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ALTERATION OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CIVIL WORKS PROJECT PURSUANT TO 33 USC 408: BRIDGE REPLACEMENT SEEKONK RIVER FEDERAL NAVIGATION PROJECT (FNP) PROVIDENCE AND EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (USACE) is evaluating plans under 33 U.S.C. 408 (Section 408) to replace the Washington Bridge over the Seekonk River proposed by the Rhode Island Department of Transportation. The existing bridge piers will be removed to the mudline, and the new piers will be placed outside of the channel offset. The new bridge will provide 42-feet of vertical clearance above mean high water over the Seekonk River FNP.

This Notice is being issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 408 and USACE Engineering Circular (EC) 1165-2-220. Section 408 allows USACE to grant permission for the alteration, occupation, or use of a USACE civil works project 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 new bridge structure will not have a negative impact on public interest, use, or our ability to maintain the Seekonk River FNP. The public is invited to provide comment associated with this Section 408 evaluation. To request more information contact: Christina Comeau, Navigation Section, New England District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742, (978) 318-8705 or Christina.M.Comeau@usace.army.mil. The comment period will end on December 29, 2025. Letters should be postmarked by this date.