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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 5-1356a

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Coast Guard is extending the period for public comment concerning the application from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the proposed construction of a replacement bridge to be constructed across a navigable waterway of the United States. The purpose of this supplemental public notice will provide an opportunity to make additional comments due to the wrong waterway being listed in the last paragraph with the Public Notice 5-1356 dated July 10, 2015.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Across the Potomac River, at mile 50.0, in the City of Dahlgren, VA.

CHARACTER OF WORK: MDTA is proposing to replace a bridge over the Potomac River in Dahlgren, VA. MDTA is looking to gather information from waterway users and the public to see what the reasonable needs of navigation are. The information gathered as a result of this preliminary public notice will assist the US Coast Guard in determining adequate minimum horizontal and vertical clearances for the proposed crossing of Potomac River. The vessel information needed includes the vessel types that transit the waterway, the commercial or recreational usage, height, draft, length, beam, tonnage, and mooring locations in the Potomac River. Please submit the attached form in response to this preliminary public notice

It is requested that the Coast Guard be provided with navigational information such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated across the Potomac River in the City of Dahlgren, VA, 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 **September 30, 2015**.

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Bridge Program Manager
By direction of the Commander
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Gov. Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Improvement Project Mariner Survey

ATTENTION MARINERS: WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is beginning preliminary engineering for a new Harry W. Nice Bridge (US 301) over the lower Potomac River in Charles County, MD/King George County, VA. Our goal is to build a bridge that is safe for all users, economically feasible **and** meets the reasonable navigation needs of river users.

Your participation in this survey is valuable to the preliminary engineering process. The information you provide will be taken into consideration as the project progresses. The MDTA appreciates your interest and participation. For additional information, please contact Mike Blair at 410-316-2244 or MBlair@jmt.com. We will be accepting comments through Wednesday, **September 30, 2015.**

1. Waterway User Details

Please complete one survey for each vessel you operate in the vicinity of the Nice Bridge.

Personal/Private Vessel

Organization

First Name
Last Name
Street Address
City
State
Zip Code
Telephone
Email

Organization Name
First Name
Last Name
Street Address
City
State
Zip Code
Telephone
Email

Type of Vessel

- Commercial
- Deep Draft
- Military
- Ferry
- Sail
- Tug
- Recreational
- Other

Hazardous cargo transit?

- Yes
- No
- Yes
- No

Vessel greater than 50,000

Deadweight Tonnage?

Passenger ferry capacity?

Length & Draft of vessels in waterway

Length:

Draft:

Frequency of transits:

- More than one per day
- More than one per week
- One every few weeks
- One per month
- One every few months
- Less than one a year

Transit period:

- Year Round
- Seasonal

Vessel height / Air draft:

Approximate date range of seasonality:

2. What specific environmental conditions exist in the waterway around the Nice Bridge that may be of concern (weather, current, visibility, etc.)?

3. What is the most difficult part of navigating safely in the vicinity of the Nice Bridge (sea conditions, shoaling, visibility, submerged hazards, vessel traffic, bridge approaches, etc.)?

4. Do you know of any proposed plans for changes of the Potomac River and waterfront access (dredging, new facility/marina, private/State navigation aids, changes in vessel type/cargo, etc.)?

5. What are the waterfront areas or facilities along the Potomac River and its tributaries you access via vessel?

6. Additional comments:

