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Levee Safety Program

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Comment Period Closes: May 15, 2025

**7 DAY PUBLIC NOTICE
ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT
PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408
ROUTE 125 (BRIDGE STREET) BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
HAVERHILL, MA**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to allow the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to replace the Route 125 (Bridge Street) bridge over the Merrimack River. The proposed work is adjacent to the Merrimack River Left Bank – Haverhill, MA levee system. The levee system is operated and maintained by the city of Haverhill, MA and consists of a concrete seawall along the north bank of the Merrimack River, one closure structure, and one pump station to remove stormwater from the leveed area. The wall is approximately 2,280 feet long starting at the Route 125 (Basiliere Bridge) and extending upstream. MassDOT is proposing to replace the existing bridge, which has seven spans over the Merrimack River, with a five-span, concrete open spandrel arch bridge. The proposed bridge will be approximately 630 feet long and the new bridge piers will be supported on drilled shafts.

This notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408, USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of USACE civil works projects if it is determined that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Federal project. USACE has made the preliminary determination that the replacement of the Route 125 bridge will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or the ability of the City of Haverhill to operate and maintain the Merrimack River Left Bank – Haverhill, MA levee system.

The public is invited to provide comment. To request more information contact: Heather Shields, Levee Safety Program Manager, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8081, Heather.P.Shields@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on May 12, 2025. Letters should be postmarked by this date.