



## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-05-2019***

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the County of Cape May and the Cape May County Bridge Commission, with plans for construction of a new highway fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Intracoastal Waterway (Middle Thorofare), mile 112.2, in Cape May County, NJ.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The proposed project is to replace the Two-Mile Bridge located on Ocean Drive (CR 621) across the Intracoastal Waterway (Middle Thorofare), mile 112.2, in Cape May County, NJ. The purpose of the project is to address structural, geometric, carrying capacity, and operational deficiencies of the Cape May County Bridge Commission-owned bridge located over Middle Thorofare on the Ocean Drive Causeway, and to provide safe, efficient, and reliable passage for all modes of transportation. The Cape May County Bridge Commission is proposing to build a fixed bridge approximately 100 feet south of the existing bridge with a vertical clearance of 80 feet above mean high water and a horizontal clearance of 80 feet between the bridge protective system.

### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<b><u>Existing</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Vertical Clearance: Open - Unlimited Closed - 23 feet above Mean High Water (MHW)	Vertical Clearance: Fixed - 80 feet above Mean High Water (MHW)
Horizontal Clearance: 50 feet between the bridge protective system	Horizontal Clearance: 80 feet between the bridge protective system

[North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88)] (Existing and Proposed bridges)

### **SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational

clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge. Please submit the attached response form.

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 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 **December 5, 2019**.

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HAL R. PITTS  
Bridge Program Manager  
By direction

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Attachments: Response Form

Two-Mile Bridge  
 Ocean Drive (CR 621) over Intracoastal Waterway (Middle Thorofare), mile 112.2,  
 at Cape May County, NJ  
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 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 December 5, 2019.

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

Name (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments and Recommendations:** \_\_\_\_\_

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