PUBLIC NOTICE (04-22)

BRIDGE PERMIT APPLICATION
TO REPLACE THE EXISTING LA 302 SWING SPAN BRIDGE WITH A NEW SWING SPAN BRIDGE CROSSING BAYOU BARATARIA, MILE 35.2, JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has received application materials from the Louisiana Department of Transportation (LAOTD) for approval of the enclosed location and plans to build a new LA 302 swing span bridge across the navigable waterway Bayou Barataria, mile 35.2, near Lafitte, Jefferson Parish, LA.


CHARACTER OF WORK: LADOTD proposes to replace the existing swing span bridge with a new bridge. The existing swing span bridge was damaged during Hurricane Ida and can no longer be used. This bridge will be removed in its entirety. The proposed bridge consists of concrete girder approach spans and a steel girder unequal swing span bridge and bridge protection system.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

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<td>In the closed to vessel position – 5 feet above Mean High Water</td>
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency for satisfying the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FHWA is acting on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard for all environmental control laws. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) dated February 2022 was issued pursuant to NEPA as amended. The U.S. Coast Guard has tentatively determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of NEPA and plans to issue a CE for the project. Documents are available for review electronically by contacting stacie.palmer@la.gov or at the above address, Monday through Friday by appointment from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., subject to building rules.
A Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended, has been issued the Louisiana Department of Quality on March 22, 2017, 14.02 acres of wetlands will be affected.

The bridge is located in the floodplain. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) records indicate that the proposed project is within a 100 year floodplain with a 1 percent chance of annual flooding. However, the proposed work will have no impact to the capacity of the floodplain, nor would the work impede the flow of waters through the floodplain.

LADOTD in conjunction with the FHWA believes no historic properties other than the historic bridge will be impacted by the proposed project. The Louisiana State Historic Preservation office concurred with this finding on November 5, 2021.

The decision as to whether to grant approval of the location and plans for the proposed action rests primarily upon the effect it has on navigation.

**SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Interested parties are requested to comment or express their views in writing on the proposed navigation clearances, placement of a bridge protection system and other navigational safety issues, including the need for clearance gauges.

Interested parties are also requested to express their views on the proposed bridge project's possible environmental impacts, including impacts on minority and/or low income populations. We will forward these comments to FHWA.

Comments will be received at the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, at the address given in the letterhead through August 26, 2022. Plans of the proposed project are included in this public notice.

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DOUG BLAKEMORE
Chief, Bridge Administration Branch
Eighth Coast Guard District
By direction of the District Commander

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GENERAL NOTES:

1) AS-BUILT DRAWINGS AND/OR PLATS SHALL HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, P.O. BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.

2) ALL STRUCTURES BUILT UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREBIN PERMITTED USE, OR WHEN THESE STRUCTURES FALL INTO A STATE OF DISREPAIR SUCH THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION AS INTENDED. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISITING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED, FOR SUCH REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.

3) STRUCTURES MUST ALSO BE MARKED/LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

4) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITTEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-527-5020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY.
PLAN VIEW

NOTE:
VERTICAL CLEARANCE SHOWN WITH BRIDGE IN CLOSED POSITION.
BRIDGE HAS UNLIMITED VERTICAL CLEARANCE WHEN OPEN.

SCALE: 1 INCH = 40 FEET

ELEVATION VIEW
DATUM = NAVD 88