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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 5-1319(a)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Coast Guard is extending the period for public comment concerning the proposed plans by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for modification to a bridge constructed across navigable waters of the United States. Several port partners have expressed interest on making comments and are in the process of collecting information to support their positions. The purpose of extending this preliminary public notice will provide an opportunity for adjacent property owners, area residents and businesses to make additional comments.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, at Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW) mile 7.1, in the City of Chesapeake, VA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: FHWA and VDOT are developing alternative solutions to improve transportation conditions along Interstate 64 (I-64) between the Interstate 464 interchange and the Interstate 264/664 interchange at Bowers Hill. This corridor includes the I-64 (High Rise) Bridge. The alternative analysis would include fixed bridge options proposing a vertical clearance of at least 95 feet above mean high water, while maintaining the existing 125-foot horizontal clearance. These plans will not affect the safe, efficient movement of recreational or commercial navigation nor will it create an obstruction to the free navigation of the navigable waters.

It is requested that the Coast Guard be provided with navigational information such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River along the AICW as they relate to the proposed vertical and horizontal clearances. Please submit the attached form in response to this preliminary public notice.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

It is further requested that mariners and adjacent property owners express their views from a navigational standpoint, in writing, on the proposed project giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to this project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 through **17 JAN 2014**.

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By direction of the Commander
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I-64 (High Rise) Bridge
Over the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River
Preliminary Public Notice 1319(a)
Response Form

It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the Office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by **17 JAN 2014**.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
<i>Use – Commercial or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____

