



Public Notice

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**Reply To:
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: CEMVS-OD-R
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833**

Permission No.
OD-R 23-038
Public Notice Date
October 16, 2025
Expiration Date
November 15, 2025

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REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO MODIFY A U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECT UNDER SECTION 408

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army Section 408 permission for certain work near federally constructed flood protection projects of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached maps.

COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice number shown above and must reach this office no later than the above expiration date of the Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Readiness Branch
1222 Spruce Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2833
ATTN: Matthew J. Hartman, P.E.
or Matthew.J.Hartman@usace.army.mil

REQUESTER: Gonzalez Companies, LLC. Attention: Mr. Brent Taylor, P.E.

LOCATION: The site is located along and perpendicular to the Metro East Sanitary District (MESD) Levee and the Prairie du Pont Levee. The work is located at the approximate coordinates 38°32'51"N 90°09'37"W in Cahokia Heights, IL. (St Clair County, Illinois).

PROPOSED ACTION: The requester is seeking permission to make alterations to the MESD and Prairie du Pont levees. The proposed project consists of the removal of the existing three-span bridge on spill through abutments and pile bent piers and construction of a new three-span bridge. The proposed bridge is anticipated to be a three-span bridge supported by steel pile spill through abutments and individually encased steel pile bent piers. The proposed bridge opening is expected to be approximately equivalent to the existing structure. The abutment slopes under the bridge will be protected with stone riprap. The stream will be self-mitigating with a proposed condition of riprapped

streambank (linear length of stream disturbance is anticipated to be approximately 80 ft.). It is anticipated that approximately 80 Cu Yd (or less) of riprap fill will be placed below the Ordinary High-Water Elevation (400.0±). All work will be performed in accordance with the Illinois Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: See Attachment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Matthew Hartman, P.E., St. Louis District 408 Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8568. Your inquiries may also be sent by e-mail to Matthew.J.Hartman@usace.army.mil.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: The St. Louis District Regulatory Branch has conducted a preliminary review of the proposed project. Based upon review of the project activity description, as well as the location of the work, the Regulatory Branch determined that this activity would trigger the need for a Department of the Army Permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as the proposed project involves a discharge in Prairie du Pont Creek, a tributary of the Mississippi River, a navigable in-fact water. The St. Louis District Regulatory Branch intends to issue a Department of the Army Nationwide Permit #14 (Linear Transportation Project) for the proposed actions (MVS-2023-640).

EVALUATION: The decision whether to grant the requested permission for project modification under Section 408 will be based on several factors. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. Review of the requests for modification will be reviewed by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers technical review team considering the following factors:

1. **Impair the Usefulness of the Project Determination.** The review team will determine if the proposed alteration would limit the ability of the project to function as authorized, or would compromise or change any authorized project conditions, purposes, or outputs. The decision whether to approve a request for modification would be based on a determination of no impairments.
2. **Injurious to the Public Interest Determination.** Proposed alterations will be reviewed to determine the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed alteration to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that are relevant in each case. Factors that may be relevant to the public interest depend upon the type of USACE project being altered and may include, but are not limited to, such things as conservation, economic development, historic properties, cultural resources, environmental impacts, water supply, water quality, flood hazards, floodplains, residual risk, induced damages, navigation, shore erosion or accretion, and recreation. The decision whether to approve an alteration will be determined by the consideration of whether benefits are commensurate with risks. If the potential detriments are found to outweigh the potential benefits, then it may be determined that the proposed alteration is injurious to the public interest.
3. **Environmental Compliance.** A decision on a Section 408 request is a federal action and is therefore subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other environmental compliance requirements. While ensuring compliance is the responsibility of USACE, the requester is providing all information that the St. Louis District identifies as necessary to satisfy

all applicable federal laws, executive orders, regulations, policies, and ordinances. NEPA and other analysis completed to comply with the other environmental statutes (e.g. Endangered Species Act) should be commensurate with the scale and potential effects of the activity that would alter the US Army Corps of Engineers project. The scope of analysis for the NEPA and environmental compliance evaluations for the Section 408 review is limited to the area of alteration and those adjacent areas that are directly or indirectly affected by the alteration.

In compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, lists of species and critical habitat were acquired from the USFWS Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) website on 15 October 2025. (Project Code: 2026-0004849) for the Proposed Action Area. The IPaC list included four bat species: the Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, and tricolored bat; one insect: monarch butterfly; and one plant: decurrent false aster. A “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” (NLAA) determination was made for gray bat, Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, tricolored bat, and decurrent false aster and a “not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of” determination for the monarch butterfly. The Service will be invited to consult on these effects determinations during the Public Notice period and any comments will be resolved before the permit is issued.

St. Louis District Archaeologists conducted a Historic Property Preliminary Review on 22 October 2024. This review determined that the project area has been previously surveyed. Additionally, the project area has been disturbed by highway construction. For this reason, the USACE – St. Louis has made a “No Potential to Affect Historic Properties” determination.

All actions taken were in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA). In the unlikely event that, earthmoving activities associated with the proposed work did impact potentially significant archeological/historic remains, all construction activities and earthmoving actions in the immediate vicinity of the remains would be held in abeyance until the potential significance of the remains could be determined. The precise nature of such investigations would be developed by the Saint Louis District in concert with the professional staff of the Illinois SHPO.

4. Environmental Impact Statement. A preliminary determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.
5. Technical Analysis. The St. Louis District is working closely with the requestor to ensure that all technical plans, maps, drawings, specifications are provided and complete. A District-led Technical Review is being conducted to determine any potential adverse impacts to the US Army Corps of Engineers flood protection system.

SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and Local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permission for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are taken into consideration in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to

determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

SUMMARY: It should be noted that materials submitted as part of the Section 408 request become part of the public record and are thus available to the general public under the procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individuals may submit a written request to obtain materials under FOIA or make an appointment to view the project file at the St. Louis District Corps of Engineers, Office of Counsel.

Interested parties wishing to comment on the proposed activity must do so in writing no later than **November 15, 2025**. It is presumed that all parties receiving this notice will wish to respond to this public notice; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the project as described.

This public notice is not a paid advertisement and is for public information only. Issuance of this notice does not imply Corps of Engineers endorsement of the project as described.

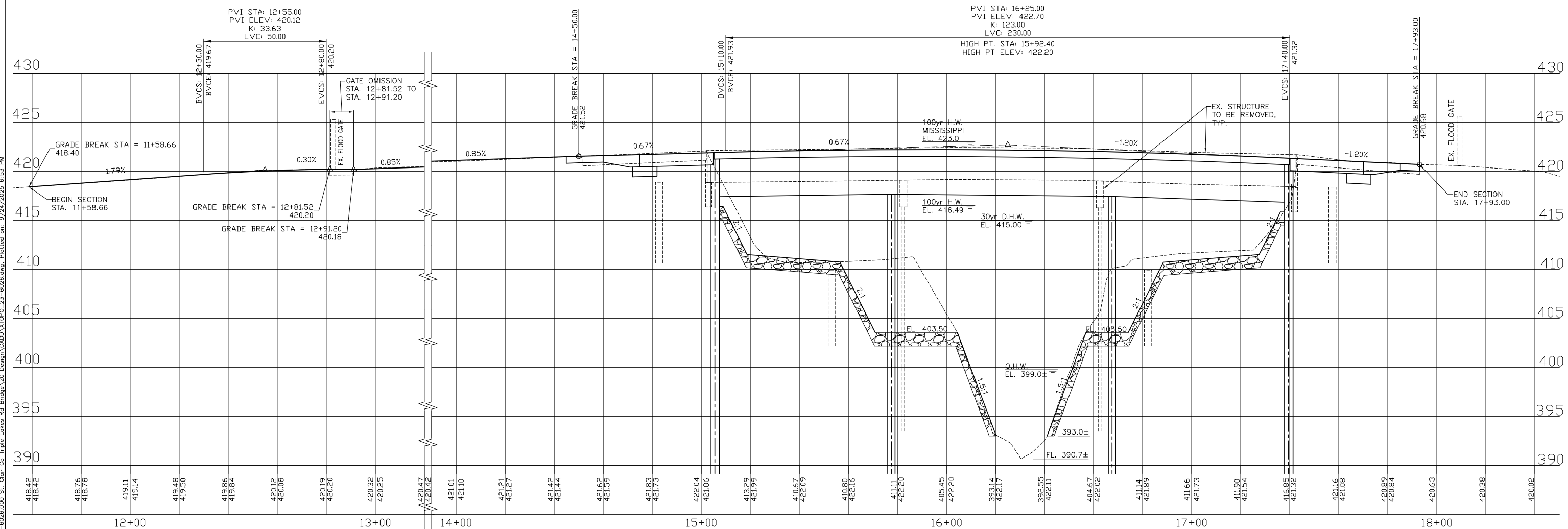
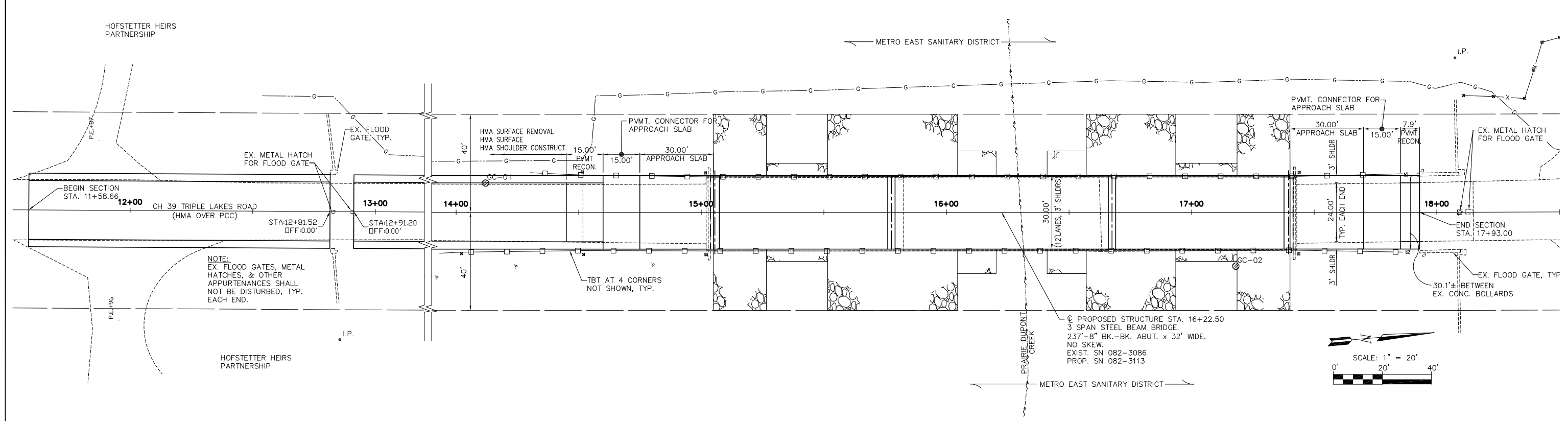
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Jennifer R. Moehlmann
Acting Chief, Readiness Branch

Attachment

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 30 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.



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