan?
  - *First stage, this summer*
  - *Plan to the Federal Highway Administration by December*
- Does legislature need to approve the plan?
  - *No, not the plan itself*
- Are 'funding equity' concerns considered?
  - *Absolutely*
- What will happen to the stream that runs through Shadow Wood?
  - *It will be either retained or restored*



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- When will we know which properties will be impacted and the extent of the impact?
    - *We're a few months away [from having that information]*
  - Can sound barriers be built before highway construction begins?
  - [ATT members] need to know the location and function of examples before 'voting' on them
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#### Audience Comments

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- Will more detail on sound effects be provided at future meetings?
  - *Yes*
- Sound is the critical factor
- Aesthetics are less important than noise abatement and lighting impacts
- Can the public get information from [the project's] Environmental Impact Statement
  - *Yes, summary information will be made available on the project website*
- When will traffic control from US 42 to the Gene Snyder Freeway be considered?

End of Meeting



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