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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE (02-21)

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for a study to potentially replace a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Longboat Pass, mile 0.0, (SR 789), at Longboat Key, Florida. The bridge is known as Longboat Pass (SR 789) Bridge.

CHARACTER OF WORK: FDOT is in the preliminary planning stages of a project to potentially replace the Longboat Pass (SR 789) Bridge from North Shore Road to Coquina Park Entrance in Manatee County, Florida. The overall purpose of the project is to improve multimodal accommodations of the Longboat Pass (SR 789) Bridge, and to provide safe, efficient, and reliable passage for all modes of transportation. FDOT is studying the potential replacement of the existing bascule span bridge over Longboat Pass. A fixed bridge, a bascule span bridge, and no-build alternatives will be evaluated.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing Clearances (Bascule)

Horizontal Clearance:

45 ft. between face of piles

Vertical Clearance:

Open – Unlimited

Closed – 17 ft. above Mean High Water

Proposed Clearances (Fixed/Movable)

Horizontal Clearance (proposed):

90 ft. between face of piles

Vertical Clearance (proposed):

Fixed – 65 ft. above Mean High Water

Movable – 21 ft. above Mean High Water when bridge is closed; unlimited when open

The information gathered as a result of this preliminary public notice will assist the U.S. Coast Guard in determining adequate minimum horizontal and vertical clearances and whether a fixed or movable bridge is recommended for the proposed crossing of Longboat Pass. The vessel information needed includes the vessel type, waterway use (s) (commercial and/or recreational), height, draft, length, beam, tonnage, and mooring location (s).

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: It is requested that the Coast Guard be provided with navigational information such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated near Longboat Pass as they relate to the proposed vertical and horizontal clearances, as well as the clearances currently provided by the governing structures. Please submit the attached form in response to this preliminary public notice. It is further requested that mariners and adjacent

property owners express their views from a navigational standpoint, in writing, on the proposed project giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of or opposition to this project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE 1st Ave., Ste 432, Miami, Florida 33131-3028, for a 30-day period from the date of this public notice. The project manager for this application is Mr. Marty Bridges. He can be contacted by telephone at (305) 415-6766, by mail at the above address, or email at martin.a.bridges@uscg.mil. Comments received will be made part of the case record.

Longboat Pass Bridge
 Longboat Pass, mile 0.0, (SR 789), at Longboat Key, Florida.
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 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), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE 1st Ave., Ste 432, Miami, Florida 33131-3028. Responses will be accepted for a 30-day period from the date of this public notice.

Vessel Information	Please provide all requested information:
Vessel Type	
Frequency of Transit	
Use – <i>Commercial and/or Recreational</i>	
Vessel Height	
Draft	
Length	
Beam	
Tonnage	
Mooring Location	

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____