



July 15, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE 09-06-14

All interested parties are notified that an application has been received by Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, from the City of Chicago, for approval of location and plans for the construction of a fixed pedestrian bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Addison Underbridge Trail Pedestrian Bridge, Mile 7.55, North Branch of Chicago River, City of Chicago, in Cook County, Illinois.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construction of a fixed pedestrian bridge across North Branch Chicago River connecting Clark Park and California Park. The proposed project begins approximately 300-ft south of the existing Addison Street Bridge along the east bank of the North Branch of Chicago River at the end of the existing Clark Park trail. The proposed pedestrian bridge would continue under the Addison Street bridge, along the east bank of North Branch Chicago River approximately 0.25 miles where it would then cross North Branch Chicago River to connect with an existing trail at the south end of California Park.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Proposed

Horizontal: 76.5-ft between the bridge piers, normal to the axis of the channel.

Vertical: 16.75-ft at low steel. 17.83-ft at center (Referred to Low Water Datum, Lake Michigan, Elevation 577.50 (IGLD85)).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency, has reviewed and tentatively approved the project as a Group II Categorical Exclusion for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A bridge protective fendering system will not be utilized. This notice solicits comments on the need for a bridge protective fendering system.

The proposed pedestrian bridge would require navigation lighting.

The proposed bridge is located in a floodplain. The elevation of the 100-year floodplain in this area is 587.64-feet. The elevation for low-steel is 594.25-feet at the eastern pier face.

The project will place fill in the North Branch Chicago River in conjunction with the placement of fourteen bridge piers. Approximately 3,112-cubic feet of clean fill will be placed in the waterway. The applicant has applied for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) Section 404 permit for placement of fill material in the waterway.

No adjacent designated wetlands are present in the project area.

The applicant has applied for a Water Quality Certification from Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for this project, dated October 16, 2013, pursuant to P.L. 92-500, as amended.

There are no state Coastal Zone Management compliance requirements.

Relocation of residences and businesses will not be required.

No properties or cultural resources considered eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) would be adversely affected by the proposed project.

There are no parklands expected to be adversely affected by the proposed project. If completed the proposed projects would link Clark Park and California Park. No significant configuration changes will be required in order to accommodate the proposed pedestrian and bike path link between the two parks.

The project is not expected to result in any direct or indirect effects on any known federally listed threatened or endangered species. The applicant received a Biological Resources Clearance from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), dated July 11, 2012, that the proposed project is unlikely to pose adverse affects to state listed threatened or endangered species.

The project is not expected to affect any known Essential Fish Habitats (EFH), as designated by National Marine Fisheries Service.

In reference to the provisions of Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, we are soliciting information concerning possible impacts of the proposed bridge project on minority and low-income populations.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

This Public Notice requests comments from Federal, State and Local agencies to identify potential permit requirements or environmental impacts. This Public Notice also requests comments from waterway users and marine facilities regarding the proposed navigation clearances. 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), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 East Ninth Street, Room 2025, Cleveland, Ohio 44199, through **August 14, 2014**. These comments will be made part of the case record.

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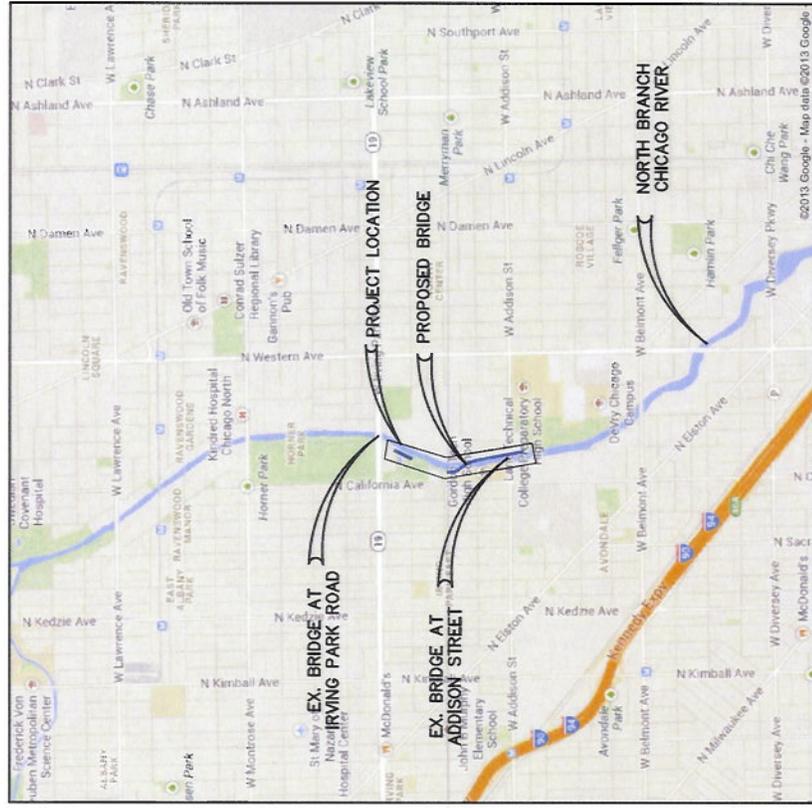
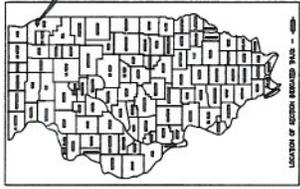
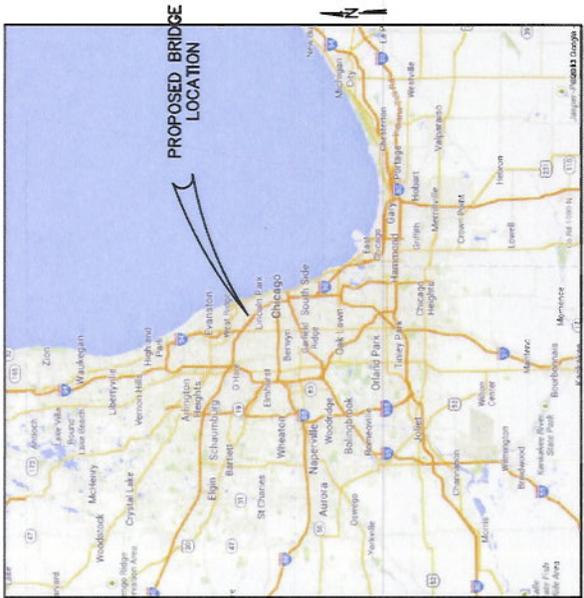
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By direction of Commander,
Ninth Coast Guard District

Map of location and plans attached.

NOTICE TO POSTMASTER: It is requested the above notice be conspicuously and continuously posted until **August 14, 2014**.

NOTES:
 THERE ARE NO WILDLIFE OR WATERFOWL REFUGES IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE. THE PROPOSED MULTI-USE TRAIL WILL CONNECT TO TWO EXISTING PARKS CLARK PARK (SOUTH OF ADDISON) TO CALIFORNIA PARK ON WEST SIDE OF THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE CHICAGO RIVER.

DATUM ELEVATIONS SHOWN ON THESE PLANS ARE BASED ON CITY DATUM
 1.00 CCG DATUM = 579.12 NAVD 88 DATUM
 0.00 CCG DATUM = 578.57 IGLD85 DATUM



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ADDITION UNDERBRIDGE TRAIL CONNECTION LOCATION MAP

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 ADDRESS UNDERBRIDGE TRAIL CONNECTION MAP NORTH BRANCH
 MAY 1, 2014 CHICAGO, COOK COUNTY, IL

