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PUBLIC NOTICE (08-19)

The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received a request for a Preliminary Navigation Determination (PND) from Multnomah County in preparation for compiling a Coast Guard Bridge Permit application for the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project (EQRB). At the request of the Coast Guard, Multnomah County has prepared a navigation impact report (NIR) for the EQRB. Based off the EQRB NIR the Coast Guard is preparing to issue a preliminary navigation determination as detailed below. This PN is soliciting for comments exclusively related to navigation. The public is highly encouraged to carefully review this notice and provide comments with regard to the proposed bridge's ability to meet the reasonable needs of navigation.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Willamette River, river mile 12.4, Multnomah County, Portland OR.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The EQRB project is the replacement for the current Burnside Highway Bridge (LLNR 14955.4). Multnomah County proposes to beginning their NEPA alternatives analysis for the EQRB project. The PND will drive the NEPA alternatives. Tentative NEPA alternatives include; 1. Retrofit the existing structure to comply with new seismic resistant requirements. 2. Build a new seismic resistant drawbridge in the same place (in kind replacement) 3. Build a new seismic resistant drawbridge in the same place but include a split roadway on the east end to connect to both Burnside Street and Couch Street. 4. A fixed high-level bridge alternative has been eliminated, as a possibility however for the purposes of fully documenting the administrative record for this the project it is included in this public notice.

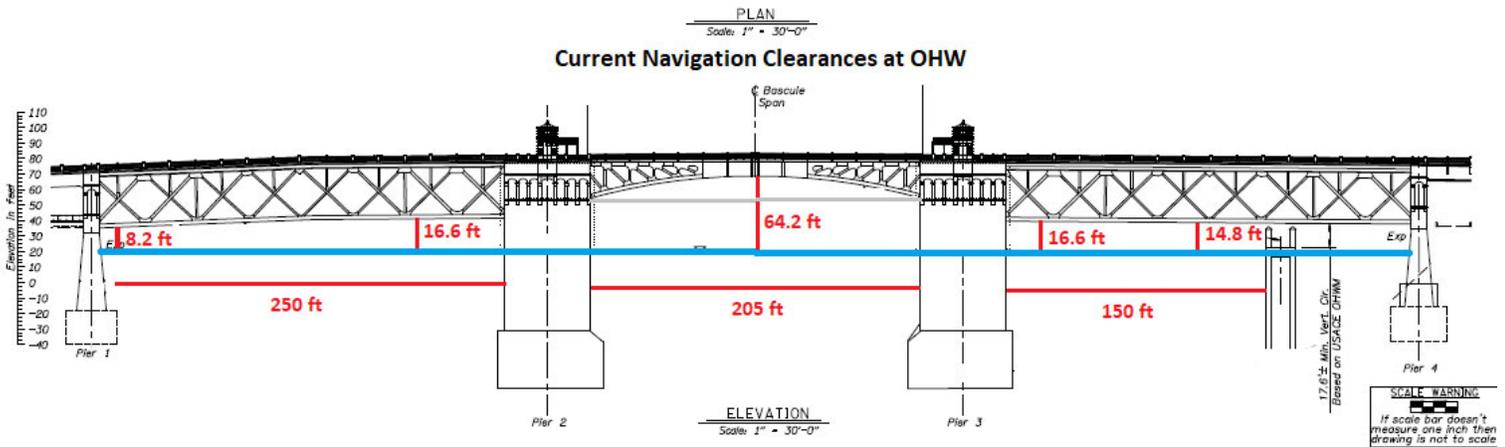
MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCE: (at ordinary high water, OHW)

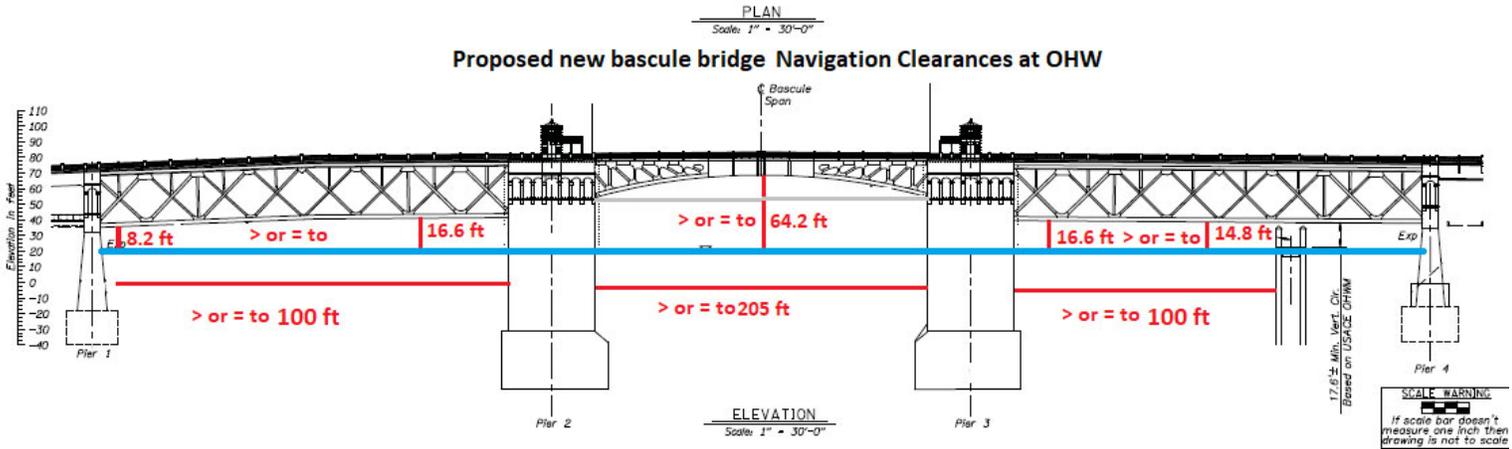
See table and diagrams on next page.

Fixed Bridge Alternative	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Horizontal	205 feet	205 feet
Vertical	Unlimited in the open to navigation position and 41.7 feet in the closed to navigation position	176 feet
Bascule Drawbridge Alternative		
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Horizontal	Main channel - 205 ft. West channel - 250 ft. East channel - 150 ft.	Main channel - = or > 205 ft. West channel - = or > 100 ft. East Channel - = or > 100 ft.
Vertical	Main channel - Unlimited in the open to navigation position and 41.7 feet in the closed to navigation position. West channel - 8.2 to 16.6ft. East channel - 14.8ft to 16.6ft.	Main Channel - Unlimited in the open to navigation position and = or > 41.7 feet in the closed to navigation position. West channel - = or > 16.6ft East channel - = or > 16.6ft.

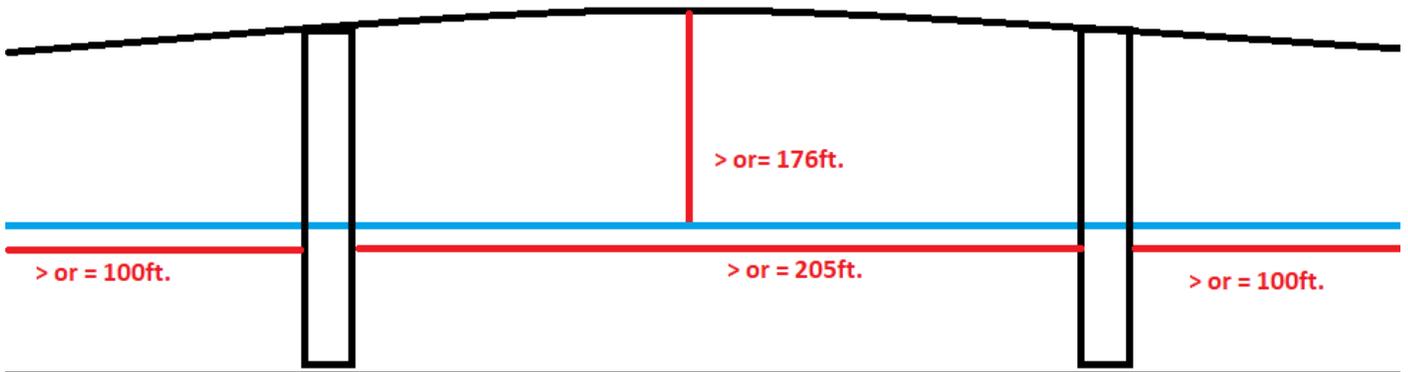
Note: See diagrams below

Note: NAVD 88 datum





Proposed fixed bridge minimum Navigation Clearance requirements at OHW



SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge and its possible impact on navigation, 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: Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 2nd Ave, Rm 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at D13-PF-D13BRIDGES@uscg.mil or by telephone (if unable to submit comments in writing) by calling 206-220-7282. Comments should be sent to arrive on or before 17 Jan 2020.

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By direction of the District Commander

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