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Fifth Coast Guard District

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05APPN-03-2019

As you may be aware, Monmouth County has been advancing the Monmouth County Three Bridges Project, involving Monmouth County Bridges W-7 (on Green Avenue), W-8 (on Brielle Road/Fisk Avenue) and Bridge W-9 (on Brielle Road), a.k.a. the Glimmer Glass Bridge, in the Boroughs of Brielle and Manasquan, NJ. In the past, Monmouth County presented the project at Public Information Centers (PICs), which were held to inform the public of various alternatives being evaluated as the best way to advance the project. No decision has yet been made as to the actual alternative to be advanced to Final Design

In keeping within the process necessary to advance this project, the alternatives being considered need to be evaluated by various government agencies, including the United States Coast Guard (USCG). Bridge W-9 is subject to review by the USCG as it spans a navigable waterway under USCG jurisdiction. As part of the USCG evaluation, the USCG reviews the alternatives presented, and then solicits public comment on the alternative which would have the most restrictive impact to mariners in the project area.

For this particular project, a number of alternatives were analyzed, which included replacing Bridge W-9 with a fixed bridge with a clear height of 60 feet above mean high water. This alternative would prove to be the most restrictive alternative to boaters, as the other alternatives presented various drawbridge configurations which would provide unlimited height clearances. Being the most restrictive option considered to replace Bridge W-9, comments regarding replacing the current drawbridge with a fixed span are being solicited via the issuance of the PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-0302019 or "PPN". A copy of this notice is enclosed with this correspondence, and can also be found on line at the address below.

https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/bridges/publicNotices//D05PPN-03-2019_W9BrielleRoadBridge_MonmouthCountyNewJersey.pdf

Again, no decision has been made as to what option will be advanced to final design. The purpose of this notice is only for the USCG to solicit comments on the alternative deemed the most restrictive to marine/boat traffic. With this being the case, the USCG is soliciting comments on the 60 feet high fixed bridge alternative, as it is deemed the most restrictive option presented as an alternative for this project.

Please review the enclosed notice and provide any comments you may have on the form attached by August 17, 2019 to the

Commander (dpb)
Fifth Coast Guard District
431 Crawford Street,
Portsmouth VA 23704-5004 b

Additional information on the Monmouth County Three Bridges Project can be found online at

https://www.monmouthcountythreebridges.com/

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Denis Walsh at the Monmouth County Engineer's Office, (732) 431-7760 ext. 8550

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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-03-2019

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from Monmouth County, NJ with plans for the modification of an existing highway drawbridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION*:* Glimmer Glass, at position (40˚ 42.27N, 74˚ 39.9W), at Monmouth County, NJ.

CHARACTER OF WORK*:* The proposed project is to replace the existing W9 (Brielle Road) drawbridge with a fixed bridge. The purpose of the project is to maintain the safety of the travelling public and replace a bridge design that is no longer considered acceptable, eliminating the need for increasingly costly bridge repairs and avoiding potential vehicular traffic disruption and delays.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing	***Proposed***
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
Open - unlimited	60 feet above mean high water
Closed - 9 feet above mean high water	Horizontal Clearance:
Horizontal Clearance:	31.9 feet between the abutments.
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North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) (Existing and Proposed bridges)

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 ***August 17, 2019***.

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HAL R. PITTS
Bridge Program Manager
By direction of the Commander
Fifth Coast Guard District

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Attachments: (1) Response Form

W9 (Brielle Road) Bridge
Glimmer Glass, at (40˚ 42.27N, 74˚ 39.9W)
Monmouth County, NJ
Preliminary Public Notice D05PPN-03-2019
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 ***August 17, 2019***.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
Use – *Commercial and/or Recreational*	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____

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