



SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 5-1365A

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District has received a proposal from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) with plans for modification to an existing highway fixed bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Potomac River, mile 50.0, at Dahlgren, King George County, Virginia

CHARACTER OF WORK: MDTA is proposing to replace the Governor Harry Nice Memorial Bridge with a bridge at a reduced vertical and horizontal clearance. The majority of the river traffic is recreational, with some marine traffic by cargo, barges, sail boats and river cruises. The reductions in vertical and horizontal clearances would prohibit eight known vessels recorded in the past five years from passing through the proposed bridge. The Woodrow Wilson Bridge is up-stream from the Harry Nice with a vertical clearance of 76 feet above mean high water in the closed position, unlimited vertical clearance in the open position and a horizontal clearance of 175 feet between the bridge protective system. The MDTA proposes the design change will help improve traffic conditions in the area. Please submit the attached form in response to this notice.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

<i>Existing</i>	<i>Proposed</i>
Vertical Clearance: 136 feet above mean high water	Vertical clearance: 106.5 feet above mean high water
Horizontal Clearance: 700 feet between pilings	Horizontal Clearance: 250 feet between pilings

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 November 20, 2017.

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Bridge Program Manager
By direction of the Commander
Fifth Coast Guard District

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 at Dahlgren, King George County, VA
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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), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 by _____.

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

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____
