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All interested parties are hereby notified that the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, has received application materials dated 9 November 2022 from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for approval of the location and plans for a new bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Snohomish River, at river mile 12.2, at the City of Snohomish, Snohomish County, Washington.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The project will construct a new fixed southbound State Route (SR) 9 Bridge that will cross the Snohomish River, adjacent to, and approximately 10 feet downstream of the existing SR 9 bridge that currently carries north and southbound traffic. The existing bridge will not be affected by the new bridge, except that following completion of the new southbound SR 9 bridge, the existing bridge will be converted to northbound-only traffic.

The new southbound SR 9 bridge will be a fixed structure and supported by two piers, one on each side of the waterway, with each pier having three columns that extend below the mean high-water mark into the channel bottom. These in-water columns will be placed in alignment with the columns of the existing bridge. The new bridge decking will be made of prefabricated steel plate girder sections that will be assembled on top of the piers.

To facilitate construction of the new southbound SR 9 bridge, two temporary fixed work trestles will be constructed in the Snohomish River downstream of the location of the new bridge. One trestle will extend from each side of the waterway, and they will not connect to each other.

MINIMUM NAVIGATION CLEANCES: The proposed new permanent bridge and temporary work trestles will have minimum clearances in feet above mean high water (MHW)* as shown in the table below. The vertical clearance for the new permanent bridge will be an increase from the existing bridge clearance, and the horizontal clearance will be a decrease from the existing bridge clearance.

Navigational Clearances (decimal feet)	Existing Bridge (to remain)	Proposed New Bridge	Temp Work Trestles
Vertical	36.6	37.7	36.6
Horizontal	296	291	285

*MHW elevation: 10.2' (NAVD 88)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the is the Lead Federal Agency (LFA) for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended. USACE is acting on behalf of the Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. USACE is expected to prepare a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX), pursuant to NEPA. The Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for purposes of NEPA and expects to issue a Coast Guard CATEX for the project.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project is expected to be programmatically covered by the Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit #14 (Linear Transportation Project). The project is located in the 100-year floodplain and may result in slight elevation of the local 100-year flood elevation of 29.2 feet. The low steel elevation of the proposed bridge is 47.9 feet. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of fill material will be placed below the mean high water (MHW) elevation of 10.2 feet. All elevations cited are referenced to NAVD88. Certain wetland areas adjacent to the project will be affected by this project, but not by the new bridge itself. Mitigation for floodplain and wetland impacts are expected to be specified in permit requirements of the USACE NWP #14.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

All interested parties are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including the need for clearances gauges and extent of nighttime navigation to determine the need for bridge lighting. Interested parties are requested to express their views in writing, on the proposed bridge and its possible impacts on navigation or the environment.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature, such as those regarding wildlife refuges, endangered species, public parks, historic sites, wetlands, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the USACE. Comments will be received for the record at the address in the header or via email at: <u>D13-SMB-D13-BRIDGES@uscg.mil</u> through 30 June 2023.

Map of location and plans attached.

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