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PUBLIC NOTICE 03-25

All interested parties are herein notified that the Commander, Southeast Coast Guard District, has received application materials dated 17 April 2025 from Pasco County, Florida for approval of location and plans for the replacement of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

BRIDGE, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Grand Boulevard Bridge across Pithlachascotee River, mile 3.6, on CR 595/Grand Boulevard, at New Port Richey, Pasco County, Florida. (28°14'25.02, 82°43'10.16) (28.240283 N, 82.719489 W)

CHARACTER OF WORK: Proposed replacement of the Grand Boulevard (CR 595) fixed two-lane vehicular bridge with a fixed two-lane bridge to include (2) sidewalks and landscaping strips. The existing bridge is 70 years old and has reached the end of its structural lifespan. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety with traffic being detoured during demolition and reconstruction. The proposed bridge will be in the same location as the existing bridge. A temporary trestle may be used to remove and replace pilings. There is a conduit in box beam adjacent to the existing bridge. The utility crossing will be removed, and a new utility conduit will be added to the proposed bridge structure. The existing bridge will be removed in its entirety.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

The proposed reconstructed bridge will have clearances as described in the table below. These clearances are an increase in vertical and a decrease in horizontal from current clearances over this section of the waterway at or near this mile. Vertical clearance is from low member elevation to mean high water.

	Existing	Proposed				
Vertical	10.05 ft	11.35 ft				
Horizontal	28.00 ft	44.75 ft				

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 (CE) 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 right-of-way or in the area to be affected by the project.

A water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, for this project was applied for from the Southwest Florida Water Management District in April 2025. Approximately 0.09 acres of mangrove wetland will be affected by the project. There is no mitigation requirement.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation is 8.58 feet, while elevation of the low member of the navigation span is 11.35 feet; elevations are referenced to NAVD88 datum. Approximately 541 cubic yards of fill material will be placed below MHW level for the construction of the bridge and approaches.

Under the Endangered Species Act the determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect was made for the Eastern Indigo Snake, the Wood stork and the West Indian Manatee. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act the determination of May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect was made for the West Indian Manatee.

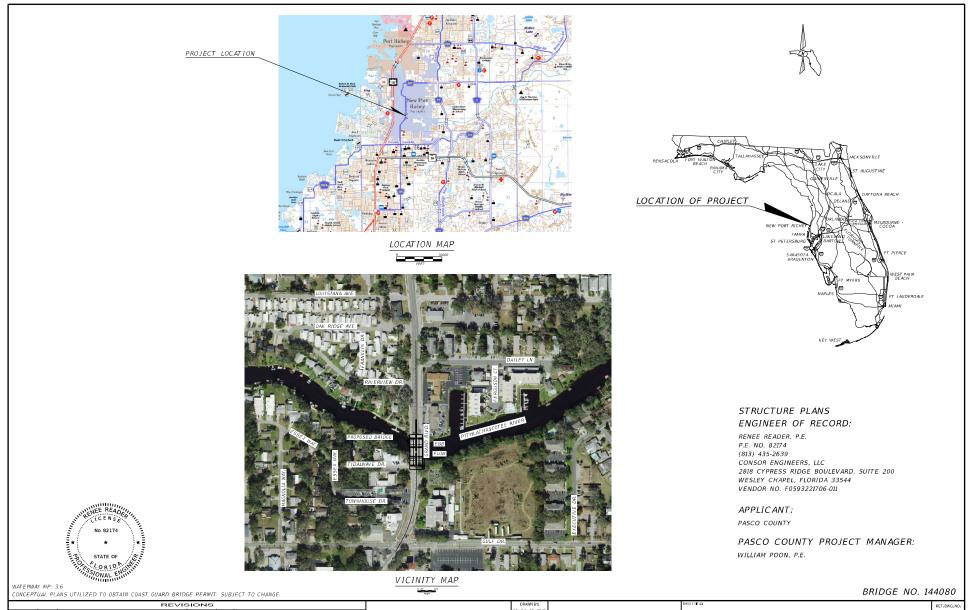
SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

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 possible 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 address noted in the header or via email (Lisia.j.kowalczyk2@uscg.mil) through <u>27</u> <u>August 2025</u>

Map of location and plans attached.

Lisia Kowalczyk Bridge Administrator By direction of the Commander, Southeast Coast Guard District



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