

**U.S. 31E RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

*From north of Ky 332 to the Salt River Bridge  
Item No. 4-287.00 & 4-287.10*

**Minutes of  
CONSULTING PARTIES MEETING**

**July 16, 2002**

The U.S. 31E Reconstruction Project, from KY 332 to Salt River Bridge, is currently in the environmental and preliminary engineering phase. Specifically, the project is currently focusing on the portion of the environmental study which documents the cultural historic resources within the project corridor as mandated by Federal Law. A Consulting Parties meeting was held July 16, 2002 at My Old Kentucky Home State Park from 6:00-8:00 P.M. The meeting was the second meeting with Consulting Parties, the first being held March 5. Consulting Parties are agency representatives or citizens who have made application to the Federal Highway Administration and have a demonstrated interest in the project. On the U.S. 31E project, 26 current or former citizens of Nelson County have been approved for Consulting Party status. It is not too late for other persons to become Consulting Parties and an example application letter was disseminated to the meeting attendees in case they, or persons they may know, would want to make application. Additional sample letters may be obtained by contacting:

**Mr. Gary Valentine, P.E.  
Kentucky Department of Highways  
Highway District 4  
634 E. Dixie  
P.O. Box 309  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702**

**Mr. Tom Jobe, P.E., Chief District Engineer for the Department of Highway in Elizabethtown, opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and introducing the project team. In attendance were:**

<b>Bobby Stumph*</b>	<b>Tom Jobe, P.E.</b>	<b>KYTC</b>
<b>Loraine Stumph*</b>	<b>Gary Valentine, P.E.</b>	<b>KYTC</b>
<b>Frank Welch*</b>	<b>Paul Estes, P.E.</b>	<b>KYTC</b>
<b>James Vogt</b>	<b>Becky Judson</b>	<b>KYTC</b>
<b>Donna Cheek*</b>	<b>Rebecca Turner</b>	<b>KYTC</b>
<b>Warren Cheek*</b>	<b>Craig Potts</b>	<b>Heritage Council</b>
<b>Kevin Honaker*</b>	<b>Jim Hall</b>	<b>KYTC</b>

**Fred Pipkin\***  
**Frank Cambron\***  
**Mary Nancy Todd\***  
**David Hall\***  
**Mary Abell\***  
**Gail Hart\***  
**Henry Hart\***  
**Mary Jo Abell\***  
**Edgar Abell\***

**Doug Lambert**  
**Richard Sutherland**  
**Jayne Fiegel**  
**Brian Cash**  
**Taylor Kelly**

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**\* Consulting Parties**

Each attendee was provided with copies of the project corridor, potential roadway alignments, and location of the listed and eligible historic properties studied to date within the corridor. Jayne Fiegel, cultural historian for the project team, discussed in detail the status of the work done to date in documenting the historic resources. Previous work on this project had documented the presence of two properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These are the Sisters of Nazareth Campus and Cartmell House. Fifteen sites had previously been determined eligible for listing. Work to date includes documentation of most of the properties from KY 332 to Cox's Creek. Already, several additional properties have been discovered which appear to be eligible for listing. Most of these properties would not have been found if not for the cooperation of the Consulting Parties, other property owners, and interested persons. Some of these properties are farms which may be wholly or partly eligible.

Ms. Fiegel then discussed the next steps in the project which are:

- **Receive approval for the Area of Potential Effect from the Federal Highway Administration**
- **Work will continue until as many properties can be located and documented as possible. At that time, a *Cultural Historic Resources Report* will be prepared and disseminated concurrently to the Kentucky Department of Highways, Division of Environmental Analysis; Federal Highway Administration; Heritage Council; and the Consulting Parties for review and comment.**
- **The next Consulting Party Meeting will be held at that time to discuss the document**
- **After the *Cultural Historic Resources Report* has been reviewed and approved by the Federal Highway Administration, the engineers will re-align the proposed alternatives which were drawn in the scoping study completed one year ago. The goal will be to avoid or minimize the impacts to the historic properties documented in the *Cultural Historic Resources Report*.**

- **Once the alignments have been drawn to avoid or minimize impacts to the fullest extent possible, the other components of the environmental study will be concluded. These studies may require further modification of the alignments.**
- **Once the alignments are set, adverse effects to the historic properties can be determined. These will be discussed with the Consulting Parties in a formal meeting and ideas on how to mitigate these effects will be developed.**
- **The final step in the Review of Historic Properties will be a Memorandum of Agreement which outlines the steps the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will take to mitigate the impacts of the proposed project on the historic resources within the project corridor.**
- **The final steps in this phase of the U.S. 31 Project will be to finalize the Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering study.**
- **If this work is approved by the regulatory agencies, final design on the project will begin.**

**A question was raised about how the historic properties received the names used in documentation for the *Cultural Historic Resources Report*. The response was that property names were as listed in existing documentation or historical records. These names may no longer be familiar to the families living in the community today. It was suggested that the names of the current residents be added in some fashion in order for the Consulting Parties and other interested persons to have a frame of reference.**

**Another question referred to whether entire farms were being considered for eligibility. The answer was yes. No boundaries had been determined but it appears that more than one property may be eligible. Historic districts are also under consideration.**

**The meeting concluded at 7:10 P.M.**

**Attachments:**

- **Map**
- **Consulting Party Application Letter**
- **Approved list of Consulting Parties**