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## **PUBLIC NOTICE (01-23)**

All interested parties are herein notified that Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has received a bridge permit application dated March 29, 2023 from Pinellas County, Public Works. The applicant is requesting approval of location and plans for a bridge replacement across a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Brooker Creek, Mile 0.0, Palm Harbor, Pinellas County, FL, Latitude/Longitude: 28.06192, -82.77963

CHARACTER OF WORK: Pinellas County intends to replace the Shore Drive Bridge (Bridge No. 154100) over Brooker Creek along the same alignment. The purpose of this project is to provide a safe and efficient crossing that serves the needs for highway, pedestrian, and marine traffic. The need for this proposal is to replace a functionally obsolete bridge that does not meet current safety standards for road shoulders, pedestrians, and crash tests. The proposed bridge would consist of a fixed, single span approximately 60 feet in length and 40.5 feet in width. The new bridge would include two, 11-foot travel lanes, two-foot shoulders, and six-foot sidewalks on both sides. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety.

**MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:** The proposed bridge will have clearances as described in the table below relative to Mean High Water (MHW).

	Existing (feet)	<b>Proposed (feet)</b>			
Vertical:	2.8	5.7			
Horizontal:	49.9	48			

Datum: NAVD88

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The Coast Guard, as the lead Federal agency, has made a tentative determination that the bridge replacement warrants a categorical exclusion for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) because it satisfies criteria for such actions listed in the Coast Guard's NEPA Implementing Instructions.

Preliminary analysis indicates that the project would not result in adverse effects as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. There are no properties within the project area that are listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project was obtained through Southwest Florida Water Management District Environmental Resource Permit #47046961.000. Direct and secondary project impacts will affect approximately 0.092 acres of wetlands.

The project area is located in Flood Zone VE. The 100-year flood elevation is 12.7 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 6.47 feet. Elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum.

The project area is not designated Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Smith Bayou, just south of the project, is classified as EFH for red drum, reef fish, coastal migratory pelagic species, shrimp, and the neonate life stage for the blacktip shark. The proposed project is not expected to affect designated EFH in the area.

Based on a review of available literature and field observations, twenty-two federally or state-protected species have the potential to occur within or adjacent to the project area. These include Gulf Sturgeon, West Indian Manatee, and several sea turtles. The proposed project is not likely to adversely affect any of the listed/protected species.

**NAVIGATION:** During construction, construction-related vessels and equipment may affect navigation. The Coast Guard will publish in the Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) project phases that may affect navigation. To subscribe to the Coast Guard LNM, please visit http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/ under "Subscribe / Report (free)" select the notifications you wish to receive; note this project is in the Seventh Coast Guard District area.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:** Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protective system and other navigational safety issues, including need for clearance 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 project including its potential environmental impacts to include those impacts on minority and/or low-income populations, if any, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of the reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed work.

Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE 1st Ave., Ste. 432, Miami, Florida 33131-3028 or via email at: Omar.Beceiro@uscg.mil, for a 30-day period from the date of this public notice. The Coast Guard project manager for this application is Mr. Omar Beceiro, who can be contacted by mail at the above address or e-mail. Comments received will be made part of the project administrative record.

Conceptual bridge plans attached.

## **SHORE DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** PINELLAS COUNTY AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION MAP **BEGIN PROJECT** SHORE DRIVE



DAYTONA BEACH

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PID 004979A

-END PROJECT SHORE DRIVE ANDSEALED BY

BRIDGE NO. 154569

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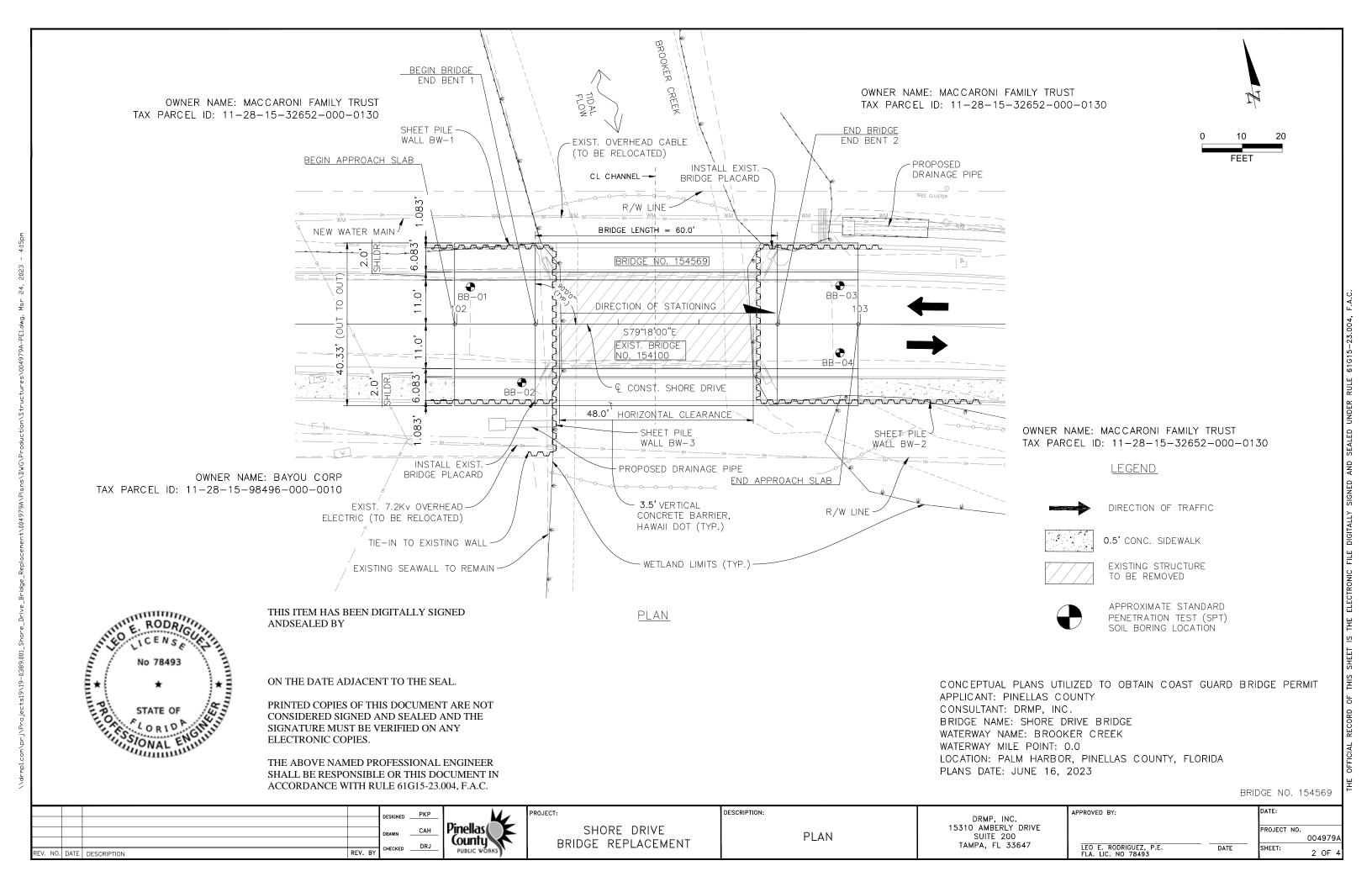
CONCEPTUAL PLANS UTILIZED TO OBTAIN COAST GUARD BRIDGE PERMIT APPLICANT: PINELLAS COUNTY CONSULTANT: DRMP, INC. BRIDGE NAME: SHORE DRIVE BRIDGE WATERWAY NAME: BROOKER CREEK WATERWAY MILE POINT: 0.0

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**LOCATION MAP** 

LOCATION: PALM HARBOR, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA

PLANS DATE: JUNE 16, 2023



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WATER LEVEL

BASE FLOOD (STILL WATER SURGE

MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)

MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)

WAVE CREST ELEVATION

DESIGN FLOOD

GREATEST FLOOD

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SHEET PILE WALL BW-1:

1.5' FLORIDA SLAB BEAM (INDEX 450-453)

MINIMUM VERTICAL

CLEARANCE (FT) >

7.85 (6.48)

5.71 (4.34)

-4.23

-6.23

-10.33

-10.03

MHW SHOWN. SEE WATER LEVEL PARAMETER TABLE FOR

ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS

BEGIN BRIDGE

20.0' MIN.

APPROACH SLAB

END BENT 1

ELEVATION

5.71

20.0' MIN. APPROACH SLAB,

60.0' (OVERALL LENGTH

MEASURED ALONG & CONST.)

48.0' HORIZONTAL CLEARANCE

- CL CHANNEL

(NAVIGATIONAL CHANNEL)

-3.5' VERTICAL CONCRETE BARRIER,

EXIST. GROUND

HAWAII DOT (TYP.)

SHEET PILE WALL BW-2

END BRIDGE END BENT 2

1.5' SQ. PRESTRESSED

CONCRETE PILE

(INDEX 455-118) (TYP.)

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WATER LEVEL PARAMETERS

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MINIMUM VERTICAL CLEARANCE MEASURED TO LOW MEMBER LOCATED AT INTERSECTION OF

FRONT FACE OF END BENT CAP 1 AND BOTTOM OF DECK SLAB ALONG LEFT COPING. A NEGATIVE SIGN INDICATES THAT WATER ELEVATION IS ABOVE THE LOW MEMBER. DIMENSIONS

FREQUENCY (YRS.) ELEVATION (FT

NAVD) -1.38

+0.76

+10.7

+12.7

+16.8

+16.5

Pinellas ( County PUBLIC WORK

PROJECT: SHORE DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

**ELEVATION** 

DESCRIPTION:

DRMP, INC. 15310 AMBERLY DRIVE SUITE 200 TAMPA, FL 33647

APPROVED BY: LEO E. RODRIGUEZ, P.E. FLA. LIC. NO 78493 DATE

PROJECT NO. 0049794 SHEET: 3 OF

