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PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE 11-165-2025

The United States Coast Guard is soliciting public comments on a proposal by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with plans for the modification of a highway bridge across a navigable waterway of the United States. A Coast Guard Bridge Permit application has not yet been submitted but would be required for this project.

BRIDGE NAME, WATERWAY AND LOCATION: West span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge across San Francisco Bay, mile 8.9, between the City and County of San Francisco and Yerba Buena Island, California.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The existing bridge fender system at piers B (W2), C (W3), D (W4), and E (W5) would be removed and replaced. The proposed work would include complete removal of the existing wooden, plastic, and steel fender elements; partial removal of the existing reinforced concrete skirt; and construction of a replacement fender system with a modified reinforced concrete skirt. The proposed replacement fender system would reduce the horizontal clearance of the bridge by 3.6' in spans B-C, C-D, and D-E; and 1.8' in spans A-B and E-YBI. The proposed project will not affect the existing vertical clearances.

HORIZONTAL NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

West Spans	Existing	Proposed
Span A-B (W1-W2)	2224 feet	2222.2 feet
Span B-C (W2-W3)	1069 feet	1065.4 feet
Span C-D (W3-W4)	1078 feet	1074.4 feet
Span D-E (W4-W5)	2209 feet	2205.4 feet
Span E-YBI (W5-YBI)	952.4 feet	950.6 feet

VERTICAL NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES

	Proposed
All West Spans	No Change

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:

Mariners and maritime stakeholders are requested to comment on navigational access and safety issues associated with the reduction in horizontal clearance in the spans of the bridge.

Vessel owners and operators in the project vicinity are requested to provide information about their vessels including type of vessel, length overall, draft, beam, and height from the waterline to the highest fixed point and to appurtenant structures (e.g. tuna towers, flying bridges, fixed antennas and radar units). Also provide the frequency of passage under the bridge at the proposed modification sites (i.e. number of times per month).

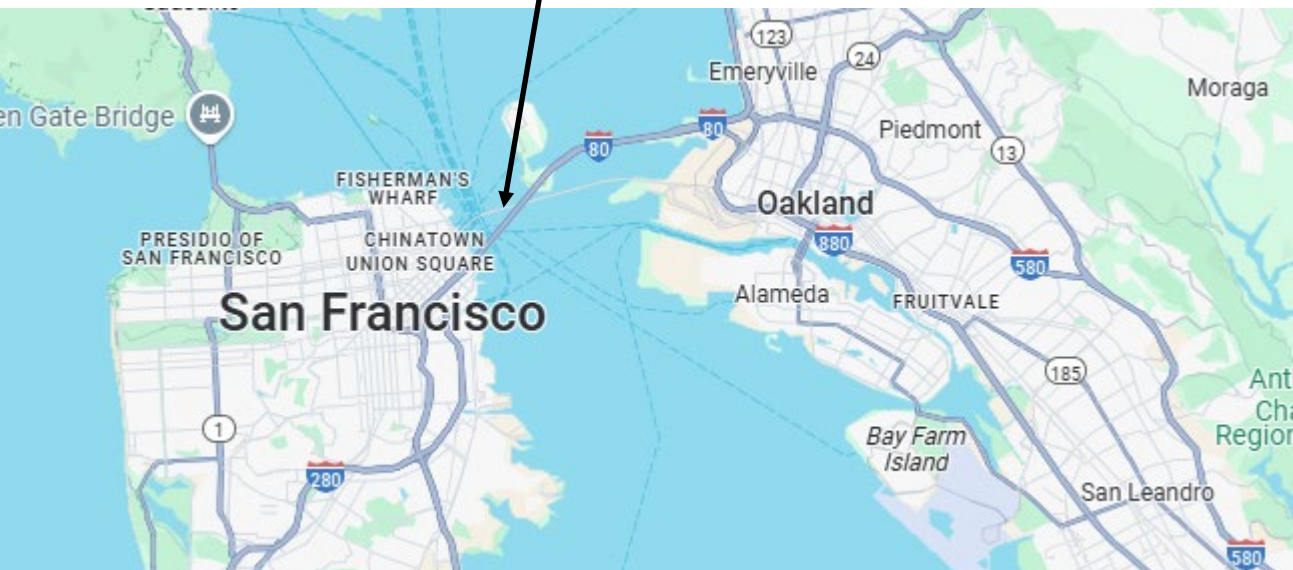
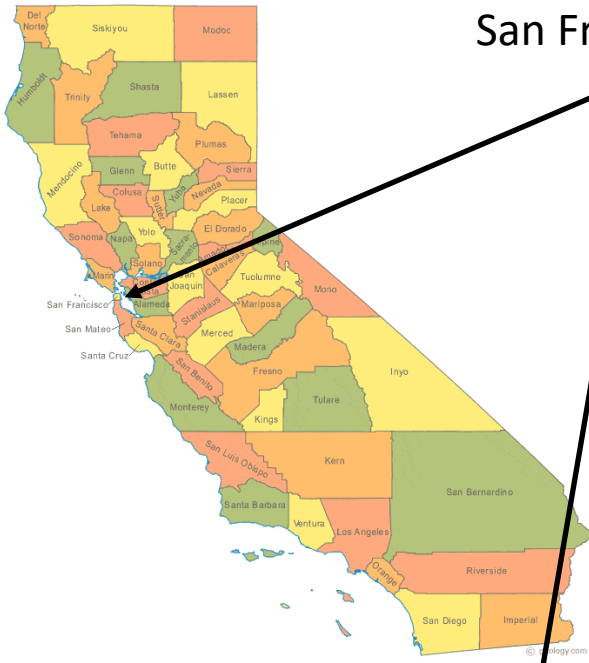
Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. To submit your comments, please use the response form at the end of this notice's attachments.

Comments will be received for the record at the address in the header or via email D11Bridges@uscg.mil through July 28, 2025.

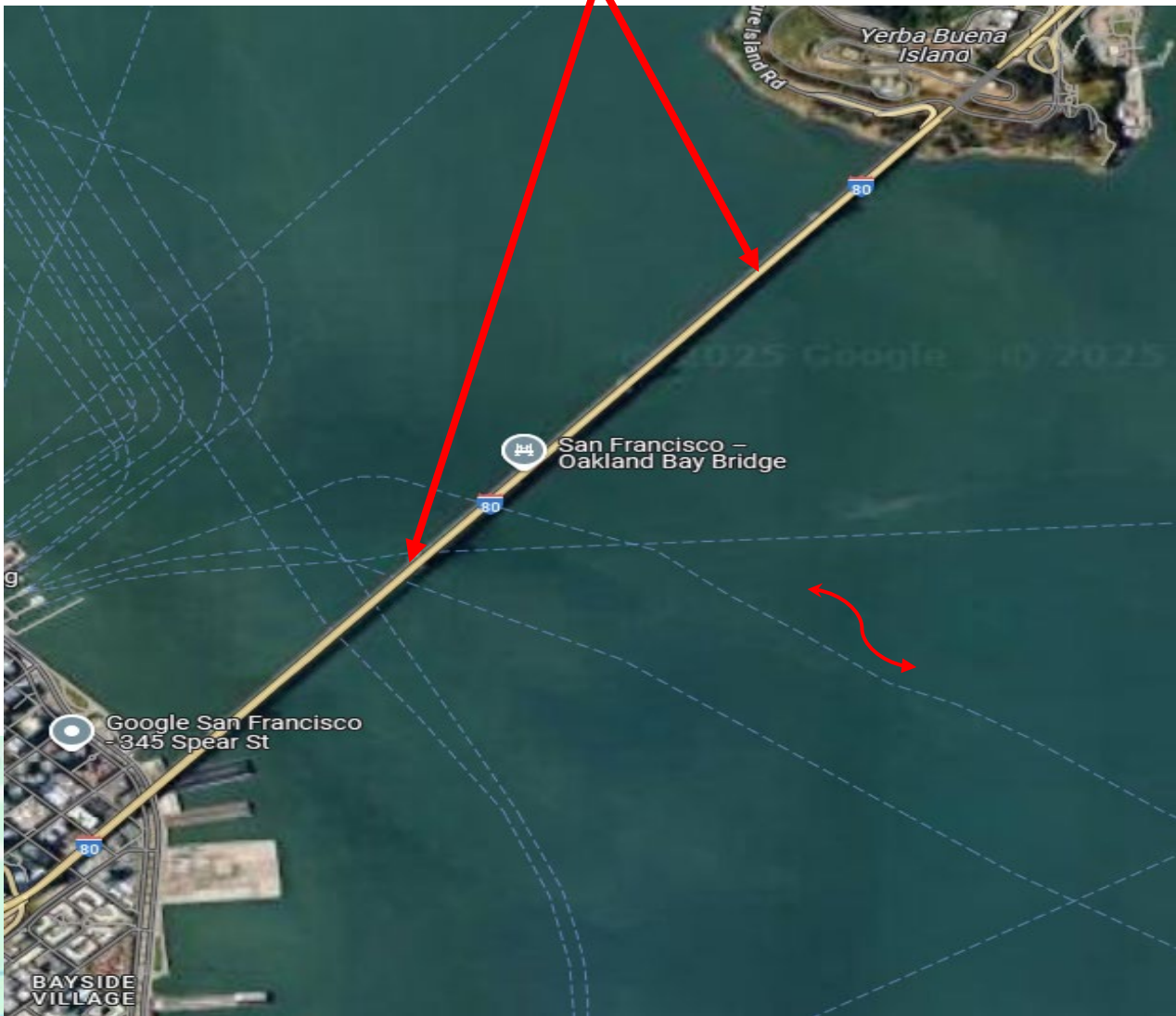
Map of location and plans attached.

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By direction of the District Commander

San Francisco Bay



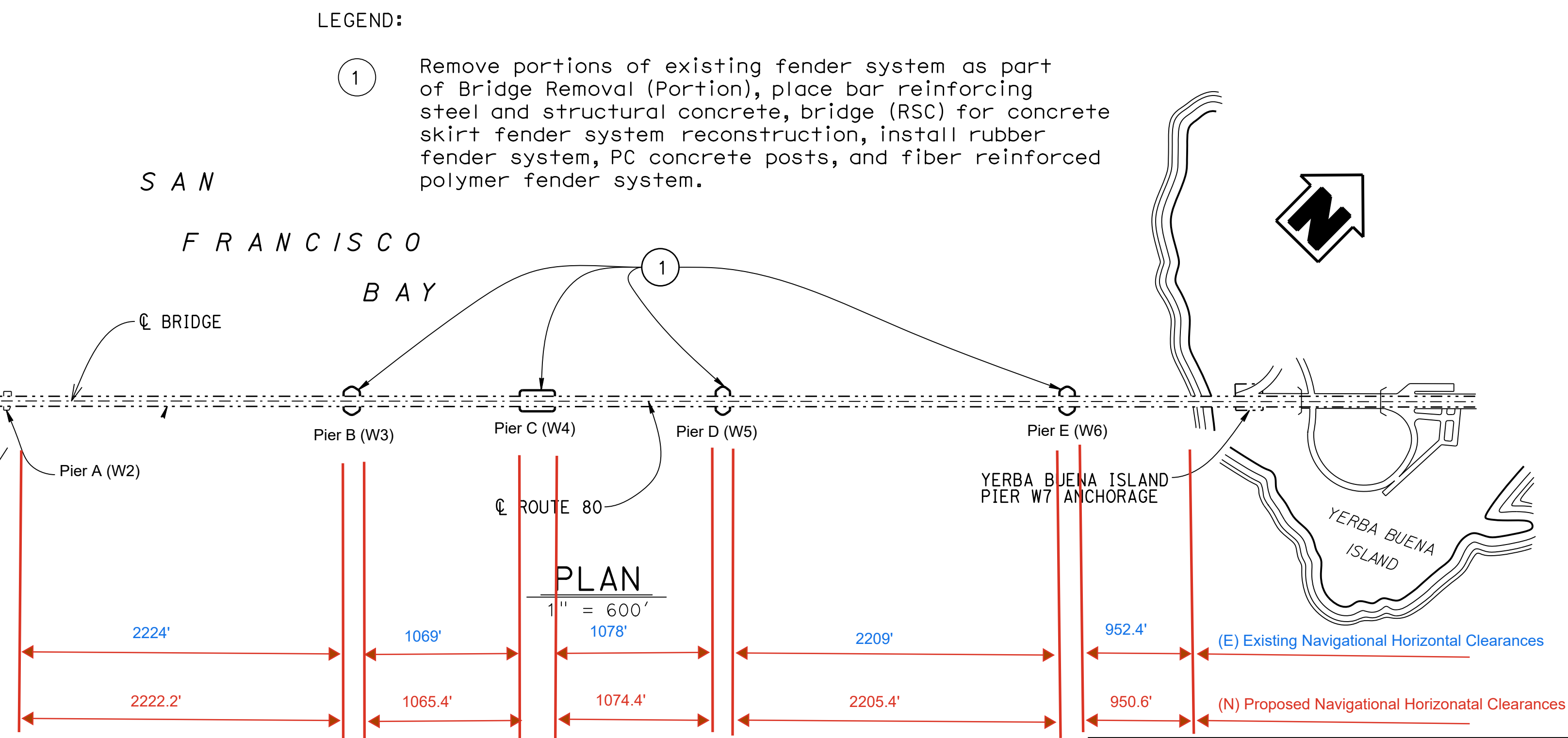
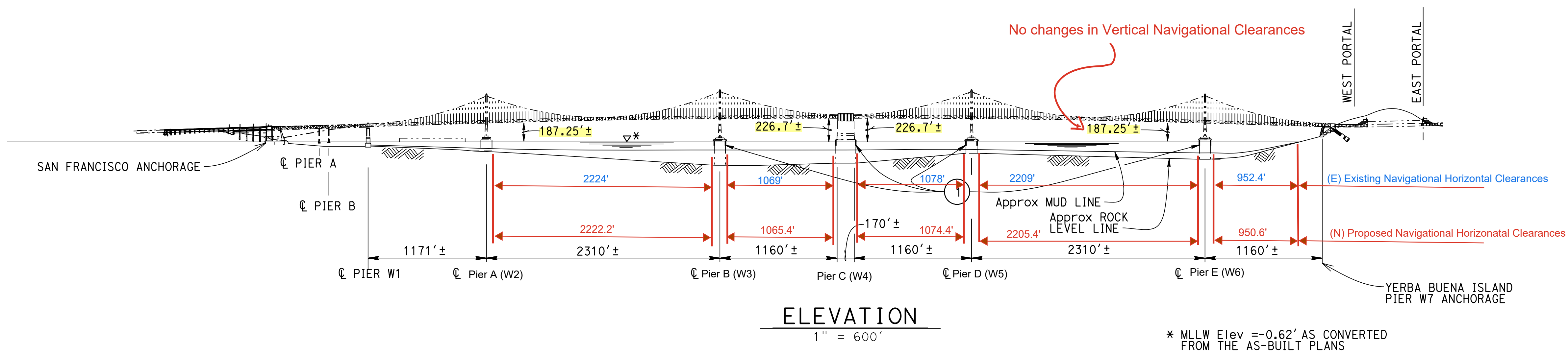
West Span San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge



Proposed Fender Replacement

West Span San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge
Mile 8.9, San Francisco Bay
Between the City and County of San Francisco and Yerba Buena Island, California

Proposed Fender Replacement Project
West Span San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge



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Proposed Horizontal Fenders
(Note: Fender members would extend
beyond water line)

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West Span San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge, Mile 8.9, San Francisco Bay
Between the City and County of San Francisco and Yerba Buena Island, California

Proposed Fender Replacement
West Span - San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge
mile 8.9 across the San Francisco Bay,
between the City and County of San Francisco and
Yerba Buena Island, California

Preliminary Public Notice 11-165-2025

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 by email at D11Bridges@uscg.mil or by U.S. Mail at Commander (dpw), Eleventh Coast Guard District, Coast Guard Island, Bldg 50-2, Alameda, CA 94501-5100 by May 9, 2025.

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

Name (Optional): _____

Address (Optional): _____

Phone (Optional): _____ Email (Optional): _____

Comments and Recommendations: _____
