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PUBLIC NOTICE D05PN-04-2022

All interested parties are notified that an application dated April 19, 2022, has been received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, for approval of the location and plans for construction of a new highway, fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Big Timber Creek, mile 0.8, between Camden and Gloucester Counties, NJ.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project is to provide a modernized and improved bridge along with drainage improvements that reduces the majority of road closures due to flooding. The existing 5-span bridge will be removed in its entirety and replaced with a 3-span continuous bridge with similar roadway and bridge profile.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Vertical Clearance: 14 feet above mean high water	Vertical Clearance: 14.73 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel)
58 feet between the bridge protective system	60 feet between the bridge protective system

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) for all applicable environmental control laws and Executive Orders. The FHWA approved a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) on May 28, 2019. The USCG has tentatively determined that the environmental documentation approved by the FHWA is adequate for USCG Bridge permitting purposes and intends to prepare a memorandum to file to document a USCG CATEX. Environmental documents are available for review at the address in the letterhead above, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays), from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood level is + 9.20 feet from datum and low steel of the bridge in the navigation span is + 17.92 feet from datum.

A water quality certificate was issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection via Water Quality Certificate #0000-22-0004.1 LUP220001 dated April 5, 2022.

The bridge construction site lies inside of a designated Coastal Zone Management area. The applicant provided the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Resource Protection with the project location information. The Bureau of Coastal Permitting Division of Land Resource Protection issued a finding on April 5, 2022, that the project is consistent with the state's Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Comments received in response to this notice concerning environmental control laws and Executive Orders will be forwarded to FHWA as lead Federal Agency.

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.

Interest 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 **June 27, 2022.**

HAL R. PITTS
Bridge Program Manager
By direction

Attachments: (1) Response Form
(2) Location/Vicinity Maps and Plan Sheets

Route 130
 Big Timber Creek, mile 0.8,
 between Camden and Gloucester Counties, 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 **June 27, 2022.**

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): _____

Full Mailing Address (Optional):

Phone Number (Optional): _____ Date: _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____

