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PUBLIC NOTICE D05PN-10-2024

All interested parties are notified that an application dated September 05, 2024, has been received from the Maryland Department of Transportation by the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, for approval of the location and plans for the modification of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

<u>*WATERWAY AND LOCATION*</u>: Wicomico River, mile 22.5, near Salisbury, Wicomico County, MD.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: The proposed project is to modify the Route 50 bascule bridge by completing substructure repairs, fender system repairs, extract in its entirety three existing dolphin cluster and install three concrete filled pipe pile dolphin cluster with pile wrap. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the bridge protection system. This work will not change the existing navigational clearances.

<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
Open – Unlimited	Open – Unlimited
Closed – 5.4 feet above mean high water	Closed – 5.4 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel) 40 feet between the bridge protective system	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel) 40 feet between the bridge protective system

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) (Existing and modified bridge)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead Federal agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with a programmatic agreement between FHWA and Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT), MDOT approved a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion on January 23, 2024. The U.S. Coast Guard tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and the project warrants a categorical exclusion.

A water quality certification (WQC) was issued in accordance with section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. For this project, Maryland Department of the Environment issued the WQC through the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit 401 Water Quality Certification, Certification No. 20-WQC-0051 dated March 24, 2021. This project will temporarily impact 1,095 square feet to tidal open water wetlands and 111 square feet of permanent impact to tidal open water wetlands.

The applicant made a determination that the project is consistent with the Maryland's coastal zone management program, and the Maryland Department of the Environment concurred with this determination on March 24, 2021. The project occurs within Maryland coastal zone and shall comply with all applicable enforceable polices under the approved Maryland coastal zone management program conditions.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood level is +6.0 feet from datum and low steel of the bridge in the navigation span is +7.9 feet from datum. Elevations are referenced to mean high water NAVD88 datum.

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.

We will forward comments of an environmental nature such as those regarding wildlife refuges, public parks, historic sites, wetland, floodplain issues, air, water quality, environmental justice, etc. to the FHWA as the lead federal agency. 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 <u>13 JAN 2025</u>.

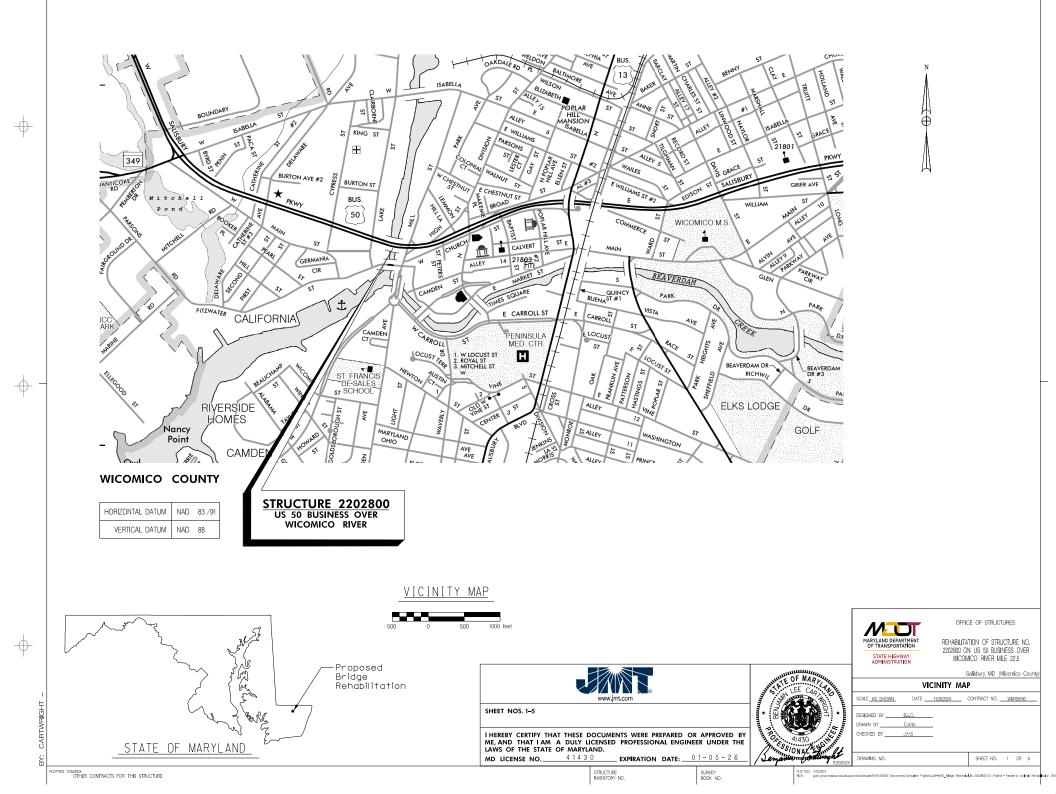
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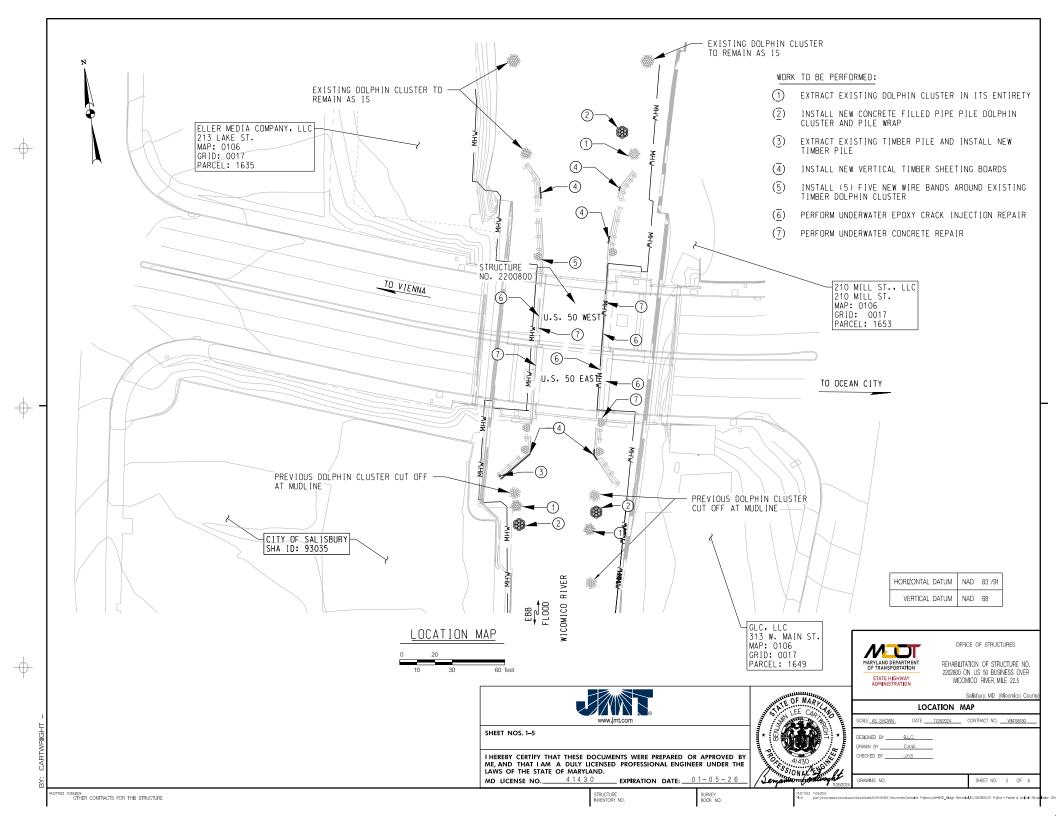
Attachments: (1) Response Form (2) Location/Vicinity Maps and Plan Sheets

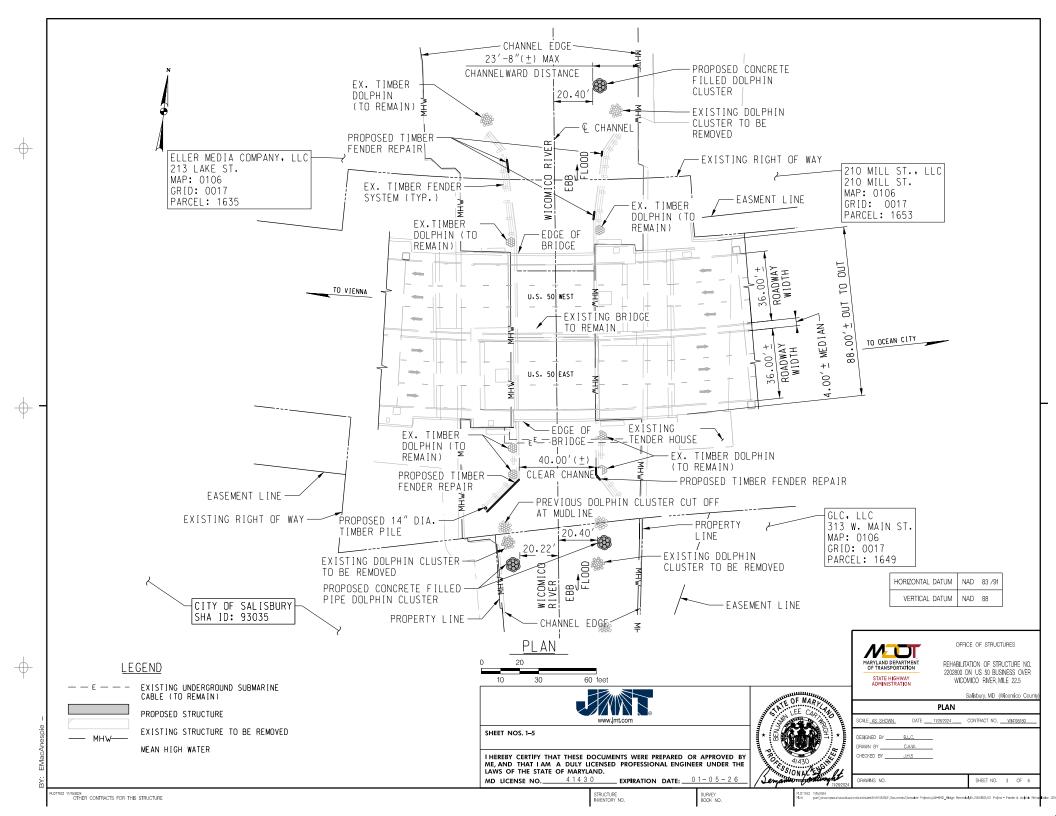
U.S. 50 Business Bridge over Wicomico River, mile 22.5, near Salisbury, Wicomico County, MD **Public Notice D05PN-10-2024** Response Form

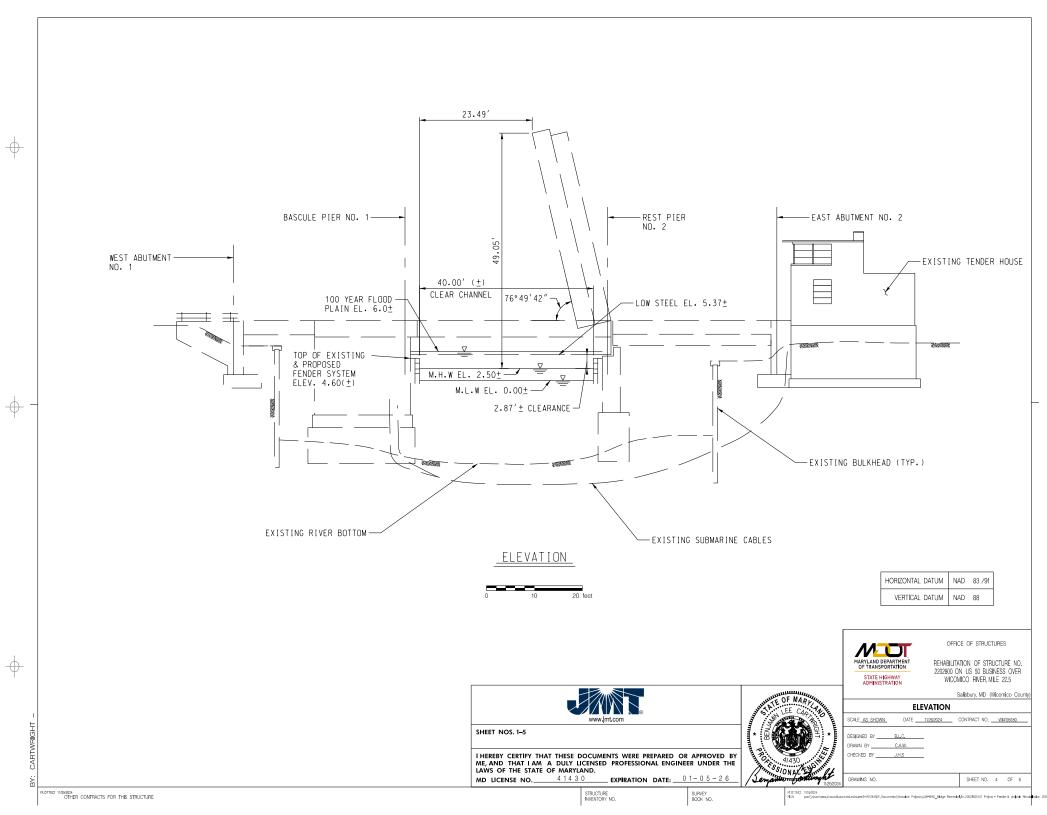
It is requested that anyone having an interest in this proposed project, from the standpoint of navigation, submit vessel information, comments, and recommendations on this form to the office of Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by **<u>13 JANUARY 2025</u>**.

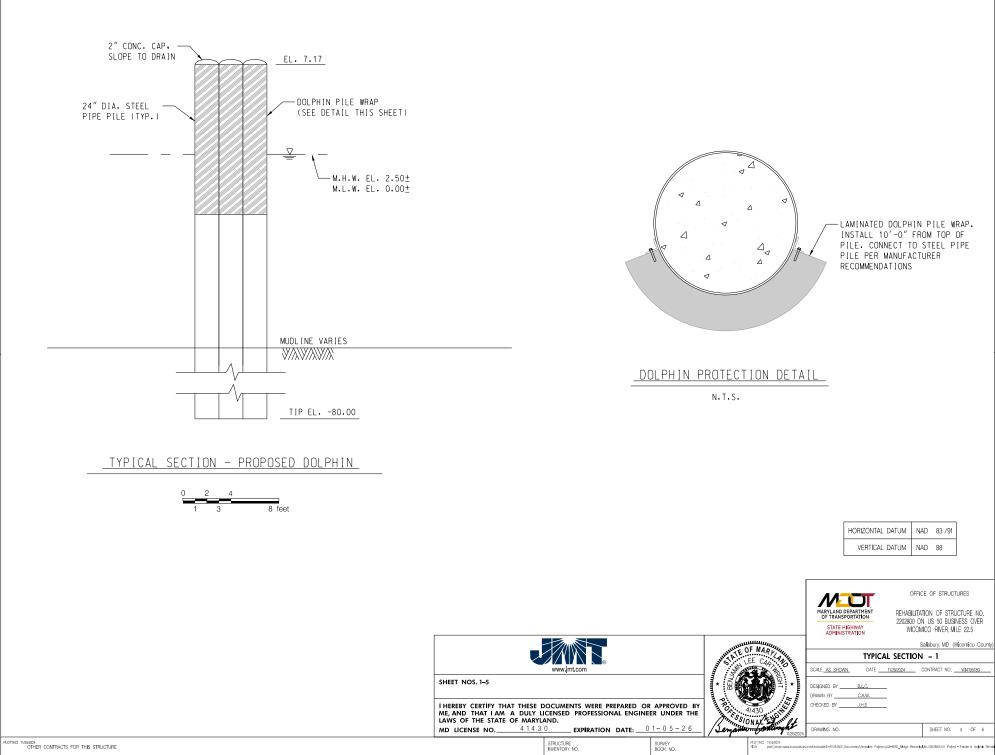
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Use – Commercial and/or Recreational	
Vessel Height	
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Mooring Location	
Name (Optional):	
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Comments and Recommendations:	











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