



October 28, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE (17-04-04)

All interested parties are notified that an application, completed October 28, 2004, has been received from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (AKDOT&PF) by the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District for approval of location and plans for construction of a bridge across a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Tongass Narrows, Ketchikan, Alaska.

CHARACTER OF PROPOSED WORK: Construction of two adjacent segmental concrete highway bridge structures-constructed by the balanced cantilever method-that will span the East and West Channels of Tongass Narrows resulting in a road connection between Revillagigedo Island and Gravina Island via Pennock Island.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

	<u>Horizontal Clearance</u> * (at MHW)	<u>Vertical Clearance</u> (above MHW)
Proposed Bridge at East Channel	550 feet (167.6 m)	200.9 feet (61.2 m)
Proposed Bridge at West Channel	500 feet (152.4 m)	120.9 feet (36.9 m)

Mean High Water (MHW)= 14.5 feet

** Distance between piers, normal to the axis of the channel*

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency, has approved an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by the applicant for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To review the EIS document contact Mr. Tim Haugh, Environment and Right-of-Way, Federal Highway Administration, Alaska Division, P.O. Box 21648, Juneau, Alaska 99802, tel. (907) 586-7418. The Coast Guard will perform an independent review of the FHWA EIS to determine if the document adequately identifies and assesses the impacts of the bridges listed above. If it is found to do so, we anticipate adopting the bridge related portions of the EIS for our bridge permit action as per Coast Guard NEPA Implementing Instructions. On July 15, 2004, the applicant applied for and is awaiting approval under the Alaska Coastal Management Program. The applicant submitted a Water Quality Certification application pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act to the Army Corps of Engineers May 7, 2004 and is awaiting the results. There will be no fill above or below MHW, nor will any wetlands be impacted at the bridge sites (between the abutments of the East and West Channel bridges). The lead federal agency concluded that adverse affects to listed species or designated critical habitat are not likely and is coordinating and consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service and National Marine Fisheries, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as well as the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The State Historical and Preservation Officer concurred with the applicant that there would be no affects pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act. No parklands or wildlife refuges will be affected by the project. The proposed bridge project is not located within the floodplain.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: Mariners are requested to comment on the need for pier protection and other navigational safety issues, including the need for clearance gauges and extent of nighttime navigation through the bridge.

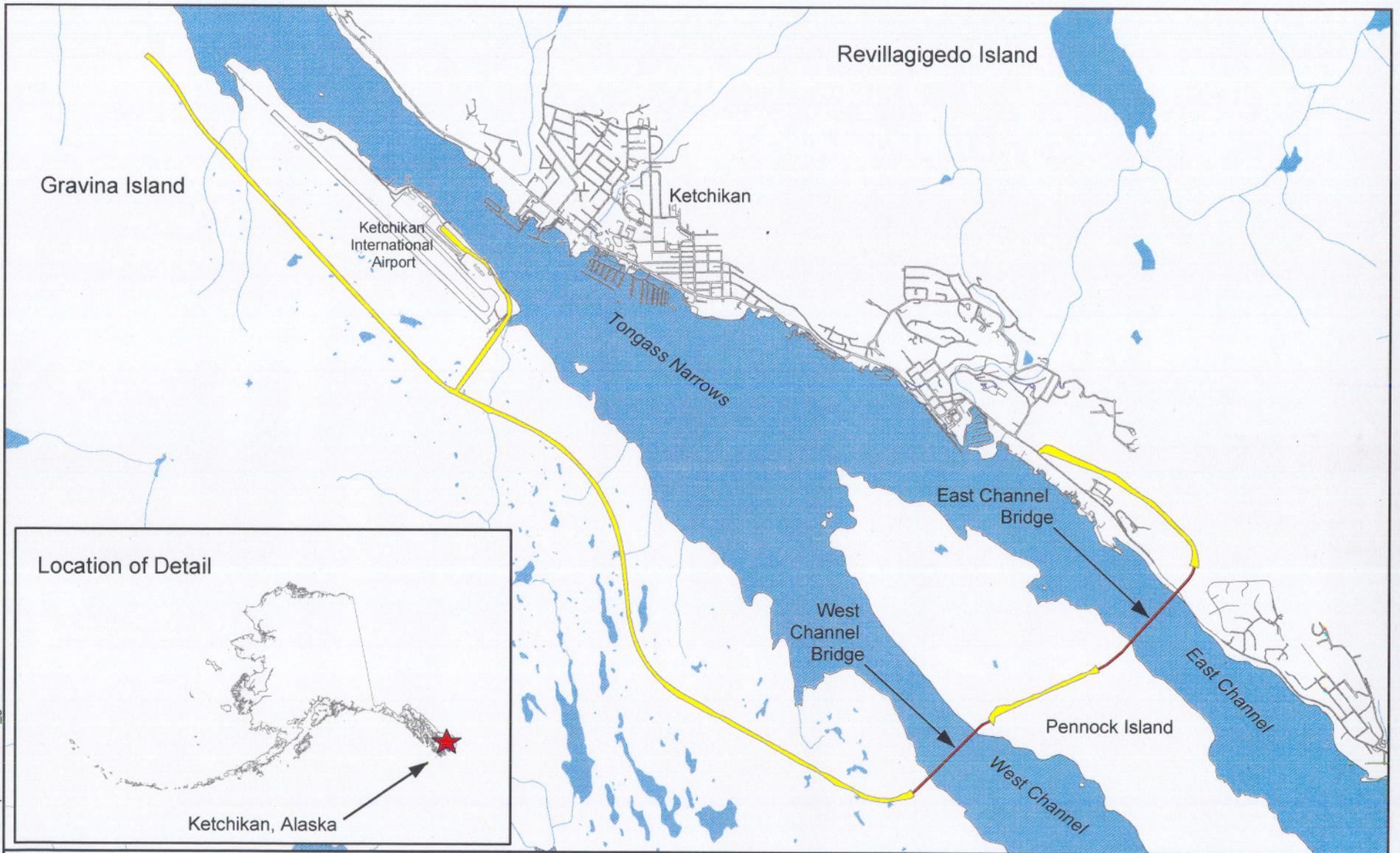
Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to the proposed work to include possible impact on minority and/or low income population. Comments will be received for the record at the Office of the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (oan), P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, Alaska 99802, through November 28, 2004.



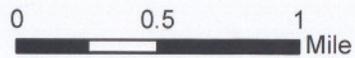
James Helfinstine
Chief, Bridge Section
Seventeenth Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

Map of location and plans attached

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**U.S. Coast Guard
Bridge Permit Application**

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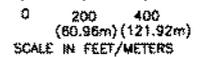
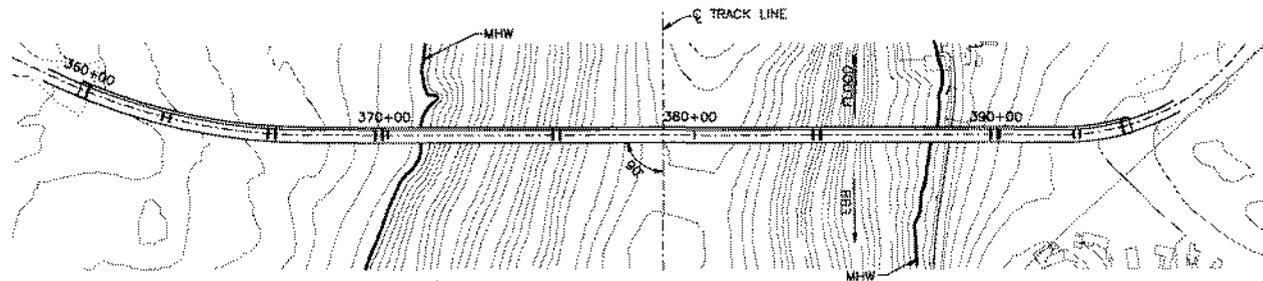
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Tongass Narrows Bridges
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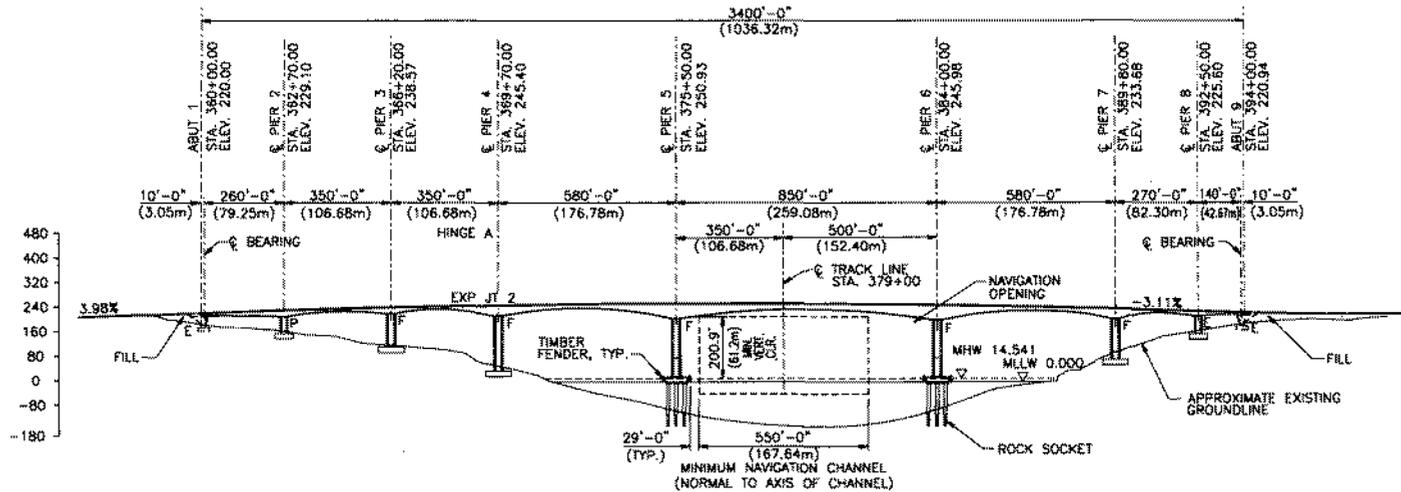
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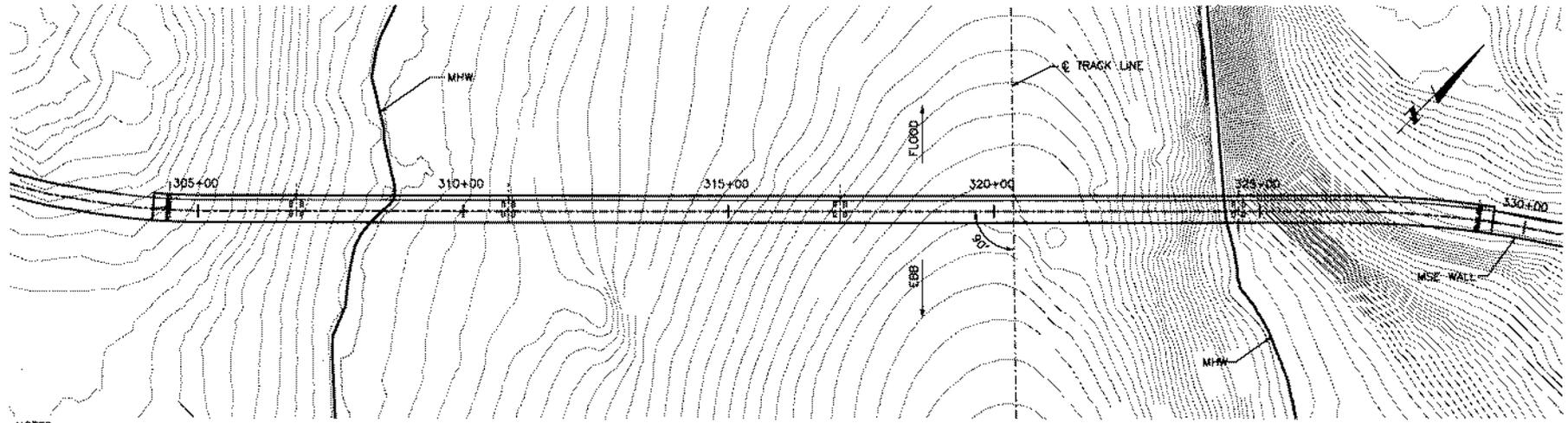
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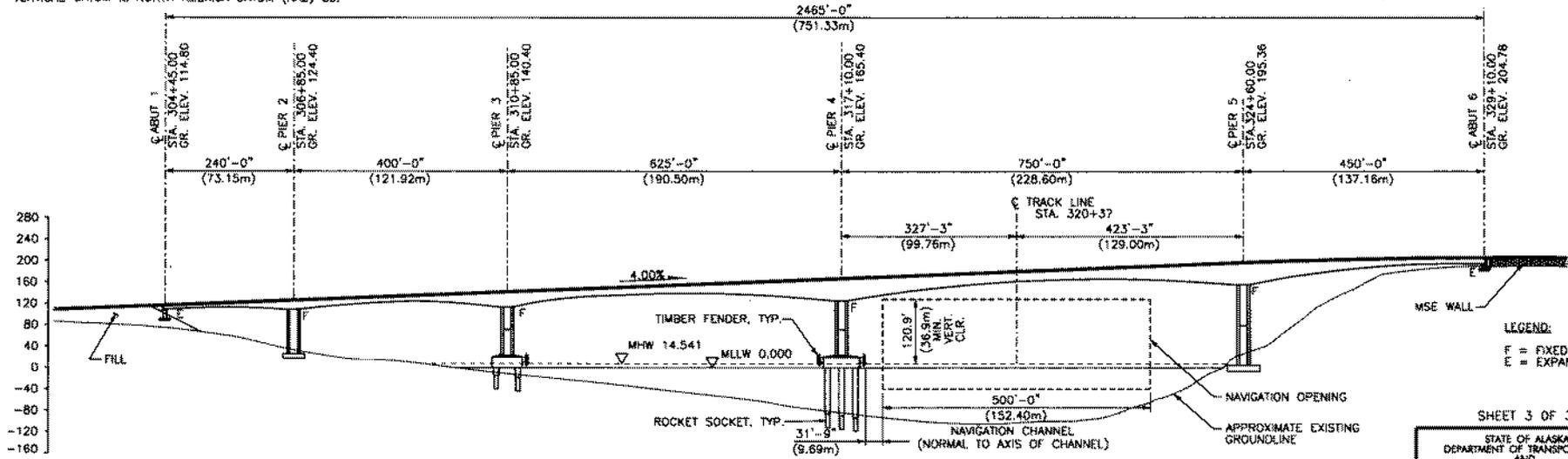
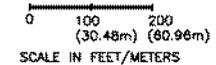


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