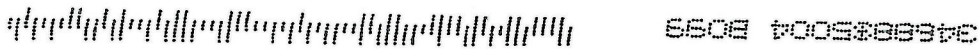




U.S. COAST GUARD PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIDGE NOTICE



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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has received an application from Pinellas County Florida, requesting approval of the location and plans for a proposed bridge replacement over a navigable waterway of the United States. **This is a re-issuance of a public notice dated 4 February 2019; no changes have been made to the project.**

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Whitcomb Bayou, mile 0.5, to the mouth of the bay and the Anclote River, at Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, FL., Lat/Long: 28.150000, -82.765250.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The project proposes the replacement of an existing low-level single leaf bascule bridge with a new single leaf bascule bridge on approximately the same alignment. The existing bascule leaf rotates to the east about its horizontal axis while the position of the proposed bascule leaf will be moved to the west and designed to rotate to the west in order for the proposed bascule pier to avoid being located in the area of a geologic anomaly (sinkhole). The existing bridge is 358.5 ft. long including the 39 ft. leaf. The length of the proposed bridge will be 360 ft. The out-to-out width of the existing bridge is 28 ft. The width of the proposed bridge will be 49 ft. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety before the construction of the new bridge begins.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing Clearances

Horizontal:

25 ft. between face of fenders
normal to channel axis

Vertical:

7.75 ft. above Mean High Water (draw closed)
Unlimited vertical (draw opened)

Proposed Clearance

Horizontal:

30 ft. between face of fenders,
normal to channel axis

Vertical:

8.5 ft. above Mean High Water
Unlimited vertical (draw opened)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The FDOT, as the lead federal agency through NEPA assignment, has made a determination that the proposed project is a categorical exclusion for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Coast Guard made a tentative determination that the project qualifies as a CATEX because it satisfies criteria for such actions listed in the Coast Guards NEPA Implementing Instructions. The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 10 ft. and the bridge low member elevation is approximately 6.5 ft.; elevations are referenced to NAVD 88. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) is the certifying agency, as defined in 40 CFR 121.1(e), for issuance of Water Quality Certification (WQC) pursuant to Section 401, Public Law 92-500, 33 U.S.C. Section 1341. SWFWMD WQC was issued 8 November 2018. FDOT approved a CATEX on 19 January 2016, with FHWA approving the document on 25 January 2016. The Coast Guard acted as a cooperating agency during the NEPA process and has tentatively adopted the CATEX. Documents are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS ON PROVIDING COMMENTS:

The complete public notice including: a summary of project impacts, and drawings of the location and plans for the proposed bridge can be viewed and printed by accessing the following web site <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/D7BN>, or by calling, emailing, or mailing a request to the Coast Guard project manager. The Coast Guard project manager is Ms. Lisia Kowalczyk. Ms. Kowalczyk can be contacted by telephone at (305) 415-6932 by mail at Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1ST Avenue, Suite 432, Miami, FL 33131, or by email lisia.j.kowalczyk@uscg.mil. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to the proposed work. Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 Southeast First Avenue (Room 432), Miami, Florida 33131, for a 30-day period from the date of the public notice. Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed vertical and horizontal navigational clearances, the need for a bridge protective fendering system and other navigational safety issues including the extent of nighttime navigation past the bridge site.