



July 31, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE 09-08-14

All interested parties are notified that an application has been received by Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), for approval of location and plans for the construction of a double-leaf bascule pedestrian bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Voinovich Park Pedestrian Bridge, Mile 0.00, North Coast Harbor of Cleveland Inner Harbor, City of Cleveland, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Construction of a double-leaf bascule pedestrian bridge on a curved alignment from the southwest corner of Voinovich Park to the north end of the finger pier at Dock 32 of North Coast Harbor.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Horizontal: 147.16-ft abutment to abutment with center 90.0-ft for the navigation channel.

Vertical (open position): Unlimited clearance in the open position.

Vertical (closed position): 4.1-ft at the limits of the navigation channel; 5.4-ft at center (Referred to Low Water Datum, Elevation 569.20, Lake Erie (IGLD85)).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the lead federal agency, has reviewed and tentatively approved the project as a Group II Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A bridge protective fendering system will not be utilized. This notice solicits comments on the bridge protective fendering system.

The proposed replacement bridge would require navigation lighting.

The proposed replacement bridge is located within a mapped 100-year Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain. The 100-year flood elevation for the area is 575.75. Low Steel for the project is at 573.3. No piers or fill will be placed in North Coast Harbor as a result of the proposed bridge's construction. The proposed bridge's abutments are to be placed near the top of existing slopes resulting in little to no change of the existing channel's contours.

An additional 0.01 acres of rip rap will be added to the existing rip rap slopes for increased erosion protection. FEMA anticipates no impact to the floodplain and no mitigation measures will be required. The applicant has received a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Nationwide Provisional Permit (NWP) #14 for work in a navigable waterway of the United States. USACE will remove the provisional tag from their permit once the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) issues a Coastal Zone Management (CZM) certification for the project.

The applicant has applied to ODNR for a CZM certification. ODNR's issuance of their CZM is dependent on the City of Cleveland obtaining a submerged land lease for the project area. The submerged land lease is expected to be finalized in early August 2014.

USACE has issued a provisional NWP #14 for the proposed project. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OH-EPA) has certified that USACE's NWPs comply with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, pursuant to P.L. 92-500. Once the City of Cleveland obtains a submerged land lease and ODNR issues a CZM determination, USACE will remove the provisional tag on NWP #14 granting a Water Quality Certification for the proposed project.

Relocation of residences and businesses will not be required.

No historic properties or cultural resources eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) are expected to be adversely affected by the proposed project. A preliminary review by the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) found that one potential culturally historic site, the E. 9th Street Piers, is located within the project area. However, during construction of Voinovich Park significant portions of these structures were removed entirely or below grade. The pier structures themselves are no longer visible. Because of this heavy disturbance SHPO believes the structure is likely not eligible for the NRHP. ODOT Office of Environmental Services (OES) concluded that no historic properties are likely to be adversely affected. FHWA concurred with that finding on the approved CATEX.

There are no parklands expected to be adversely affected by the proposed project. As proposed, the project aims to complete the pedestrian loop around North Coast Harbor and provide a secondary point of egress to Voinovich Park while maintaining maritime access to the harbor and associated docks.

The project is not expected to result in any direct or indirect effects on any known federal or state listed threatened or endangered species. Six state-listed species and four federal-listed species are listed as possibly existing in the project area by ODNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). An ecological survey of the area was completed in 2013 and found no evidence of any listed species within 5 miles of the proposed project site. Based on this information no further coordination is required with ODNR or USFWS regarding potential impacts to threatened or endangered species.

The project is not expected to affect any known Essential Fish Habitats (EFH), as designated by National Marine Fisheries Service.

In reference to the provisions of Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice, we are soliciting information concerning possible impacts of the proposed bridge project on minority and low-income populations.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

This Public Notice requests comments from Federal, State and Local agencies to identify potential permit requirements or environmental impacts. This Public Notice also requests comments from waterway users and marine facilities regarding the proposed navigation clearances. Interested 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 work.

Comments will be received for the record at the Office of Commander (dpb), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 East Ninth Street, Room 2025, Cleveland, Ohio 44199, through **August 30, 2014**. These comments will be made part of the case record.

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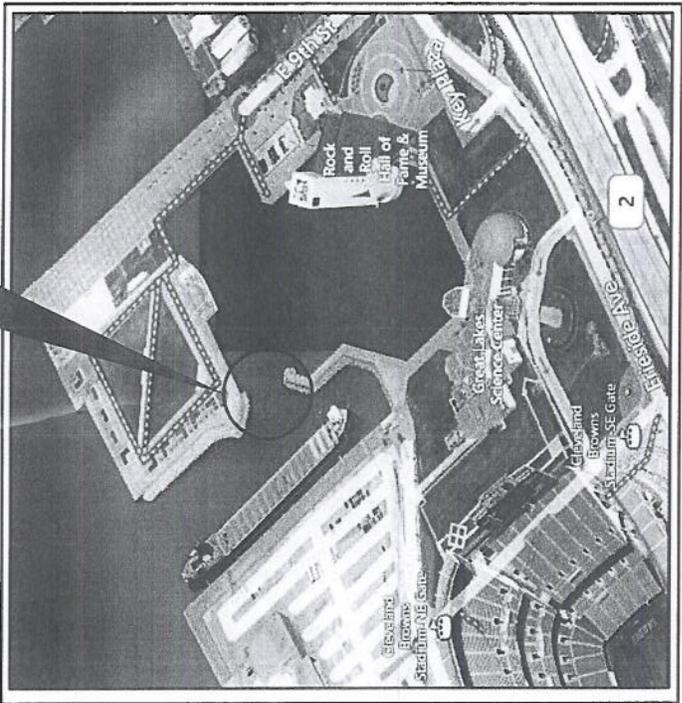
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By direction of Commander,
Ninth Coast Guard District

Map of location and plans attached.

NOTICE TO POSTMASTER: It is requested the above notice be conspicuously and continuously posted until **August 30, 2014**.

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LOCATION MAP



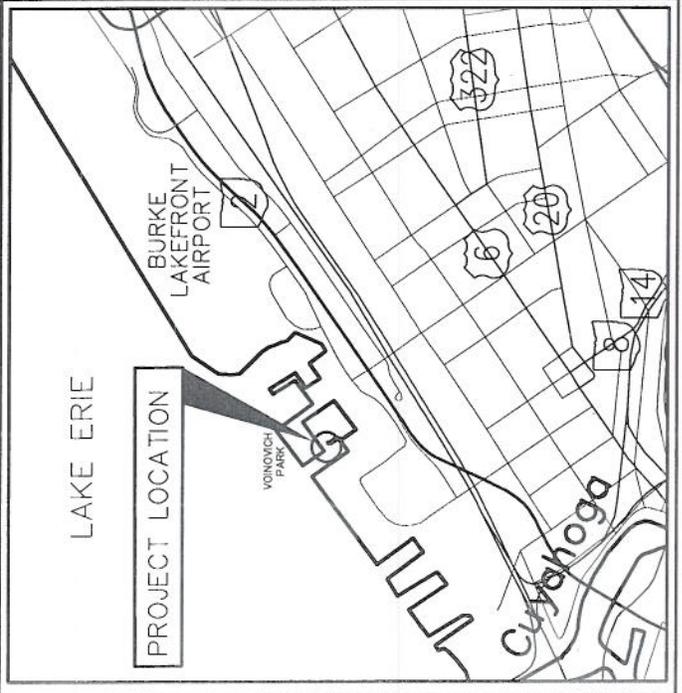
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CITY OF CLEVELAND

NORTH COAST HARBOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
OVER
CLEVELAND INNER HARBOR, MILE 0.0
AT
CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO
LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

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VICINITY MAP



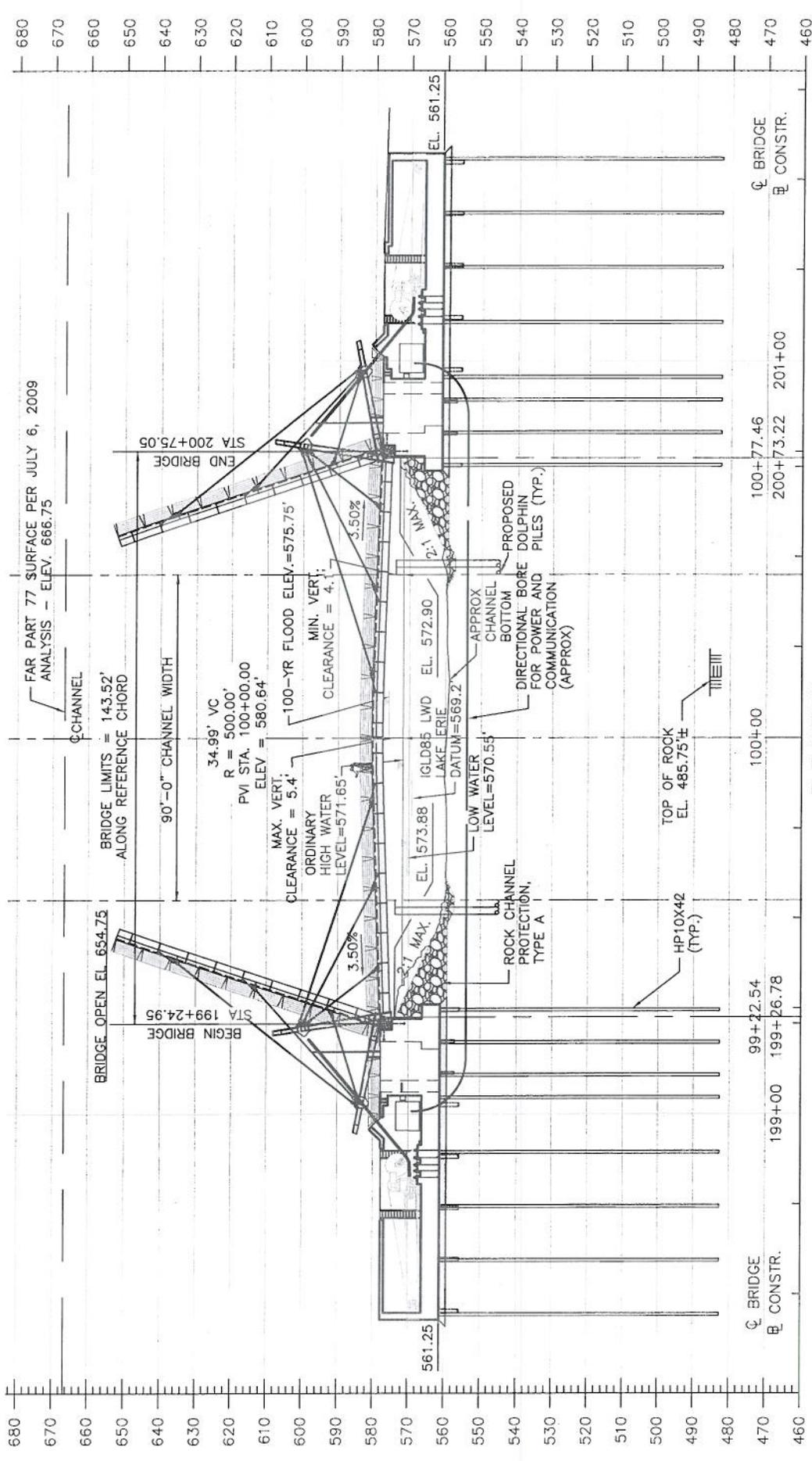
Notes:
There are no wildlife or waterfowl refuges in the vicinity of the proposed bridge.

The bridge spans between North Coast Harbor and Voinovich Bicentennial Park. East Ninth Street Pier is adjacent to Voinovich Park. All are property of the City of Cleveland.
Elevations shown on these plans are based on IGLD 85.

ENGINEERS SEAL:



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DATE: _____



ELEVATION



APPROXIMATE IMPACTS BELOW OHWM ELEV = 571.65'

APPROXIMATE RIPRAP AND CONCRETE CHAMBER IMPACTS

NEW IMPACTS VOLUME = 823 CY
 TEMPORARY IMPACTS VOLUME = 246 CY

APPROXIMATE DOLPHIN PILE IMPACTS

PROPOSED VOLUME = 7 CY
 EXISTING VOL. (REM) = 4 CY

NOTE: All elevations based on IGLD85 - Low Water Datum (LWD) - Lake Erie: 569.2-ft

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BRIDGE ELEVATION VIEW