NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED PORT OF STOCKTON RAIL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND RAIL
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AT THE PORT OF STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

All interested parties are notified that the U.S. Coast Guard, as the lead federal agency,
announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with
the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National
Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the proposed Port of Stockton Rail Bridge
Replacement and Rail Improvements Project (the Project), at the Port of Stockton, San
Joaquin County, California.

The Project includes replacing the rail bridge over the San Joaquin River and
constructing a new lead track.

As structures built over navigable waterways of the United States, the proposed
replacement bridge will require a Coast Guard Bridge Permit concurrent with completion
of an environmental review. The Coast Guard is making the draft EA available for
public review and comment. In order to ensure the widest dissemination possible, the
Coast Guard distributed a separate document announcing the availability of this public
notice to a mailing list that includes; property owners/residents within a 0.5 mile radius of
the project; applicable federal, state, and local government agencies; California Native
American Heritage Commission list of federally recognized and non-federally recognized
Native American tribes; local Historical Societies; local marinas; and commercial
mariners.

The applicant and owner of the existing bridge and rail tracks, the Port of Stockton
(Port), has determined the existing single rail track swing bridge is functionally obsolete
and will not support projected volumes. The replacement dual rail removable span
bridge and new lead track will increase the overall efficiency of train operations within
the Port and will accommodate projected volumes.

The Coast Guard is the lead federal agency for this project and, as such, responsible for
the review of its potential effects on the human environment, including historic
properties and tribal impacts, pursuant to NEPA and NHPA. The Coast Guard,
therefore, is required by law to ensure potential environmental effects are carefully
evaluated in each bridge permitting decision. As part of this evaluation process, the
Coast Guard solicits comments from State and Federal agencies with expertise in, and
authority over, particular resources that may be impacted by a project. Additionally, the
Coast Guard seeks input from any tribes that may be affected or otherwise have
expertise or equities in the project.
The draft EA describes the proposed project, evaluates reasonable and feasible alternatives, and defines the natural, cultural and socioeconomic resources located in the project area. Based on the draft EA, the Coast Guard has tentatively determined the proposed project, with mitigation, will pose no significant impacts on the human and natural environment. The draft EA has been prepared in accordance with NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR §§ 1500-1588). This notice announces the availability of the draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Notice of Availability includes the date by which the 30-day public review and comment period will conclude. After consideration of all additional public comments, the Coast Guard may issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or may determine the project will pose significant impacts requiring an EIS. If the Coast Guard determines at EIS is required, there will be additional opportunity for public comment in accordance with NEPA procedures for the preparation of an EIS.

The draft EA may be viewed at the following location:

Commander (dpw)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
Coast Guard Island, Bldg 50-2
Alameda, CA 94501

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., except Federal holidays.

The draft EA can be viewed and downloaded at: https://go.usa.gov/xuGjD

Comments will be received through July 11, 2022 and can be addressed to;

Commander (dpw)
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It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of any person having an interest in this proposed project but who may not have received a copy of this public notice.

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By direction of the District Commander

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