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## **PUBLIC NOTICE (01-25)**

The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received a request for a Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD) in preparation to apply for a U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit for a replacement highway SR-155 Spur Bridge, over the Okanogan River at river mile 27.8, near Omak, WA. A PNCD is the first step in the U.S. Coast Guard Bridge permitting process and defines the proposed bridge's navigation clearances which have been evaluated and determined to have a high likelihood of being approved by the Coast Guard and to help the applicant refine development of alternatives for a proposed bridge. Proposed plans are attached.

At the request of the Coast Guard, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has prepared a Navigation Impact Report (NIR) for the proposed SR-155 Spur Bridge. Based off analysis of the NIR and Public Comments received from this public notice the Coast Guard will prepare a PNCD. This Public Notice is soliciting for comments exclusively related to navigation. Maritime transportation system stakeholders (vessel owner/operators and maritime facilities) are highly encouraged to carefully review this notice and provide comments with regard to the proposed bridge's ability to meet the needs of navigation to include mariner requirements for horizontal and vertical navigation clearances.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Okanogan River at river mile 27.8, near Omak, WA.

## Link to Map Location

<u>CLEARANCE DETERMINATION</u> WSDOT proposes to remove and replace the existing SR-155 Spur Bridge with a new bridge approx. 20 feet North of the existing bridge that will provide same or greater navigation clearances compared to the existing bridge. The existing and proposed navigation clearances are listed below:

NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCE (See note 1, and diagrams below)	Existing	Proposed
Horizontal	Span 3: 93.1 ft. Span 4: 78.7 ft.	Span 2: 132.5 ft. Span 3: 95.9 ft
Vertical	Span 3: 13.3 ft. Span 4: 12.4 ft.	Span 2: 14.50 ft. Span 3: 13.51 ft.

Note 1: Vertical clearances measured OHW 833.0 ft.

**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

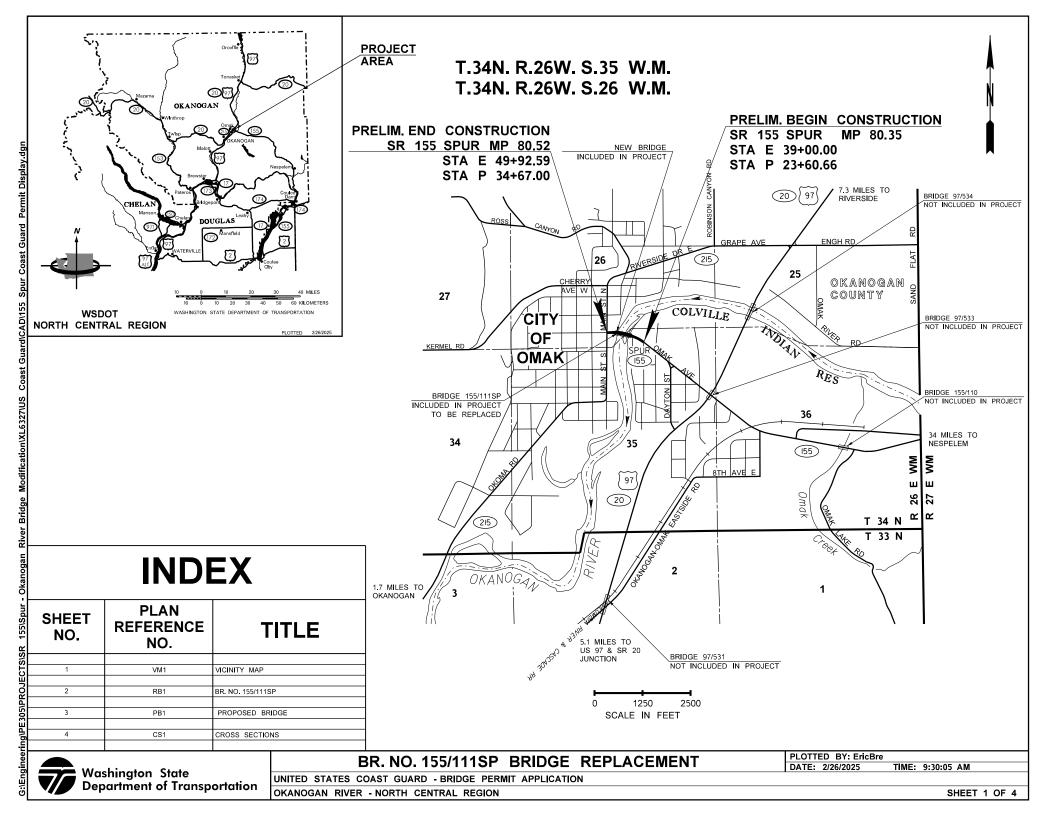
opposition to, the proposed work. Comments should include but not limited to mariner's requirements for horizontal navigation clearances and vertical navigation clearances requirements.

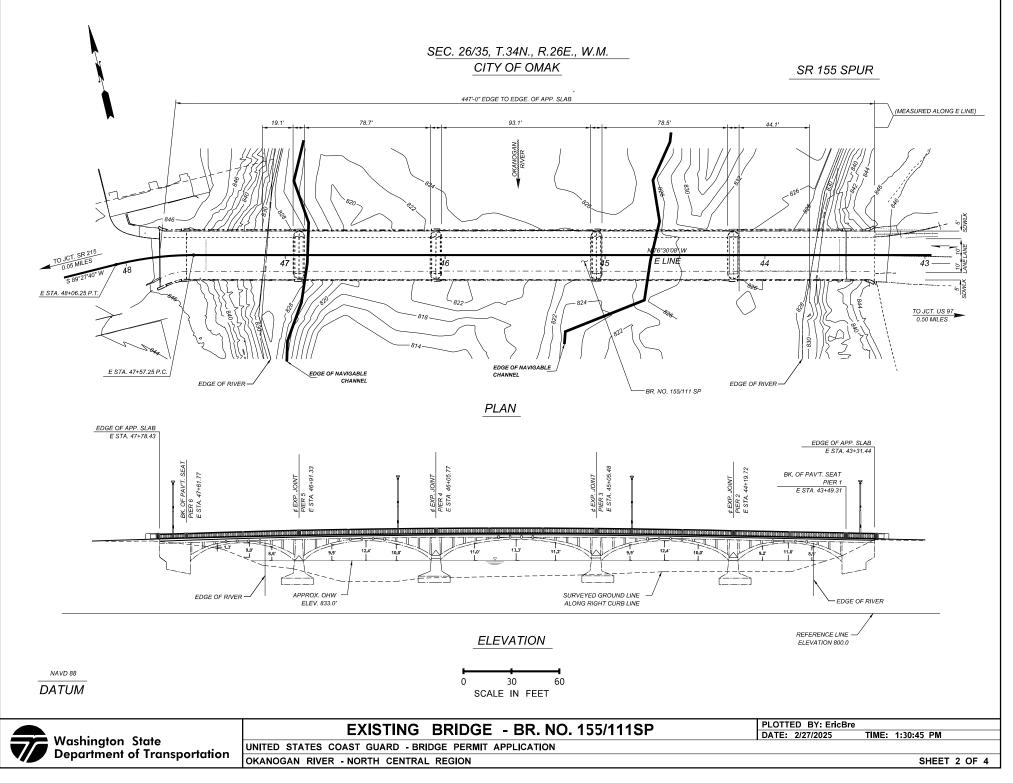
The service life expectancy of any new bridge would be in excess of 100 years. Therefore maritime stakeholders are asked to consider and comment on their current navigation requirements, as well as, to the best of their knowledge, their future navigation requirements for themselves and or their particular maritime industry.

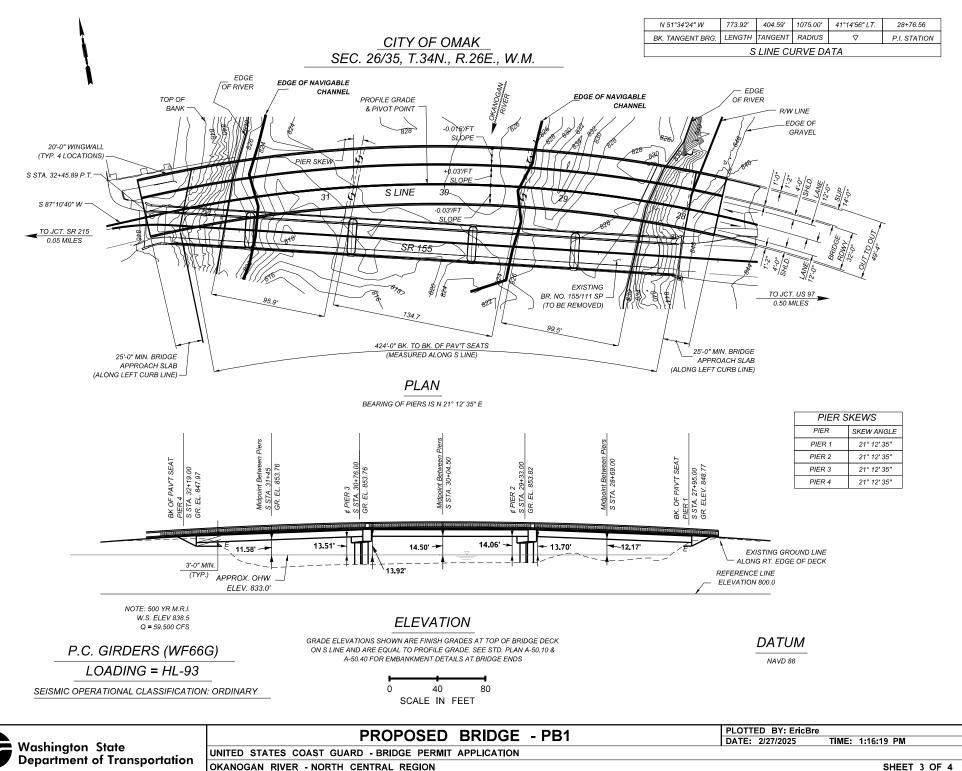
Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Rm 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at mailto: <u>D13-SMB-D13-BRIDGES@USCG.MIL</u>. Comments should be sent to arrive on or before 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS PN.

S. M. FISCHER Bridge Administrator U.S. Coast Guard Thirteenth District By direction of the District Commander

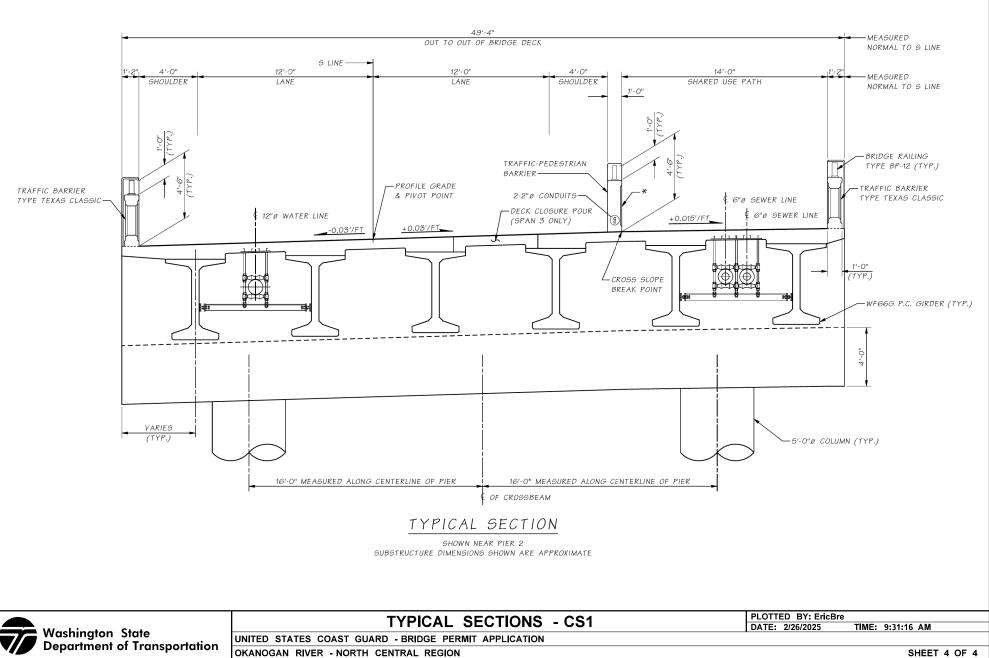
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