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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE

All interested parties are notified that an application has been received by Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, from the Canadian National Railway, for approval of location and plans for the replacement of a Railroad Swing Bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

WATERWAY AND LOCATION: Canadian National Railroad Bridge, Mile 55.72, Fox River, Town of Oshkosh, in Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

CHARACTER OF WORK: Replacement of a railroad swing bridge with a single-leaf bascule railroad bridge on the same alignment as the existing bridge.

MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:

Existing

Horizontal: 70-feet between fenders,
normal to the axis of the channel.

Vertical (closed position): 6-feet at center
(Referred to Mean Sea Level at New York).

Vertical (open position): Unlimited.

Proposed

Horizontal: 125-feet between piers,
normal to the axis of the channel.

Vertical (closed position): 6.43-feet
(Referred to Standard Low Water Datum,
Elevation 745.8-feet (IGLD85)).

Vertical (open position): Unlimited for at least
62-feet at the southern limit of the navigation
channel; at least 45-feet at the northern limit of the
channel. Referred to Standard Low Water Datum,
Elevation 745.8-feet (IGLD85)).

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: The U.S. Coast Guard, the lead federal agency, has reviewed the Draft Environmental Assessment prepared by HNTB Corporation on behalf of the applicant and has made an initial determination that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act. The documents are available for review at the above address, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or at <http://foxriverbridge.wordpress.com>

FOR MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS ON PROVIDING COMMENTS: The complete public notice including a brief summary of project impacts, a map of the location, and plans for the proposed bridge can be viewed and printed from the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center's web site <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges&Active=1®ion=9>, or by calling, emailing or mailing a request to the Coast Guard project manager, Mr. Scot Striffler. He can be contacted by telephone at (216) 902-6087, by mail at Commander (dpb), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th St., Cleveland, OH 44199, or by email at scot.m.striffler@uscg.mil. Comments received will be made part of the case record.

All federal, state and local agencies and public representatives are requested to submit an email address(s) to the project manager to obtain this public notice and announcements of future public notices from this office.

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 or opposition to the proposed work. Comments will be received for the record at the office of: Commander (dpb), Ninth Coast Guard District, 1240 E. 9th St, Cleveland, OH 44199, for a 30 day period from the date of the public notice.

Mariners are requested to comment on the proposed vertical and horizontal navigational clearances, the need for a bridge protective fendering system and other navigational safety issues including the extent of nighttime navigation past the bridge.

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U.S. Coast Guard
9th Coast Guard District (obr)
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