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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 19-039
Public Notice Date
January 30, 2020**

**Expiration Date
February 14, 2020**

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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: Jeremy Eck, or Jeremy.L.Eck@usace.army.mil

REQUESTER: Olsson, on behalf of Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR), Attention: Mr. Zachary Hoffman

LOCATION: The proposed bridge replacement, Bridge 17.50 is located along UPRR's Chester Subdivision near Fountain, Monroe County, IL. More specifically, the bridge is located at latitude 38.36413° N and longitude 90.28396° W. Bridge 17.50 spans Fountain Creek, serving UPRR's two mainline tracks running generally in a north – south direction. The southern abutment of the bridge to be replaced is located on the Harrisonville levee.

PROPOSED ACTION: The applicant is proposing to replace Segment D (southern approach spans) of Bridge 17.50 Chester Subdivision, located in Monroe County, Illinois. The Segment D timber spans have reached their useful design life, and UPRR is proposing to replace Segment D with 3 @ 30-ft spans of Prestressed Concrete Box (PCB) Girder bridge and 1 @ 16-ft span of Prestressed Concrete Slab (PCS) Girder bridge for a total Segment D length of 106 ft. The proposed spans will be supported by three 20-inch diameter pipe piles. The piles will be drive in between each new span length and on the water side of the levee. The existing Segment D bridge will be removed. The existing timber piles which will be cut off at ground level. The proposed 1 @16-ft span of PCS Girder bridge will then be placed next to the existing Segment C. The proposed 3 @ 30-ft spans of PCB Girder bridge will then be placed next to the proposed 1 @ 16-ft PCS Girder bridge.

LOCATION MAPS AND DRAWINGS: The attached map shows the approximate location of the proposed project in relation to the flood risk reduction project and its associated features. See Attachment

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jeremy L. Eck, St. Louis District 408 Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (314) 331-8568. Your inquiries may also be sent by electronic facsimile to (314) 331-8725 or by e-mail to Jeremy.L.Eck@usace.army.mil.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY: This request will be reviewed according to the provisions of Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408). The applicant has notified the Regulatory Branch and the proposed project maintenance activities may be exempt and/or appear to comply with Nationwide Permit 3 (Maintenance) and/or Nationwide Permit 14 (Linear Transportation Projects). These general permits are applicable to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The nationwide permits also include the Section 401 Water Quality Certification for Illinois.

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 particular 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 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.
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 **FEBRUARY 14, 2020**. 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.

ORIGINAL SIGNED



JOHN L. OSTERHAGE, P.E.
Chief, Readiness Branch

Attachment

NOTICE TO POSTMASTERS:

It is requested that this notice be conspicuously and continually placed for 15 days from the date of this issuance of this notice.

