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## PUBLIC NOTICE (03-14)

All interested parties are notified that an application from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on behalf of Escambia County has been received by the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, for a Bridge Permit to replace an existing bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Grande Bayou at mile 0.9, Warrington, (near Pensacola) Escambia County, Florida

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to replace the existing fixed span highway bridge on County Road (CR) 292A (West Sunset Avenue) with a new fixed span structure on essentially the same alignment and at a higher vertical clearance. The proposed bridge will have an overall length of 630 feet. The total width of the proposed bridge is 45 feet and will provide two 11-foot travel lanes, two raised 5-foot sidewalks, two 4-foot bike lanes. As part of the project the existing bridge will be removed to two feet below the mudline. Barges and cranes may need to be located within the waterway to erect the bridge and will not prevent navigation during construction. No falsework will be required in the waterway. The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic during the construction of the new bridge. Federal funds will be utilized and the estimated cost of bridge construction is \$4.5 million.

### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

**Existing:**

Horizontal: 34.5 feet between piers

Vertical: 10.9 feet above Mean Low Water, elevation 0.0 feet

**Proposed:**

Horizontal: 101.0 feet between piers

Vertical: 14.92 feet above Mean High Water, elevation 0.9 feet NAVD 88

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR § 1506.11). FDOT determined that the proposed project met the criteria for a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

(PCE) based upon the Inter-Agency Operating Agreement between FHWA, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dated January 15, 2003. A reevaluation by FDOT determined that no substantial changes have occurred in the social, economic, or environmental effects of the proposed action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. On April 30, 2014, FHWA concurred with the reevaluation. Unless it is demonstrated, through this public notice process, that the potential exists for significant environmental impacts. The Coast Guard expects to issue its own Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the proposed project. Coast Guard permitting action is limited to the bridge and its approaches.

Construction of the proposed bridge is located in a floodplain with a 100-year flood elevation of 9.2 feet NAVD 88. The low steel of the supported roadway is above floodplain elevation throughout the length of the bridge. The majority of the project is in Flood Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Zone AE due to its proximity to Grande Bayou. Zone AE indicates areas that are expected to be inundated by the 1% Annual Chance Storm Event (100-year flood event). The applicant should contact Escambia County Floodplain Administrator to assure compliance with county requirements for the National Flood Insurance Program.

Impacts to wetlands have been reduced to the greatest extent practicable. Acreage of Wetlands and Vegetation affected of the wetland impacts will occur over sand bottom areas of open water. They include a total of 0.101 acres (4400 sq. ft.). These impacts result from the western bridge approach (0.001 acres) and the installation of new rip-rap to wetlands (0.10 acres). No mitigation is proposed. Fill will consist of bedding stone and rubble covering 0.10 acres. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has issued a Nationwide 14 Permit by letter dated December 13, 2013 for the proposed project.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), by letter dated June 25, 2013, confirmed that the proposed project qualifies for the Noticed General Permit required in Rule 62-330-405 and under this issuance of the General Permit indicated that activity is consistent with Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and granted state Water Quality Certification.

By letter dated September 14, 2012, FDOT sought concurrence on a Listed Species Coordination from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Based on the coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Natural Area Inventory (FNAI) who did a field survey, FDOT has determined that although the potential exists for the Least Tern, Black Skimmer, Manatee, Gulf Sturgeon, and Smalltooth Sawfish to occur at or near the project site, with the use of best management practices and following all special provisions and commitments for the listed species addressed. By letter dated September 26, 2012, USFWS indicated that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect resources protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

It is not anticipated that this project will have any adverse impacts on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) or federally managed fisheries. Any EFH consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for this project, not already addressed, are to be covered by the lead federal agency, FHWA.

No additional right-of-way will need to be acquired for the bridge project and no relocations of residences or business will be required. No prime and unique farmland will be impacted by the proposed project and no significant effects on public utilities, fire protection, or other emergency services are anticipated. No wild and scenic rivers or wildlife management areas exist at the proposed project site. No other cultural resources listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are known to exist within the project limits. No parklands, recreational areas, waterfowl or wildlife refuges will be affected by the proposed bridge project. No invasive species were found within the area of the proposed bridge replacement.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners are requested to submit comments on the proposed bridge replacement project, including the proposed navigational clearances, the possible need for a pier protection fender system, the possible need for clearance gauges on the bridge, the extent of nighttime traffic at the bridge site and other navigational safety issues. Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impact on minority and/or low income population, if any, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to the proposed work.

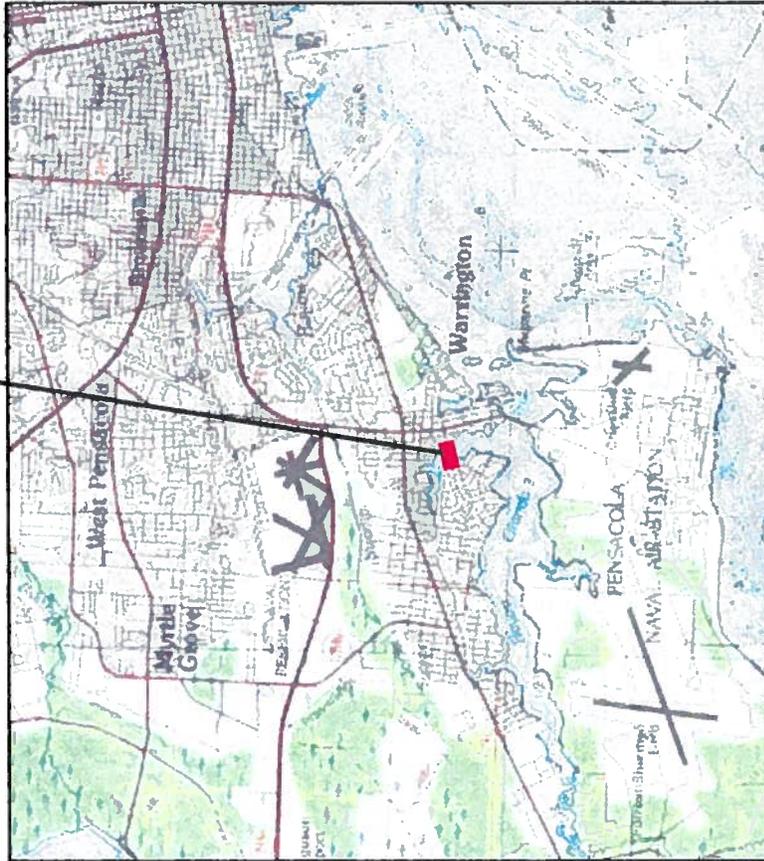
Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander (dpb), Eighth Coast Guard District, 500 Poydras Street, Room 1313, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3310, through September 26, 2014. These comments will be made part of the case record.

Map of location and plans attached.

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Bridge Administrator  
By direction of the Commander  
Eighth Coast Guard District

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Proposed Bridge



Vicinity Map



Proposed Bridge



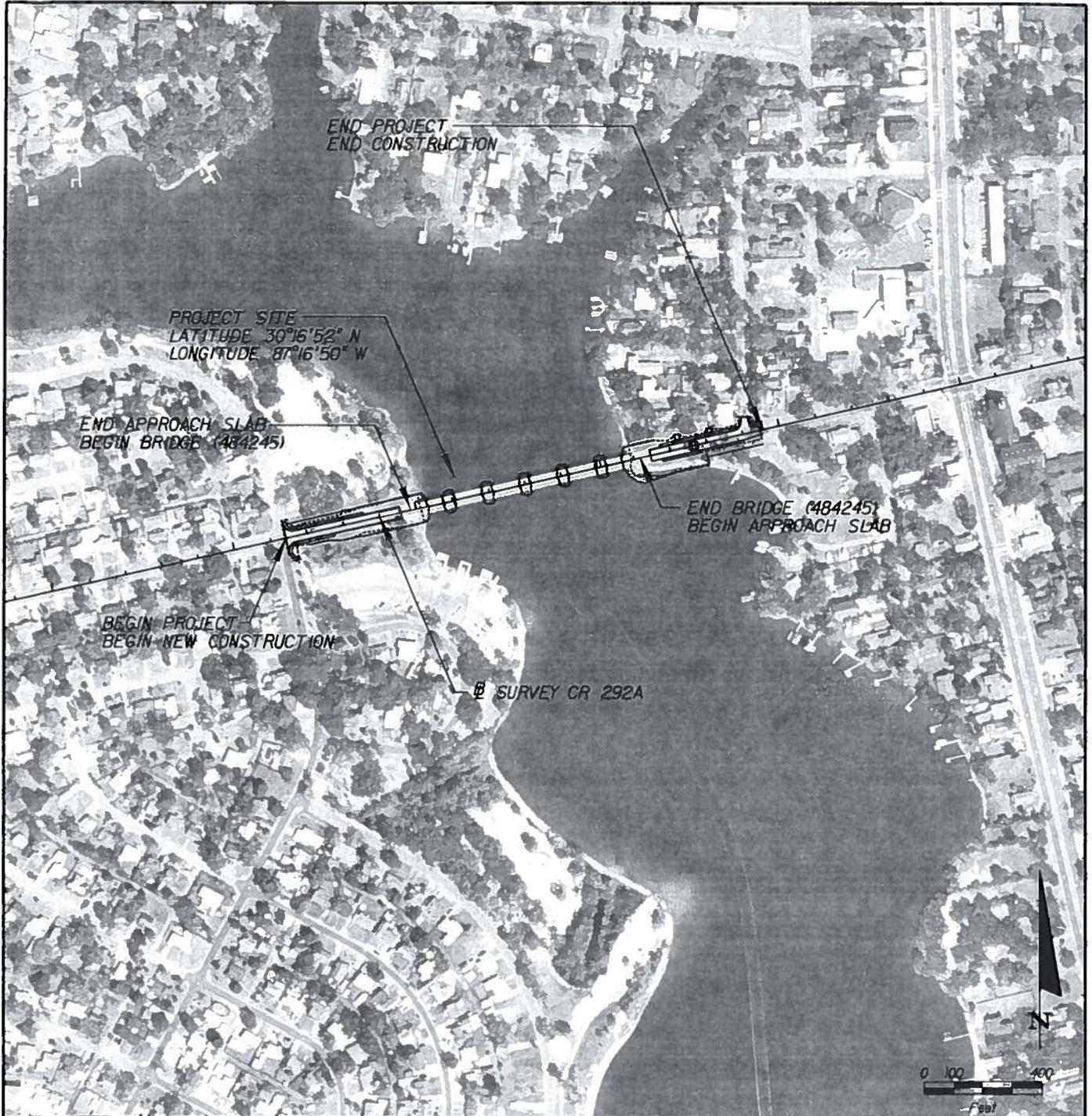
Location Map



Notes:  
 There are no wildlife/waterfowl  
 refuges in the vicinity of the  
 proposed bridge

Elevations shown in these plans  
 are based on NAVD '88

**Proposed CR 292A (Sunset Ave.) over Bayou Grande Bridge  
 County Road 292A Over Bayou Grande  
 At West Pensacola Escambia County, Florida  
 Application By  
 State of Florida Department of Transportation, District 3**



PROJECT: CR 292A WEST SUNSET AVENUE  
 BAYOU GRANDE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
 BRIDGE NUMBER 480096  
 FPID 430003-1-32-01

SECTIONS 50, 51, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 30 WEST

PURPOSE: COAST GUARD BRIDGE PERMIT

COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA  
 STATE OF FLORIDA

DATUM: NAVD

SHEET 2 OF 4

100 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION +9.2 FT NAVD  
 500 YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION +13.1 FT NAVD

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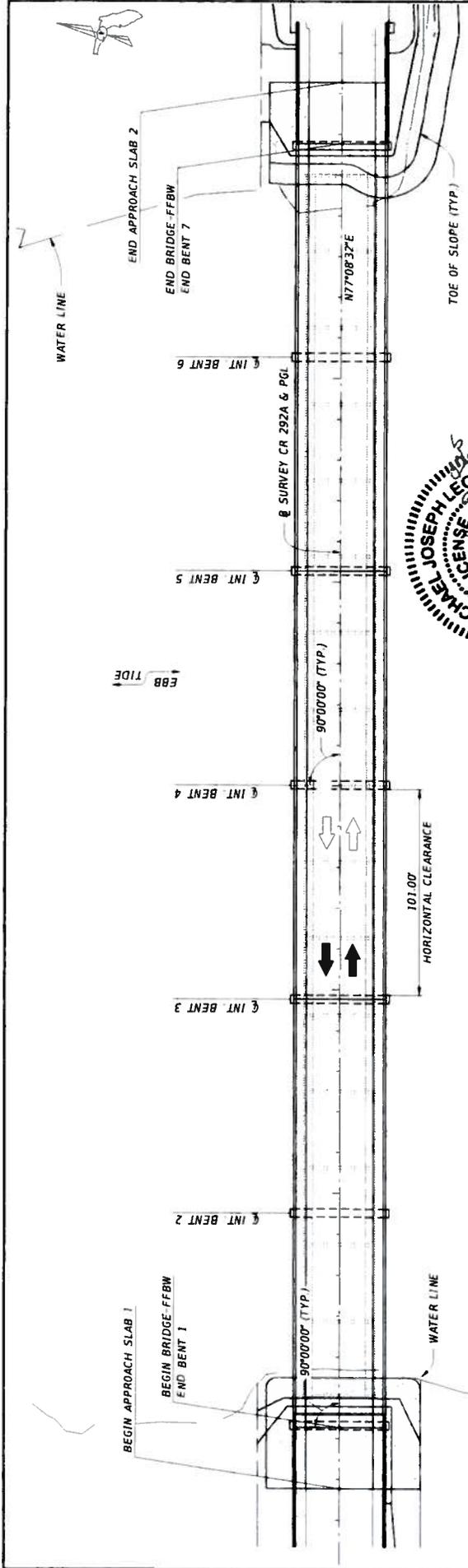
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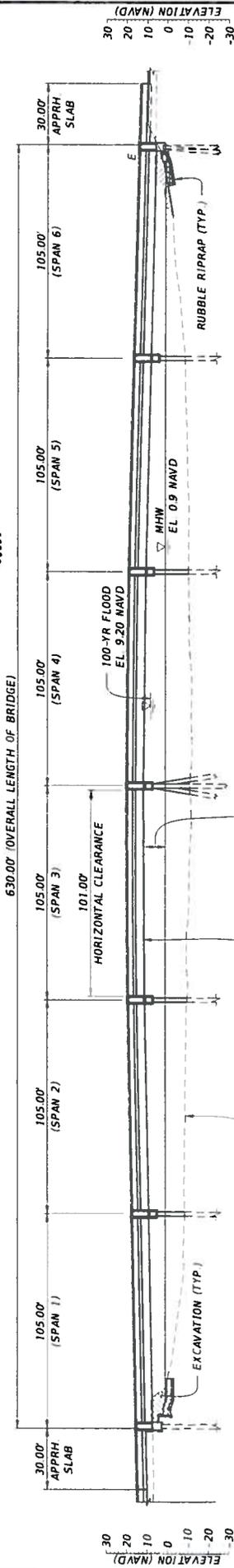
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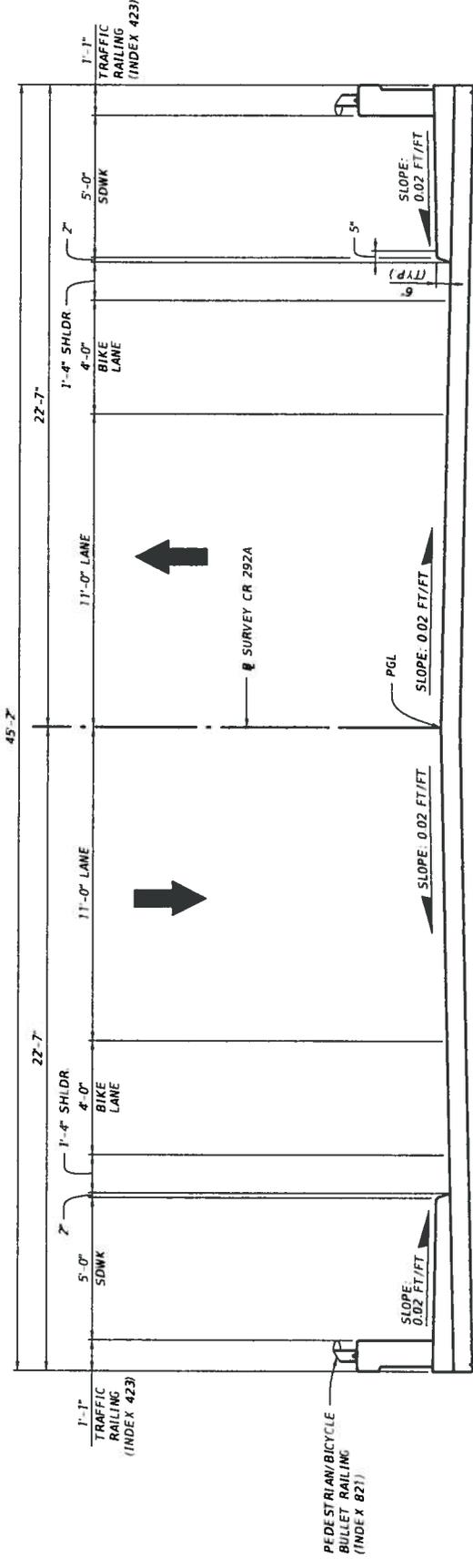
PLAN



ELEVATION

BRIDGE NO. 484245

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