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Boston Harbor, Massachusetts



Deep Draft Navigation Improvement Feasibility Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

**Technical Working Group
Project Update – 3 December 2012**

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in Partnership with Massport

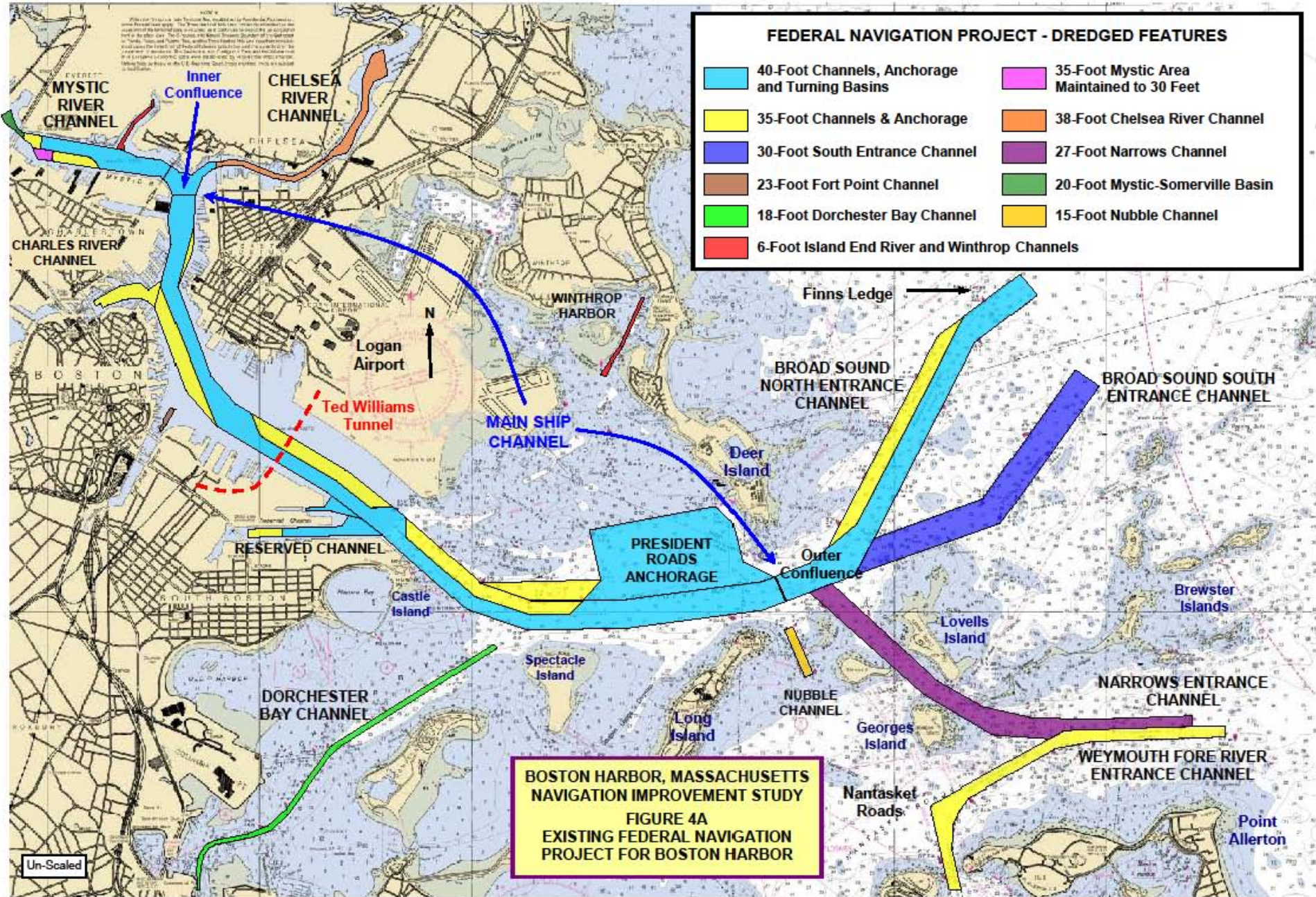
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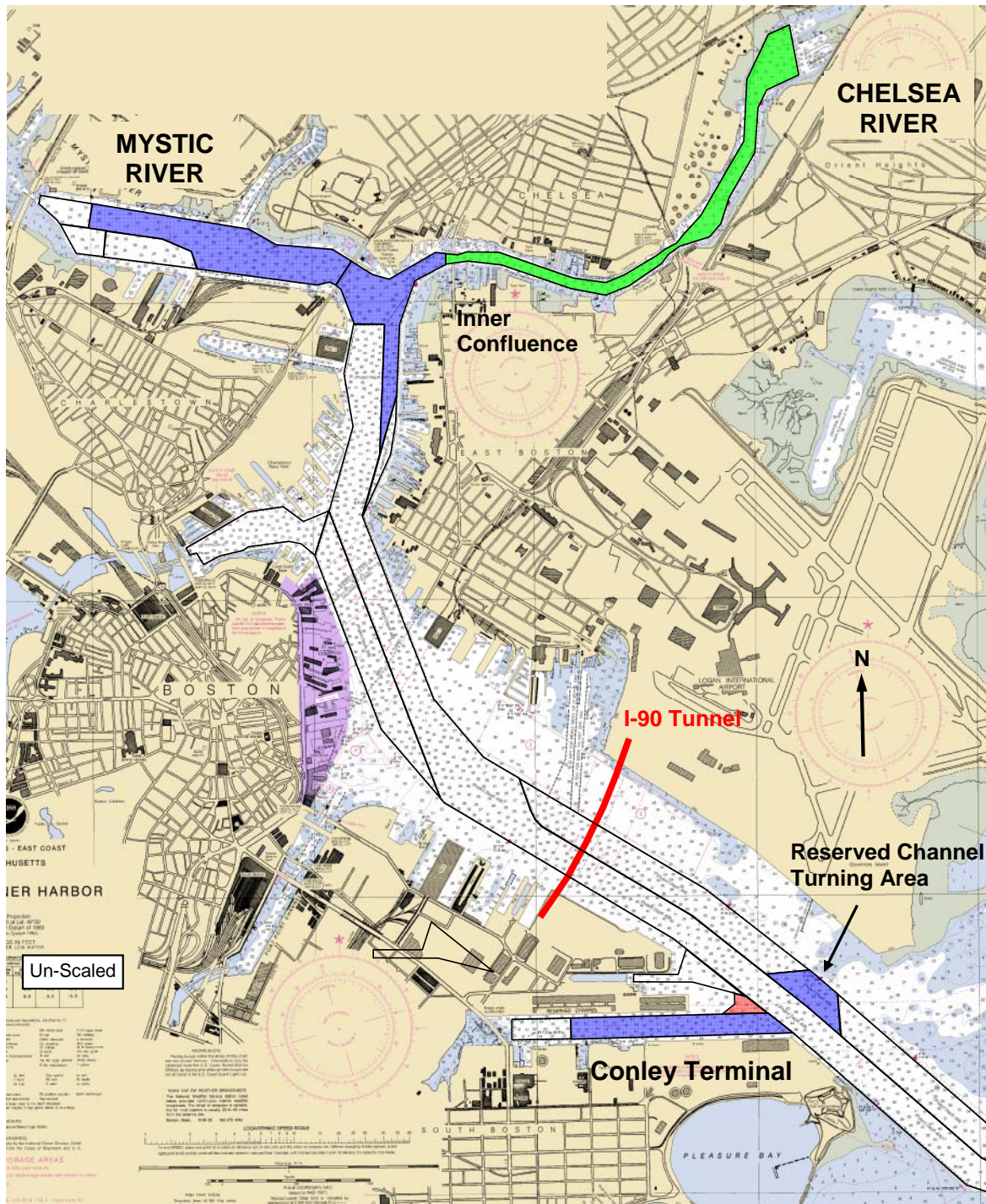
Today's Task – Re-Engage TWG

Under the Base Economic Case – 3 Carrier Services Use Larger Ships and PONYNJ Landings of New England Cargo Shifts to Boston Harbor

- Review of Navigation Improvement and Maintenance Activities of 1998-2012
- Update on Corps Activities Since 2008 Draft Report
- Present Final Recommendation for Improvements
 - Design, Quantities, Costs, Timeline
- Review Plans and Opportunities for Disposal
- Review Design Phase Activities






BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY
FIGURE 4A
EXISTING FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT FOR BOSTON HARBOR



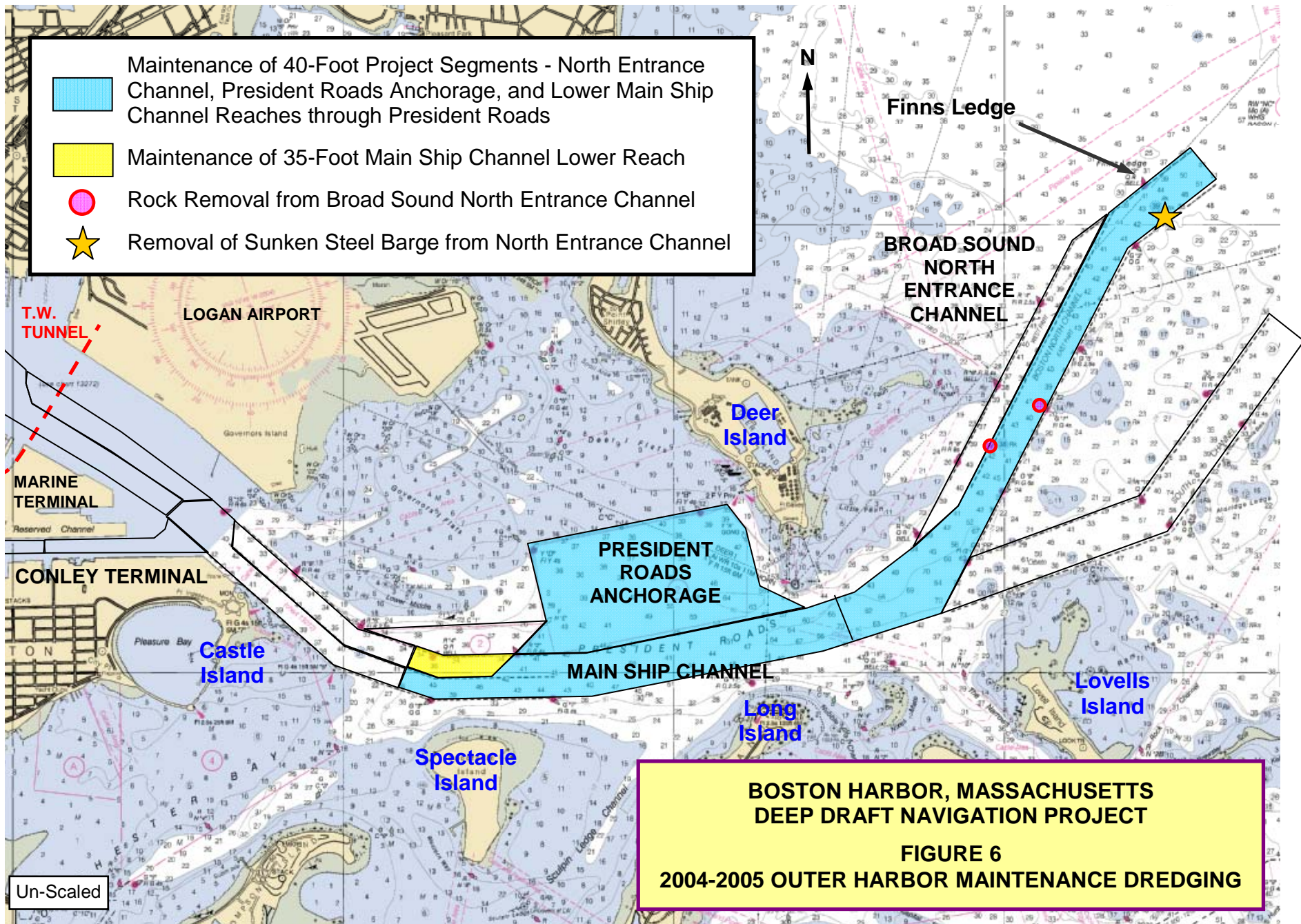
**BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY**

**FIGURE 5
MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT
DREDGING OF MAIN TRIBUTARIES
1998-2001**

1990 AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

-  35-Foot Areas Deepened to 40 Feet
-  35-Foot Areas Deepened to 38 Feet
-  Previously Undredged Area where Project was Widened at 40 Feet

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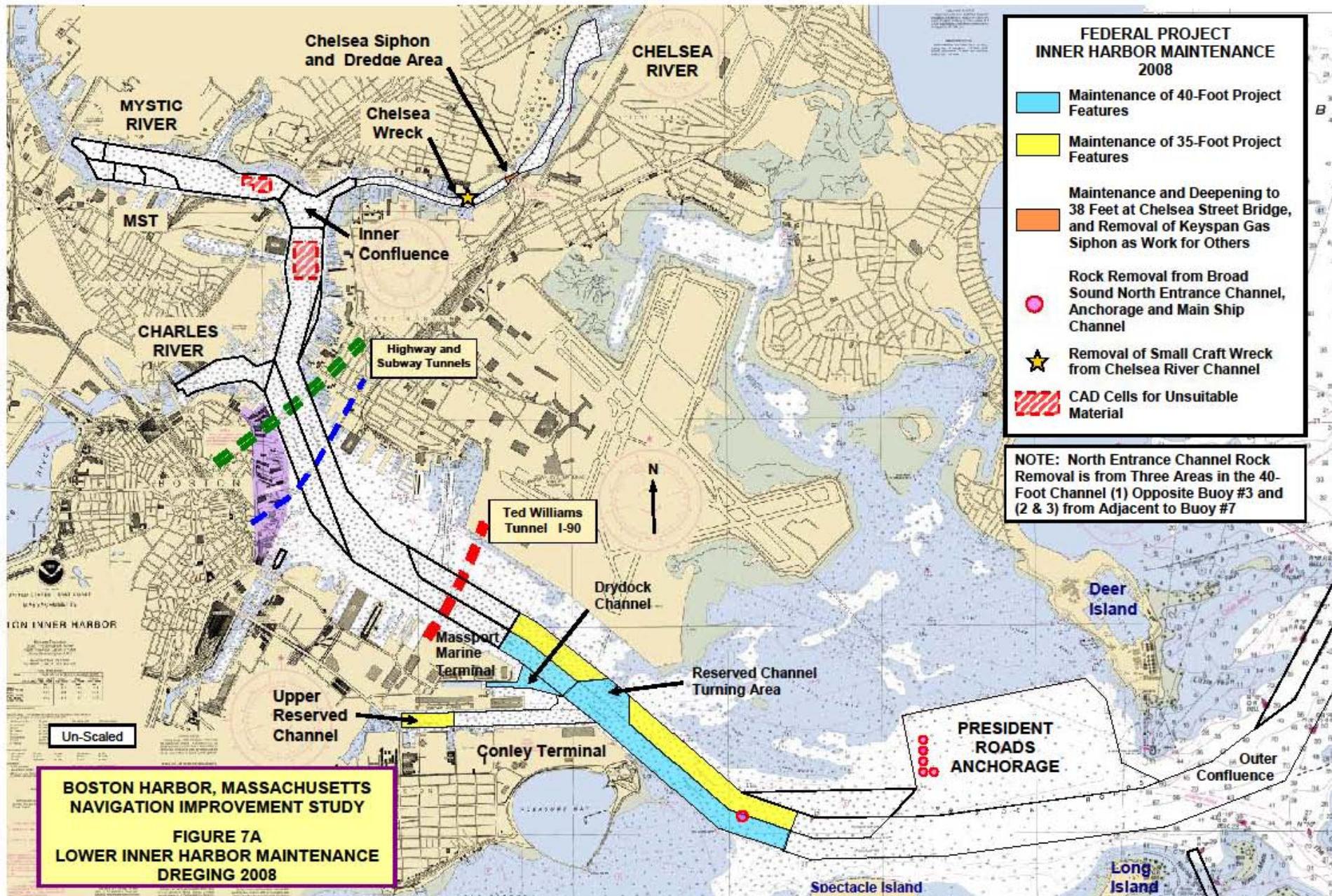


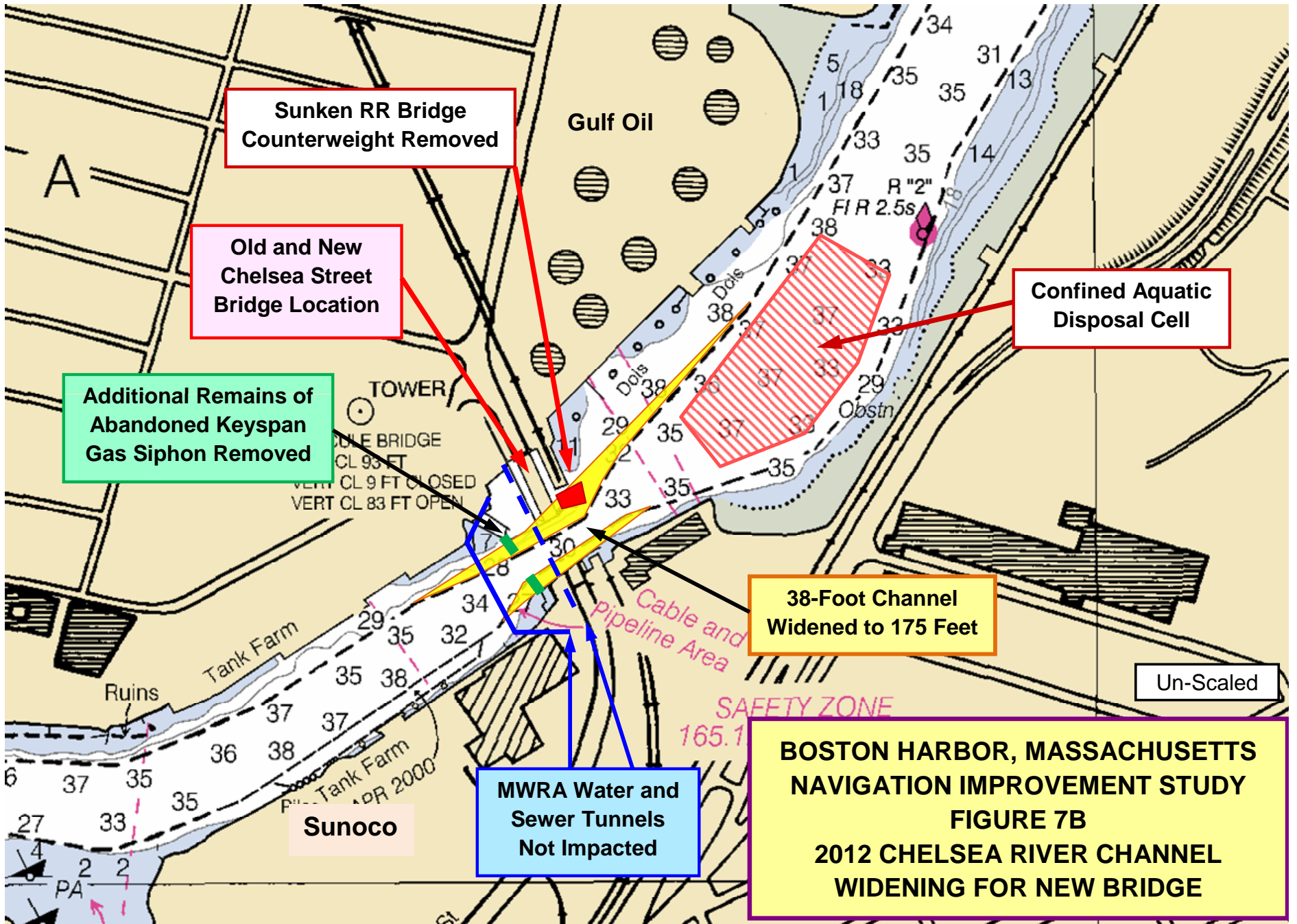
- Maintenance of 40-Foot Project Segments - North Entrance Channel, President Roads Anchorage, and Lower Main Ship Channel Reaches through President Roads
- Maintenance of 35-Foot Main Ship Channel Lower Reach
- Rock Removal from Broad Sound North Entrance Channel
- Removal of Sunken Steel Barge from North Entrance Channel

**BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
DEEP DRAFT NAVIGATION PROJECT**

**FIGURE 6
2004-2005 OUTER HARBOR MAINTENANCE DREDGING**

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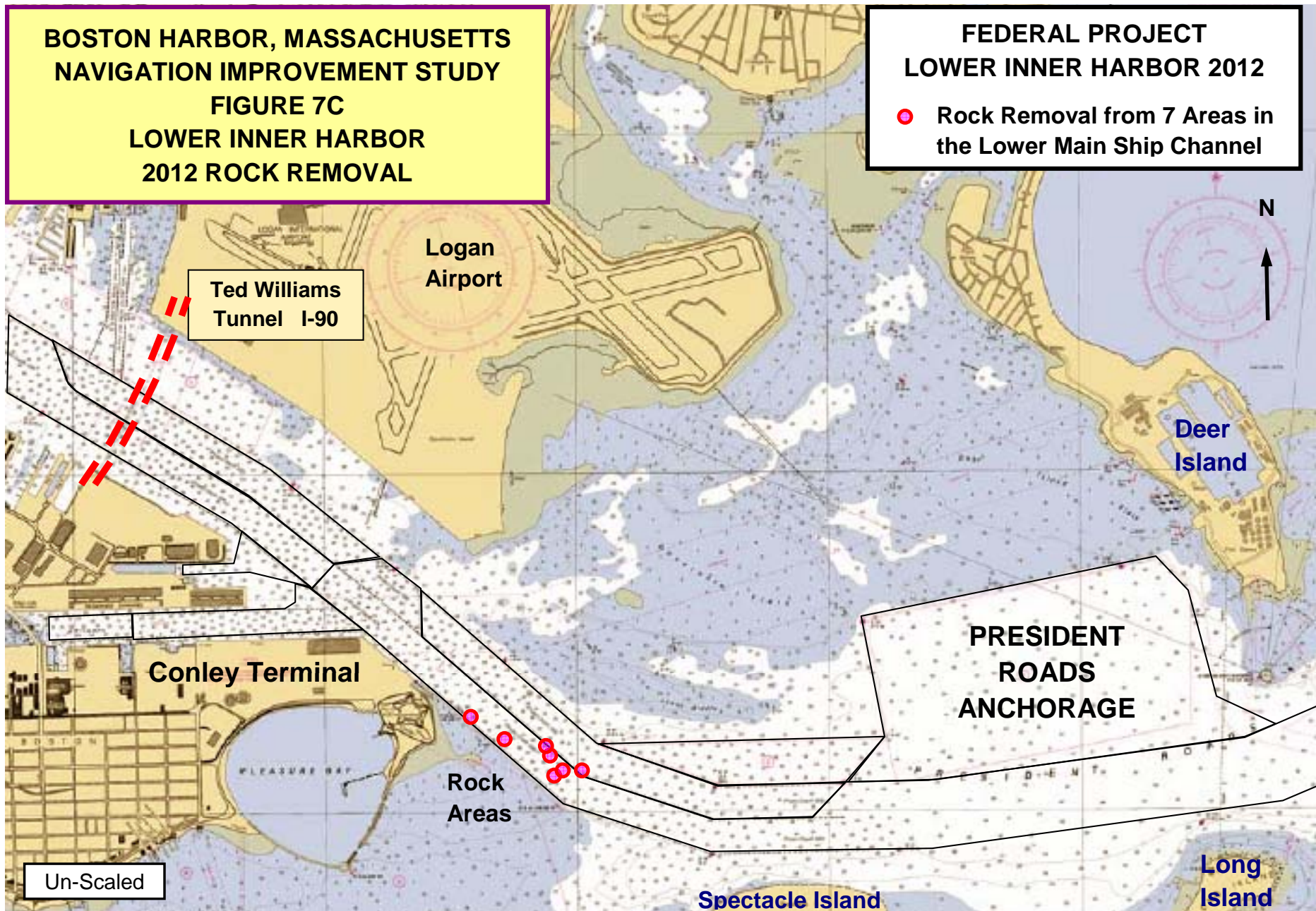




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FIGURE 7C
LOWER INNER HARBOR
2012 ROCK REMOVAL**

**FEDERAL PROJECT
LOWER INNER HARBOR 2012**

● Rock Removal from 7 Areas in the Lower Main Ship Channel



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Tunnel I-90

Conley Terminal

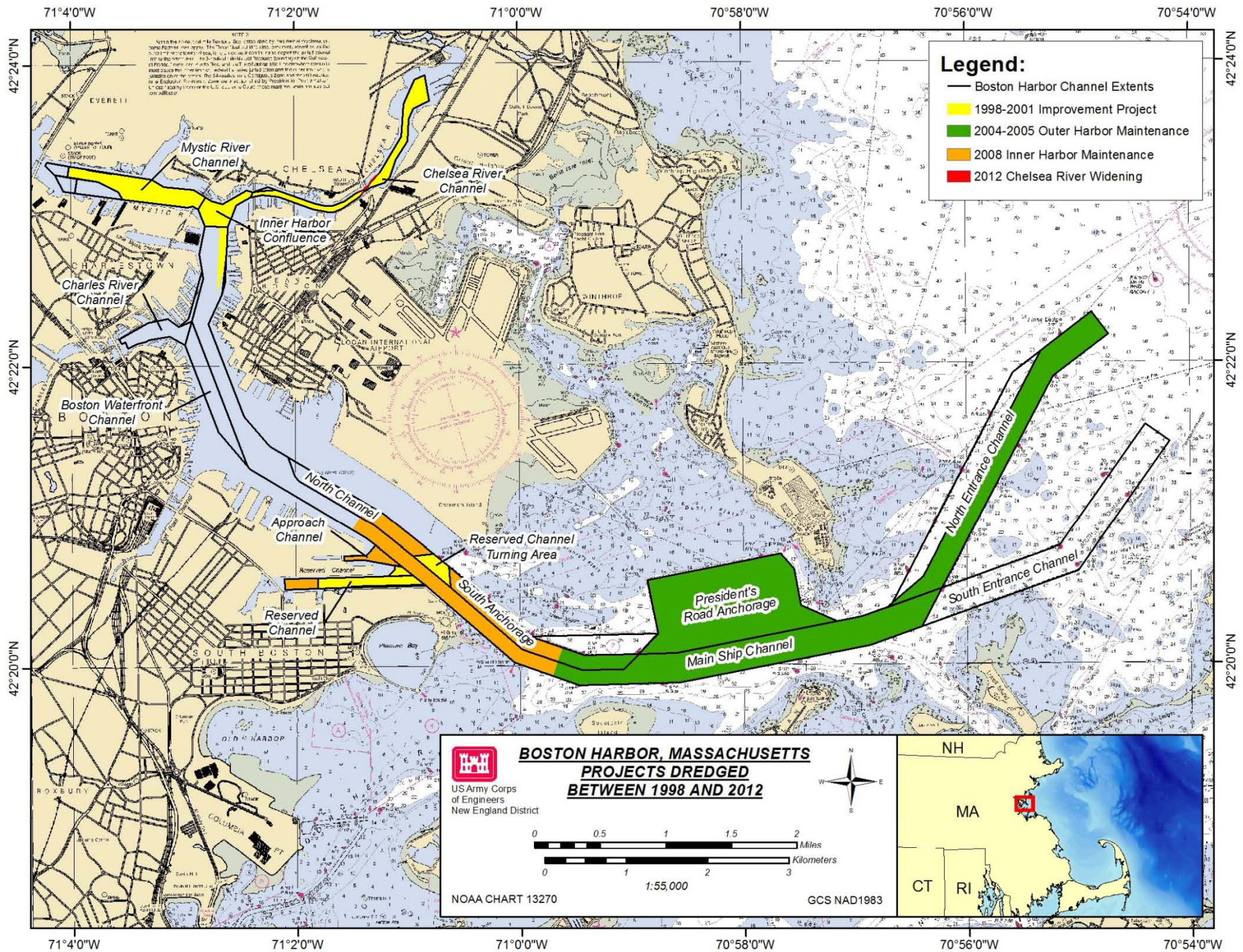
Rock
Areas

PRESIDENT
ROADS
ANCHORAGE

Deer
Island

Spectacle Island

Long
Island



Legend:

- Boston Harbor Channel Extents
- 1998-2001 Improvement Project
- 2004-2005 Outer Harbor Maintenance
- 2008 Inner Harbor Maintenance
- 2012 Chelsea River Widening

**BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
PROJECTS DREDGED
BETWEEN 1998 AND 2012**

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0 1 2 3 Kilometers

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Why Improve Boston Harbor?

- New Panama Canal to come Online in Late 2014 – 55 Foot Depth - Will Allow 50-Foot Drafts – Now Allows 39-Foot Vessels. Beam from 106 Now to 120
- Other Ports on Route Deepening – NYNJ to be at 50 Feet in 2015 and 55-Foot Study Authorized. Norfolk, Baltimore already at 50. Miami Authorized to 50. Savannah to 47. Charleston and Port Everglades at 45 and Studying Deeper. Most EU Ports at 56 Feet and Suez Canal now at 78 Feet (2011)
- Carriers Increasing Vessel Sizes in Trans-Oceanic Routes to Save Costs
- Road Traffic Congestion Worsens and with it Highway Maintenance and Air Quality Issues
- Global Trade Volumes Projected to Increase

What Has Happened Since 2008?

- Civil Works Review Board met in August and September 2008 to Consider Boston Harbor
- Board requested additional Economic Studies of Depth Optimization
- Study Scope Approved 2009 and Studies Completed 2010
- Additional Analysis was Requested by Corps Headquarters
- Final Economic Reports Submitted in May 2012
- Final Design Depth of 47 Feet for Inner Main Channels Improvement to Conley Terminal Selected in September 2012
- Final Entrance Channel Depth of 51 Feet Selected November 2012.

Economic Reanalysis Framework Issues

Three Parts to Framework Reanalysis

- (1) Landside Analysis – Where are the containers going and why. How many more might come to Boston by water?
- (2) Waterside Analysis – What means used to ship to Boston – larger ships, small ships, barges?
- (3) Loading Factors – How will new Boston ships load? Tidal advantage. 1st-in last-out.

Landside Analysis (Task #1)

- Analysis of Current Shipping Conditions
 - Determine Current Origin & Destinations of boxes
 - Use PIERS data for Boston and PONYNJ
 - Conduct Sample of Shippers (200 shippers account for 80% of shipments)
 - Interview Carriers using Boston and PONYNJ
 - Develop Economic Model to explain current proportions of Boston cargo shipped through PONYNJ and project potential change in boxes that can go to Boston directly.

Waterside Analysis (Task #2)

Determine Means Available to Transport Boxes Shifted from PONYNJ to POB

- What Carriers?
 - Existing Carriers Calling on POB?
 - Carriers Calling PONYNJ and Currently Not POB?
 - Why Carriers are Calling on PONYNJ and not POB.
- What Vessels & Routes?
- Trucking Firms Canvassed for Distance Costs and Volumes
- Carrier Interviews Conducted to Collect Needed Information
 - Both Carriers Currently Serving POB Interviewed
 - Seven Carriers that Call PONYNJ & Not POB Interviewed.

Vessel Loading & Sailing Drafts (Task #3)

- **Determine Existing Vessel Distribution and Current Operating Practices on Vessel Loading and Sailing Drafts.**
 - Boston First in/Last Out for North America
 - Boston Has Greater Tidal Advantage Than Most East Coast Ports (9.5 Feet versus 5.5 at NYNJ and 4-5 Feet Elsewhere along US East Coast)
 - High Export Percentage Relative to Other East Coast Ports Encourages Greater Loading.
 - Outbound Boston Cargo much Heavier than Inbound
- **Determine Future Vessel Loading and Sailing Drafts**
 - Drafts and Loading were Determined on Current Industry Practices and Weight of Cargo
 - Boston Harbor Pilots and Carriers Consulted on Underkeel Clearance Requirements and Movement Restrictions

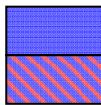

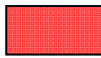
Recommendation – 4 Improvements

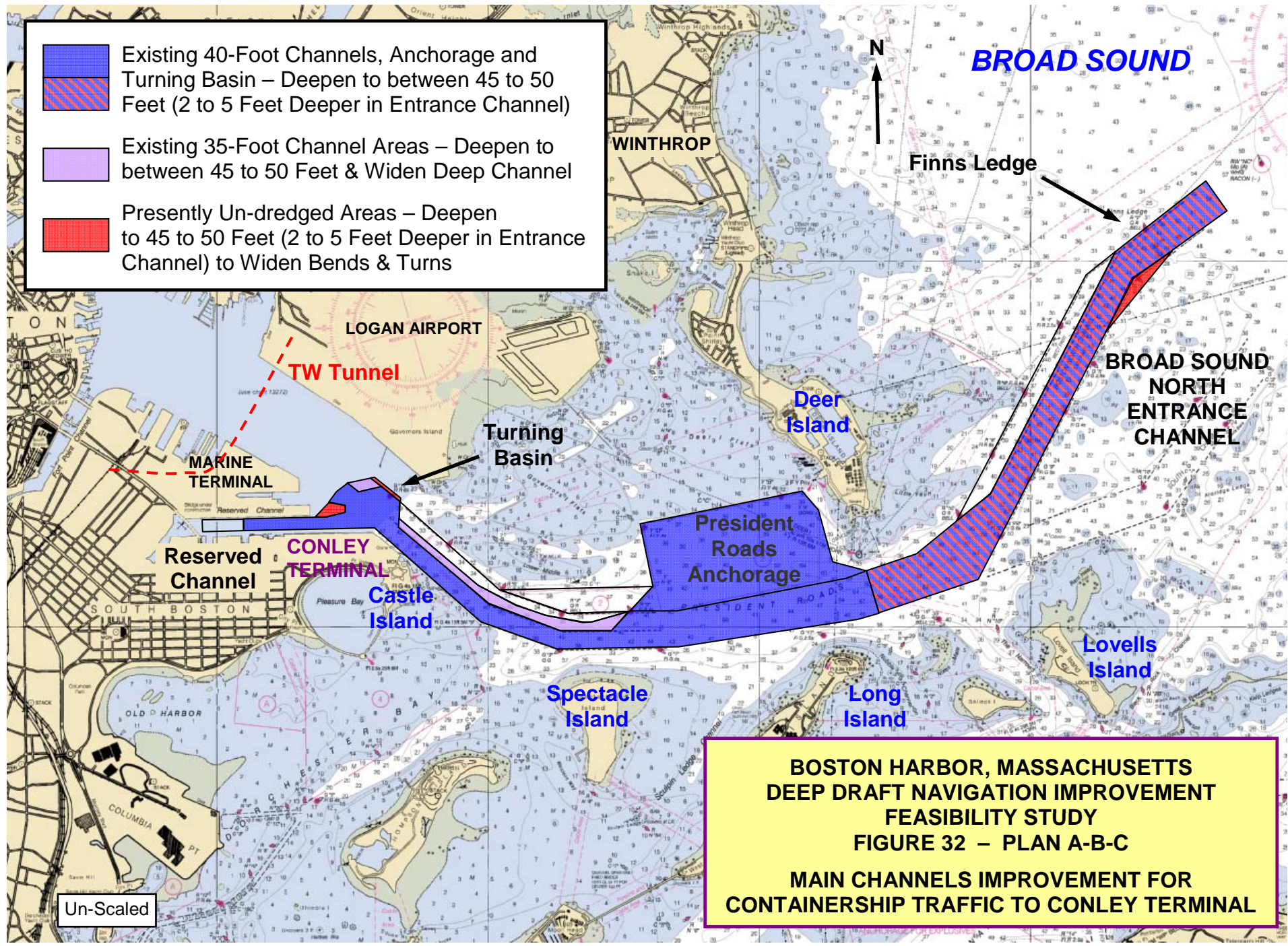
- **Main Channels Improvement:** For Containership Access to Conley Terminal
- **Main Ship Channel Deepening Extension:** For Large Dry Bulk Carrier Access to Massport Marine Terminal
- **Mystic River Channel:** Deepen for Smaller Dry Bulk Carrier Access to Massport's Medford Street Terminal
- **Chelsea River Channel:** Deepen Channel for Liquid Petroleum Carriers
- **Base Plan for Disposal - All Disposal at the Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site**

Main Channels Improvement Deepening for Containership Access

- **Project Features**

1. North Entrance Channel to 51 feet, widened at Finns Ledge Bend
 2. Main Ship Channel from Outer Confluence to Reserved Channel to 47 feet, widened to 900 feet below Castle Island and 800 feet above. Widened further in the bends.
 3. President Roads Anchorage Area to 47 feet
 4. Lower Reserved Channel along Conley Terminal to 47 feet
 5. Reserved Channel Turning Area widened to 1600 feet and deepened to 47 feet
 6. Conley Berths deepened to at Least 50 Feet
- Examined incremental depths of 42 to 50 feet MLLW – Optimized at 48 feet but no significant benefits increase above 47 feet
 - Entrance Channel four feet deeper than inner channels for increased sea states and vessel motion
 - Conley Terminal Berths will be deepened to 3 feet deeper than the channel by Massport for tidal navigation
 - Benefits from shifting truck transport to containership transport

-  Existing 40-Foot Channels, Anchorage and Turning Basin – Deepen to between 45 to 50 Feet (2 to 5 Feet Deeper in Entrance Channel)
-  Existing 35-Foot Channel Areas – Deepen to between 45 to 50 Feet & Widen Deep Channel
-  Presently Un-dredged Areas – Deepen to 45 to 50 Feet (2 to 5 Feet Deeper in Entrance Channel) to Widen Bends & Turns



**BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
 DEEP DRAFT NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT
 FEASIBILITY STUDY
 FIGURE 32 – PLAN A-B-C
 MAIN CHANNELS IMPROVEMENT FOR
 CONTAINERSHIP TRAFFIC TO CONLEY TERMINAL**

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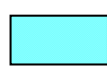
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FIGURE 33**

**PLAN A-B-C - DETAIL
RESERVED CHANNEL & TURNING BASIN
PROPOSED PROJECT MODIFICATIONS**

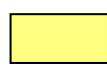
**MASSPORT
MARINE TERMINAL**

RESERVED CHANNEL

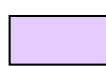
CONLEY TERMINAL



**40-Foot Areas Deepened to 45 to or 50 Feet –
Lower Reserved Channel, Turning Basin, Main
Ship Channel and Part of Drydock Channel**



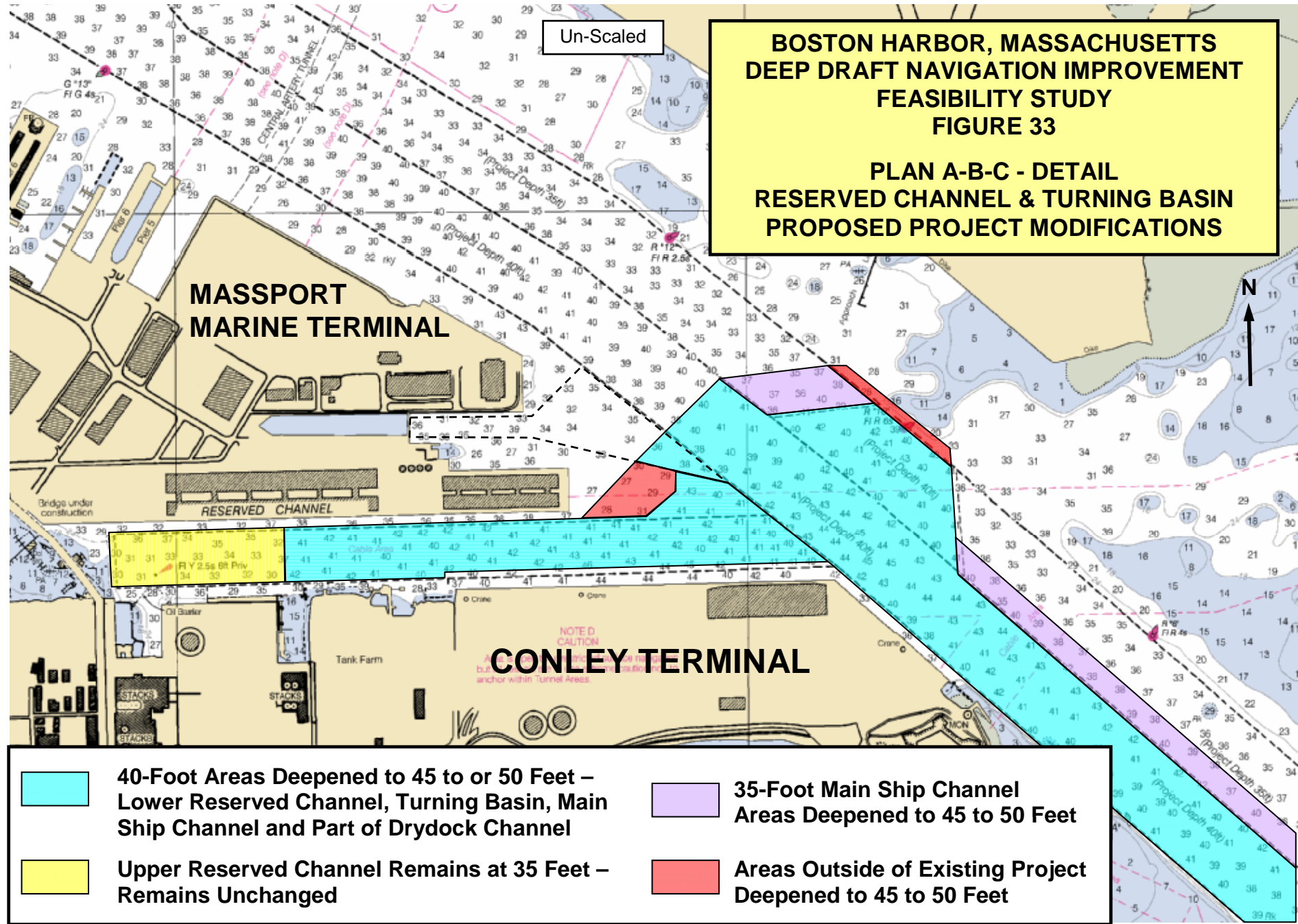
**Upper Reserved Channel Remains at 35 Feet –
Remains Unchanged**



**35-Foot Main Ship Channel
Areas Deepened to 45 to 50 Feet**

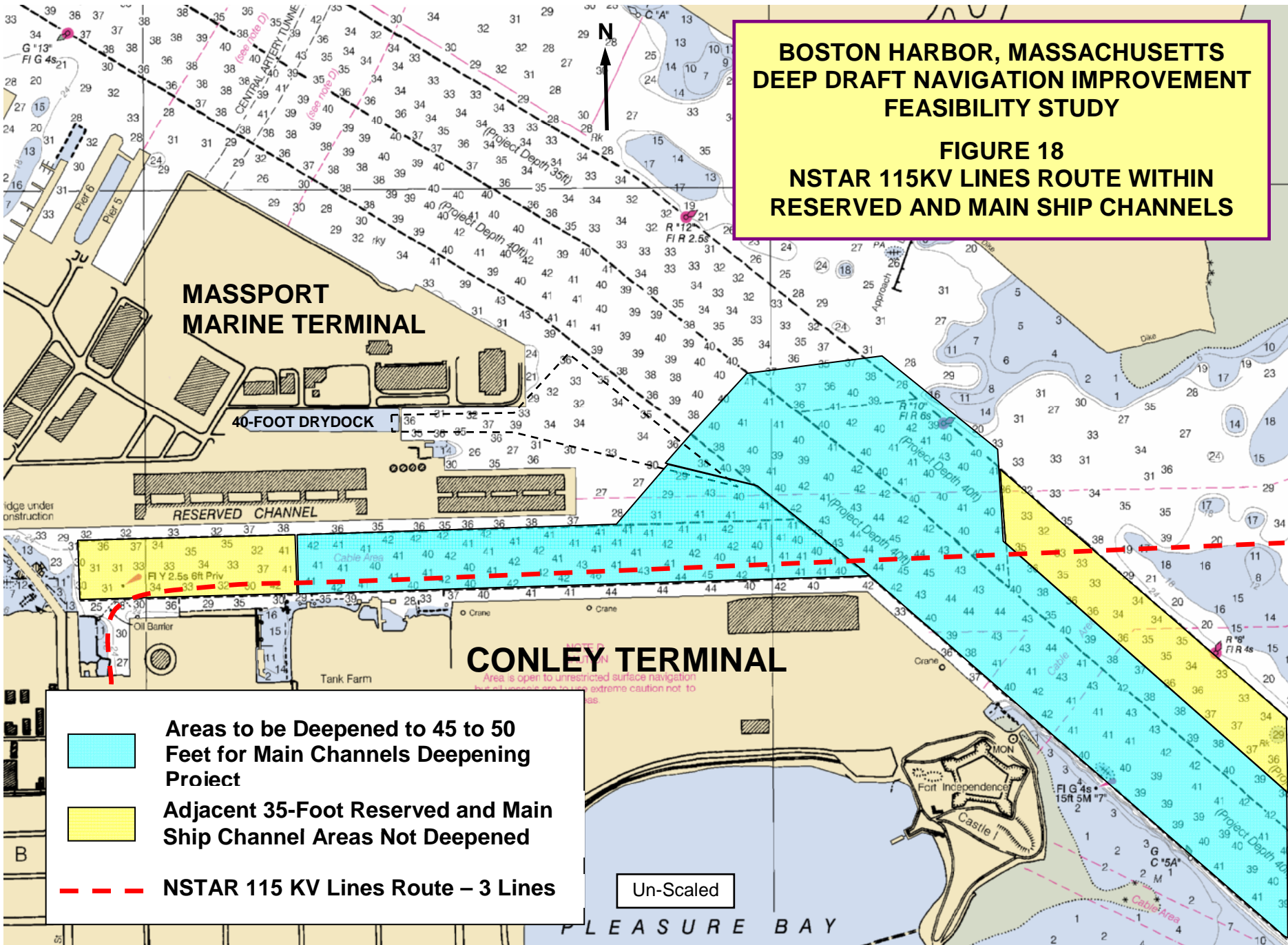


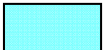
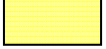

**Areas Outside of Existing Project
Deepened to 45 to 50 Feet**



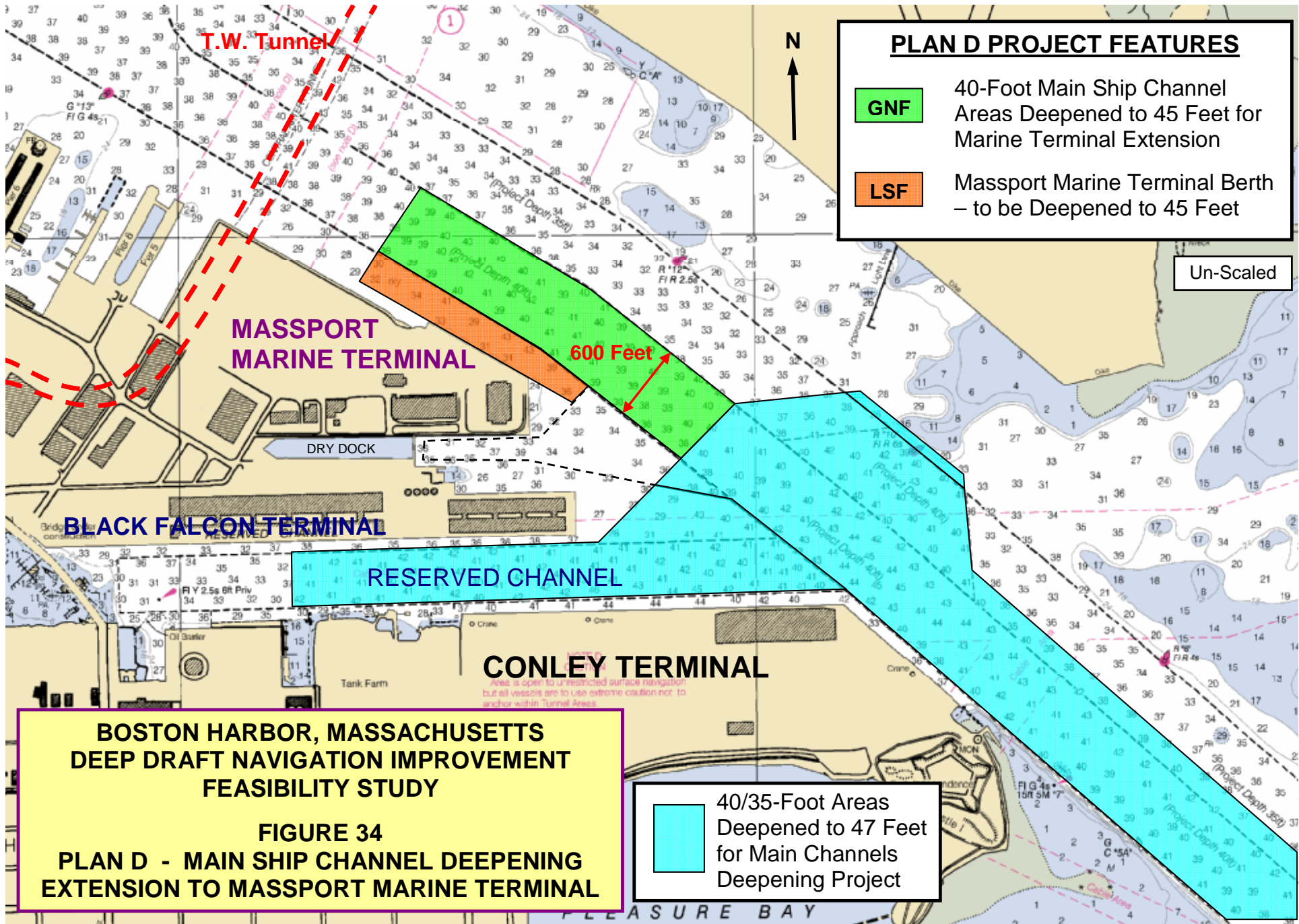
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FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**FIGURE 18
NSTAR 115KV LINES ROUTE WITHIN
RESERVED AND MAIN SHIP CHANNELS**



-  Areas to be Deepened to 45 to 50 Feet for Main Channels Deepening Project
-  Adjacent 35-Foot Reserved and Main Ship Channel Areas Not Deepened
-  NSTAR 115 KV Lines Route – 3 Lines

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PLAN D PROJECT FEATURES

- GNF** 40-Foot Main Ship Channel Areas Deepened to 45 Feet for Marine Terminal Extension
- LSF** Massport Marine Terminal Berth – to be Deepened to 45 Feet

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MASSPORT MARINE TERMINAL

600 Feet

DRY DOCK

BLACK FALCON TERMINAL

RESERVED CHANNEL

CONLEY TERMINAL

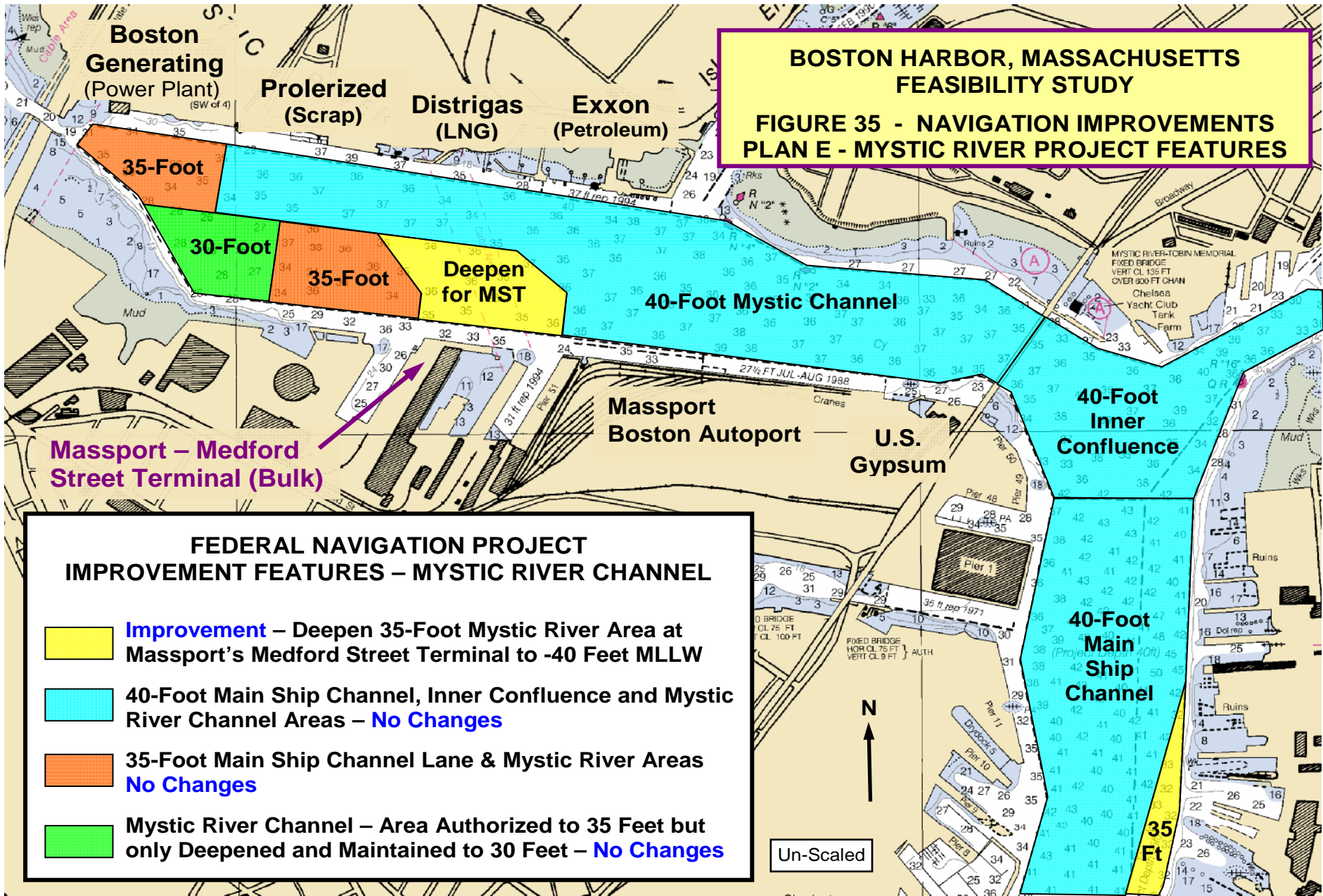
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**FIGURE 34
PLAN D - MAIN SHIP CHANNEL DEEPENING
EXTENSION TO MASSPORT MARINE TERMINAL**


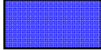
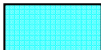
**40/35-Foot Areas
Deepened to 47 Feet
for Main Channels
Deepening Project**

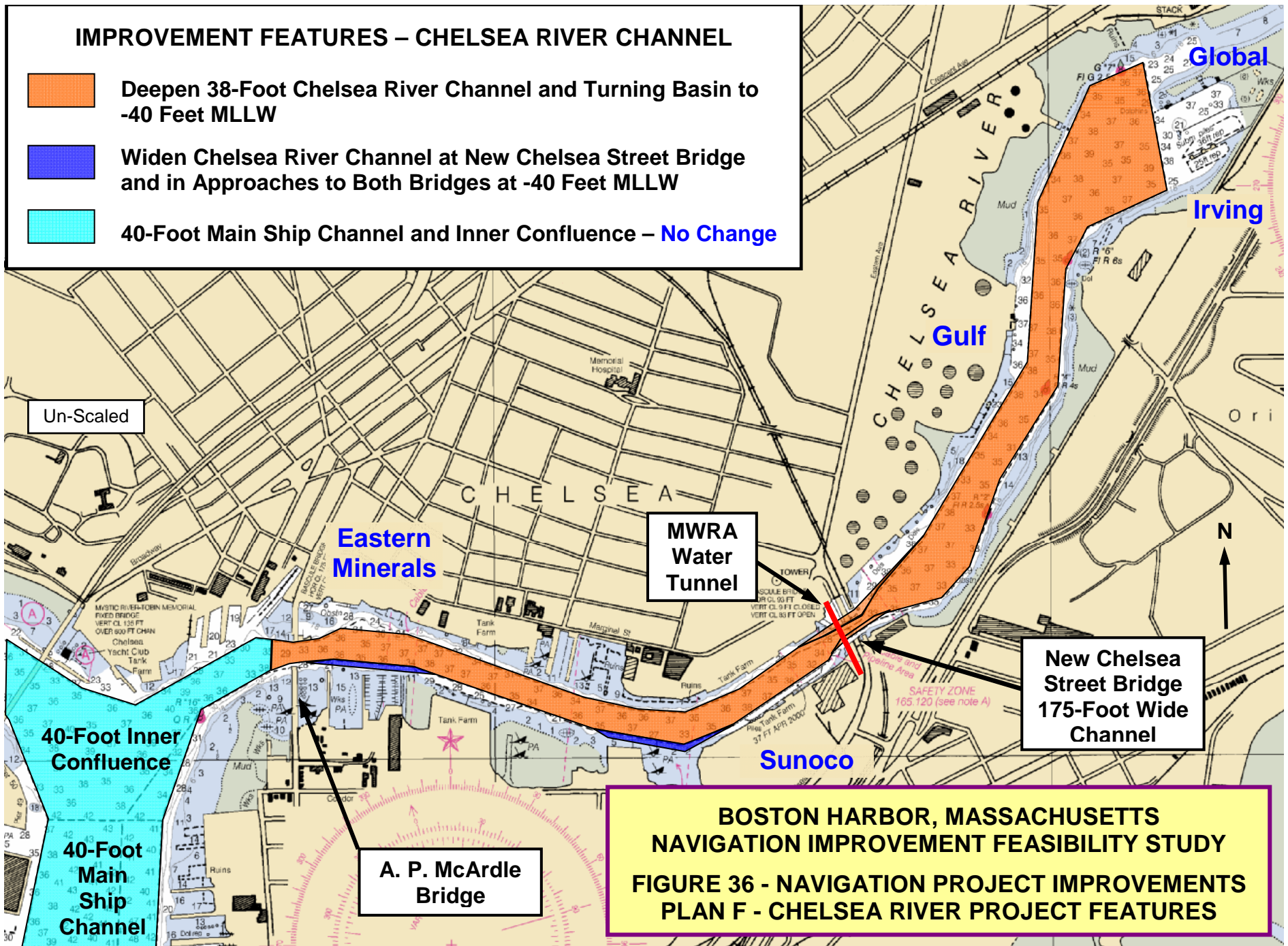
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**FIGURE 35 - NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS
PLAN E - MYSTIC RIVER PROJECT FEATURES**

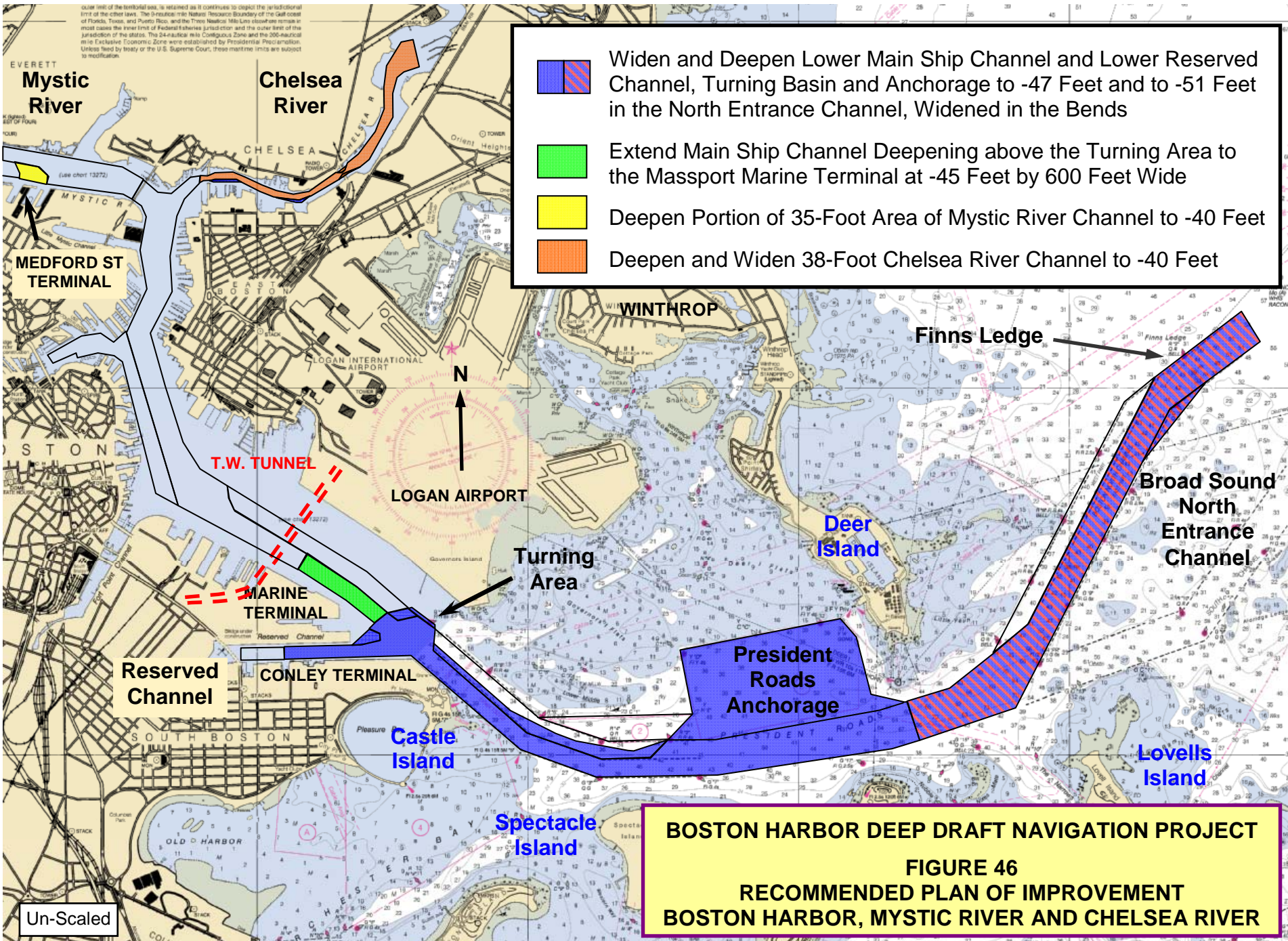


IMPROVEMENT FEATURES – CHELSEA RIVER CHANNEL

-  Deepen 38-Foot Chelsea River Channel and Turning Basin to -40 Feet MLLW
-  Widen Chelsea River Channel at New Chelsea Street Bridge and in Approaches to Both Bridges at -40 Feet MLLW
-  40-Foot Main Ship Channel and Inner Confluence – No Change



**BOSTON HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS
 NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY
 FIGURE 36 - NAVIGATION PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS
 PLAN F - CHELSEA RIVER PROJECT FEATURES**



BOSTON HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT DREDGING QUANTITY ESTIMATES (1000s of CY)

	CY Ordinary Material	CY Rock	Total CY
Main Channels Improvement to 47 Feet for Conley Terminal (Entrance Channel to 51 Feet)	10,221	900	11,121
Extend Deepening of MSC to Marine Terminal at 45 Feet	246	78	41
Deepen Portion of 35-Foot Mystic Channel to 40 Feet	67	0	9
Deepen 38-Foot Chelsea River Channel to 40 Feet	342	1	78
TOTAL PROJECT (12/2012)	10,876	979	11,855

TABLE 32

BOSTON HARBOR DEEP DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - DREDGING QUANTITIES (CUBIC YARDS)

Detailed Plans	Ordinary Material			Ledge Blasting and Removal				Total Quantity - All Material		
	Cut to Design Depth	2-Foot Pay Overdepth Allowance	Total Ordinary Material	Cut to Design Depth	2-Foot Additional Required	2-Foot Pay Overdepth	Total All Rock Removal	All Required Material	All Overdepth	Total All Material
Plan ABC Includes Deepening of the Broad Sound North Entrance Channel to 51 Feet, and Deepening the President Roads Anchorage, Widened Lower Main Ship Channel, Lower Reserved Channel & Expanded Reserved Channel Turning Area to 47 Feet										
47/51-Foot Depth	7,093,800	3,127,100	10,220,900	409,300	271,600	218,800	899,800	7,774,700	3,345,900	11,120,700
PLAN D - MAIN SHIP CHANNEL DEEPENING EXTENSION TO MASSPORT MARINE TERMINAL AT 600-FOOT WIDTH										
45-Foot Depth	151,800	94,500	246,300	12,600	29,500	36,300	78,400	193,900	130,800	324,700
PLAN E - MYSTIC RIVER CHANNEL DEEPENING PLANS FOR MASSPORT MEDFORD STREET TERMINAL ACCESS										
40-Foot Depth	38,500	28,600	67,100	0	0	0	0	38,500	28,600	67,100
PLAN F - CHELSEA RIVER CHANNEL DEEPENING PLANS										
40-Foot Depth	80,200	262,400	342,600	0	50	490	540	80,200	262,900	343,100
TOTAL OF ALL RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENT INCREMENTS - PLANS ABC, D, E & F										
ABC-D-E-F	7,364,300	3,512,600	10,876,900	421,900	301,150	255,590	978,740	8,087,300	3,768,200	11,855,600

**TABLE 51
RECOMMENDED PLANS OF IMPROVEMENT
MAIN CHANNELS DEEPENING TO CONLEY TERMINAL
WITH MAIN SHIP CHANNEL EXTENSION TO MMT, MYSTIC RIVER CHANNEL DEEPENING TO MST,
AND CHELSEA RIVER CHANNEL DEEPENING**

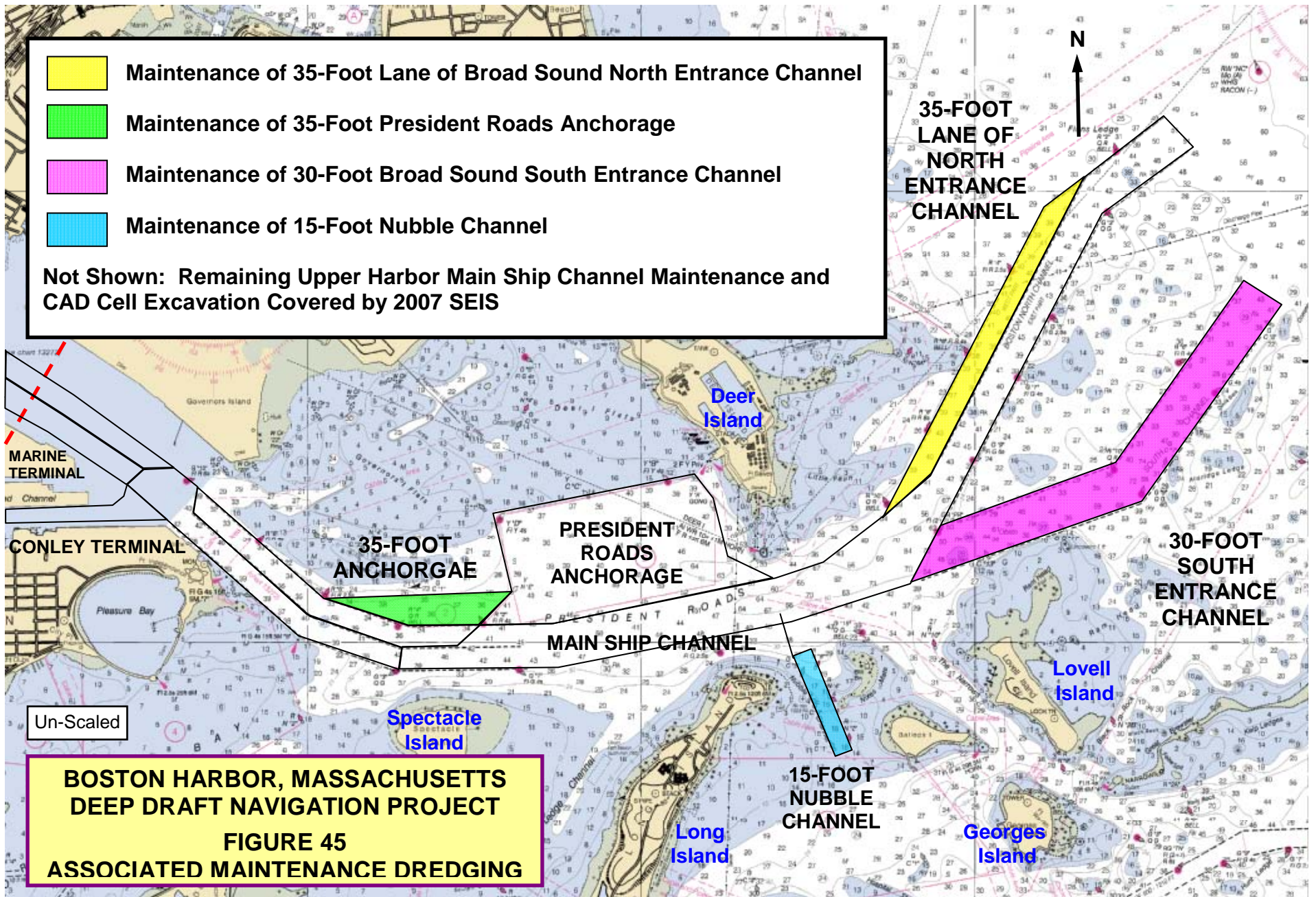
RECOMMENDED PLANS OF IMPROVEMENT BY PROJECT SEGMENT		PLAN ABC MAIN CHANNELS 47/51 FEET	PLAN D MSC TO MMT 45 FEET	PLAN E MYSTIC RIVER 40 FEET	PLAN F CHELSEA RIVER 40 FEET	TOTAL COMBINED 4 PLANS ABC-47/51 + D, E & F
	Components of Recommended Plan					
FIRST COST - JULY 2011 ESTIMATE						
	General Navigation Features - Construction	\$252,130,000	\$15,431,000	\$1,902,000	\$9,943,000	\$279,406,000
	GNF - PED Costs	\$5,373,000	\$367,000	\$170,000	\$394,000	\$6,304,000
	GNF - Construction Management Costs	<u>\$8,583,000</u>	<u>\$843,000</u>	<u>\$288,000</u>	<u>\$960,000</u>	<u>\$10,685,000</u>
	Total GNF - July 2011 Estimate	\$266,096,000	\$16,641,000	\$2,341,000	\$11,297,000	\$296,375,000
	Real Estate (LERRDs)	\$125,000	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$18,000	\$162,000
	Aids to Navigation	\$192,000	\$24,000	\$0	\$48,000	\$264,000
	Utility Relocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
	Local Service Facilities (Berths)	<u>\$446,000</u>	<u>\$1,344,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,493,000</u>	<u>\$3,283,000</u>
	Total First Cost - July 2011 Estimate	\$266,859,000	\$18,024,000	\$2,345,000	\$27,856,000	\$315,084,000
PROJECT FIRST COST - CONSTANT DOLLAR BASIS - 2013 BUDGET YEAR						
	Total GNF First Cost - PY2013 Basis	\$275,637,000	\$17,231,000	\$2,419,000	\$11,687,000	\$306,974,000
	Local Service Facilities (Berths)	\$462,000	\$1,394,000	\$0	\$1,548,000	\$3,404,000
	Total Project First Cost - PY2013 Basis	\$276,428,000	\$18,666,000	\$2,423,000	\$28,304,000	\$325,821,000
FULLY FUNDED PROJECT COST						
	Total GNF Fully Funded Cost - Escalated	\$285,795,000	\$18,303,000	\$2,471,000	\$11,919,000	\$318,488,000
	Local Service Facilities (Berths)	\$476,000	\$1,475,000	\$0	\$1,573,000	\$3,524,000
	Escalated/Fully Funded Project Cost	\$286,612,000	\$19,821,000	\$2,475,000	\$28,562,000	\$337,470,000

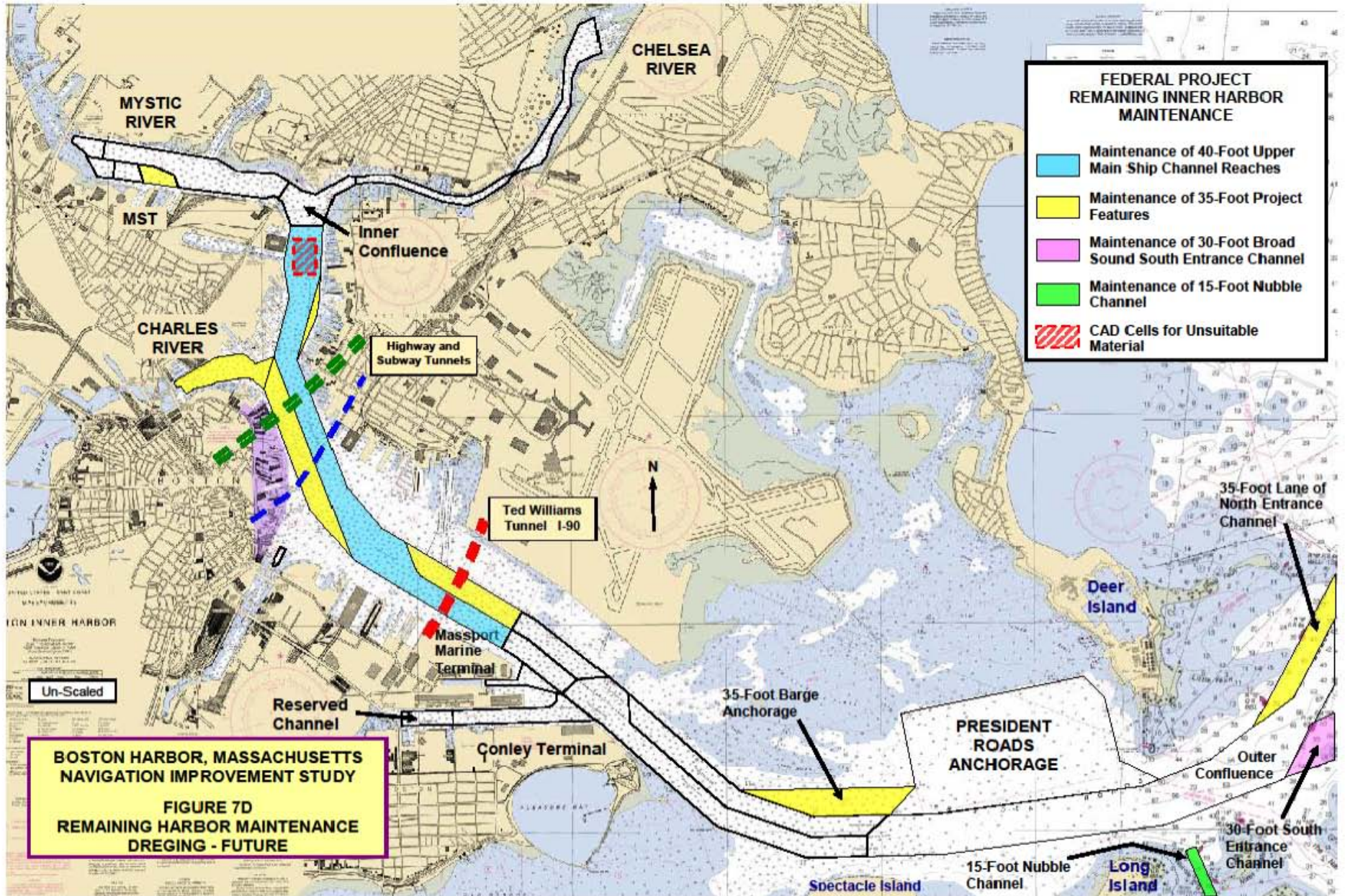
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BOSTON HARBOR NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENT STUDY

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED PLAN COSTS AND BENEFIT/COST ANALYSIS

July 2011 Price Levels with April 2012 Contingency Risk Analysis FY 2012 Interest Rates	Main Channels Improvements	Main Ship Channel Extension to Marine Terminal	Mystic River Channel Deepening	Chelsea River Channel Deepening	Total All Recommended Improvements
	PLAN ABC	PLAN D	PLAN E	PLAN F	COMBINED
GNF Construction	47/51 Feet	45 Feet	40 Feet	40 Feet	
Total First Cost - July 2011 Price	\$266,413,000	\$16,680,000	\$2,345,000	\$11,363,000	\$296,801,000
Investment Cost (+IDC)	\$280,619,000	\$16,758,000	\$2,345,000	\$11,434,000	\$311,156,000
Local Service Facilities Cost	\$446,000	\$1,344,000	\$0	\$1,493,000	\$3,283,000
Total Annual Costs (Fed & Non-Fed)	\$12,770,000	\$829,000	\$116,000	\$718,000	\$14,433,000
Total Annual Benefits	\$102,555,000	\$1,161,000	\$221,000	\$1,936,000	\$105,873,000
Benefit/Cost Ratio	8.03	1.40	1.91	2.70	7.34
Net Annual Benefits	\$89,785,000	\$332,000	\$105,000	\$1,218,000	\$91,440,000





DREDGING QUANTITY ESTIMATES (1000s of CY) For Associated Maintenance Dredging

	CY Cut to Design Depth	Over Depth	Total CY
Broad Sound South Channel	53	86	139
Broad Sound North Channel 35-Foot Lane	246	78	56
Nubble Channel	1	1	2
35-Foot Barge Anchorage	2	65	67
Chelsea River Remaining O&M	126	88	214
Total Associated Maintenance	215	263	478
Upper Main Ship Channel and Mystic River O&M Remaining from Work Covered in 2007 SEIS	589	415	994
Upper Main Ship Channel CAD Cell from Work Covered in 2007 SEIS	1,176	0	1,176

All Dredged Materials from Boston Harbor Would be Beneficially Used

All Materials Suitable for Unconfined Ocean Disposal at Mass Bay Disposal Site by US EPA and Corps

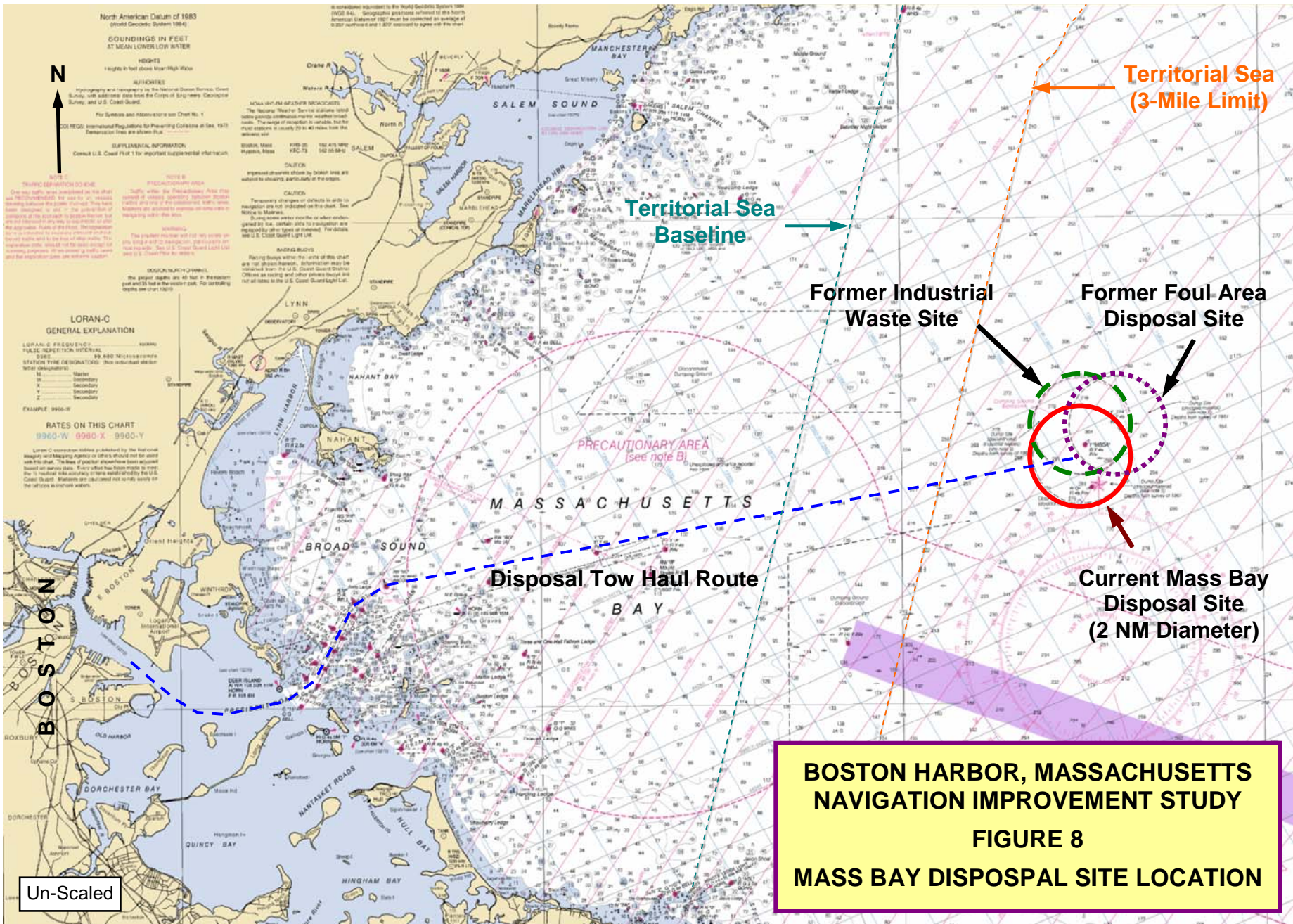
- 300-Foot Deep Basin Site has Indefinite Capacity

Beneficial Use Potential for Clay and Unconsolidated Material

- One-Time Opportunity for Using Dredged Material as Clean Cap Material for Old Industrial Waste Site
- US EPA Monitored Former Ocean Waste Site Contains Barrel Fields of Chemical and Radiological Waste from 1930s to 1970s. EPA has asked Corps to cap the site.

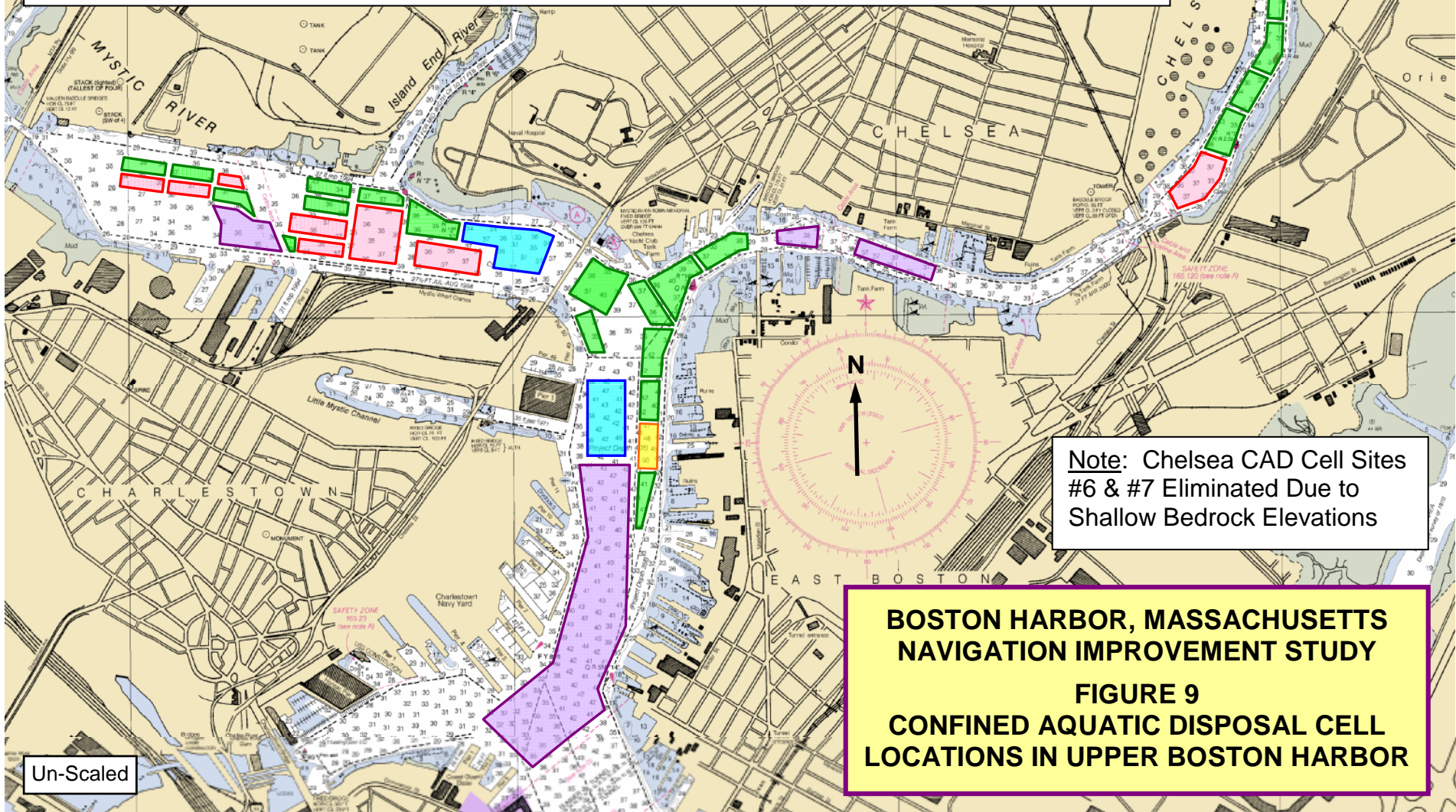
Beneficial Use Potential for Rock and Till

- Rock Reef and Hard Bottom Habitat in Mass Bay
- State may Process Ashore for Use in Shore Protection Work



UPPER HARBOR CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL CELL LOCATIONS

- Cells Used for 1998-2001 Improvement Project
- Cells Proposed for Inner Harbor Maintenance
- Areas Available for Possible Additional Cell Development above the Tunnels
- Cell IC2 – Conley Berth (Phase I)
- Approved but Unused Cell Sites



Note: Chelsea CAD Cell Sites #6 & #7 Eliminated Due to Shallow Bedrock Elevations

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**FIGURE 9
CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL CELL
LOCATIONS IN UPPER BOSTON HARBOR**

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Container Truck Haul Mileage Saved

Under the Base Economic Case – 3 Carrier Services Use Larger Ships and PONYNJ Landings of New England Cargo Shifts to Boston Harbor

- 218,800 TEUs annually shift to ships
- 125,000 Trucks reduce their haul distance
- 148.5 miles saved per trip
- 18.5 million truck miles annually
- About 3 million gallons diesel fuel saved annually
- Road air emissions reduced
- Traffic safety and congestion improved.

Next Steps in Process

- Re-coordination with State and Federal Agencies - Ongoing
- Agency Technical Review of Revised Report & SEIS – January 2013.
- Revised Report Submitted to Corps HQ – February 2013
- Civil Works Review Board Reconsideration – March 2013
- Draft Chief of Engineers Report with Final Report & FSEIS Released for State (Governor) and Agency (Federal Cabinet Level) Review and Notice in Federal Register – April 2013
- Chief's Report Submitted to Assistant Secretary of the Army and OMB – Summer 2013
- Record of Decision Published – Late Summer 2013
- Reports Submitted to Congress for Action – Fall 2013
- Design Phase Efforts Commence – Summer 2013
- Construction Requires Authorization of Project by Congress thru Water Resources Development Act

Critical Design Phase Activities

Continue Technical Working Group Involvement During Design Phase

Execute Design Phase Cost-Sharing Agreement with Massport

Dredged Material Characterization

- Subsurface Explorations to Define Nature and Amount of Rock and Other Hard Material and Identify Potential Removal Methods
- Refine Dredging Quantities and Durations
- Confirm Suitability of Associated Maintenance Area Sediments

Develop Dredge and Rock Removal Sequencing Plans

- Time of Year Sensitivities of Fisheries Resources and Listed Species
- Timeline of Other Harbor Activities and Traffic Management Strategy

Identify Potential Beneficial Uses of the Rock and Gauge Financial Interest

- Identify Costs of Rehandling Rock for Various Uses Proposed by Others

Identify Alternative Air Quality Mitigation Measures if Necessary

- EPA Revised Attainment for Boston Area?

NStar-MWRA Power Cable Elevation Resolved for Reserved/MS Channels

Critical Design Phase Activities

Remaining Cultural Resource Investigations

- Cultural Resource Surveys in Chelsea River Widening Areas
- Cultural Resource Investigations at Proposed Rock Reef Creation Sites
- Cultural Resource Investigations for Shipwrecks at IWS if to be Capped

Update Project Cost and Cost-Sharing

Congress Includes Project in Water Resources Development Act

Identify Non-Federal Funding Sources

Execute Project Cooperation Agreement with Massport