



Date: September 15, 2020  
To: Hampton Roads Mariners, Adjacent Property Owners, and Local Marine Related Facilities  
From: Hampton Roads Connector Partners  
Re: Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel Expansion Project  
Subject: **Notification of USCG Public Notices re. HRBT and Willoughby Bay Bridge**

Hampton Roads Connector Partners (HRCP), the design-build contractor to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel (HRBT) Expansion Project, is currently working with the United States Coast Guard Fifth Coast Guard District in Portsmouth to notify members of the local maritime community of the HRBT Expansion Project and to solicit information, requested by the U.S. Coast Guard, associated with the Public Notice (PN) process. In addition to the PN postings on the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center webpage, HRCP is reaching out to local mariners, adjacent property owners, and marine facilities to inform them of the two U.S. Coast Guard Public Notices related to the HRBT Expansion Project. A copy of each PN is available on the USCG website <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges&Active=1&region=5> for your review.

The first Public Notice, D05PN-09-2020, deals with the proposed location and plans for construction of new north and south approach bridges for an existing highway fixed bridge and tunnel system over the navigable Hampton Roads waterway, mile 0.0, between Norfolk VA and Hampton, VA. The second Public Notice, D05PN-10-2020, deals with the proposed location and plans for modification of an existing highway fixed bridge over the navigable Willoughby Bay, mile 1.5, in Norfolk, VA.

The public comment period for these two U.S. Coast Guard PNs began on September 7, 2020 and continues through October 7, 2020. In the enclosed PNs, you will notice a section titled "Solicitation of Comments" whereby mariners are requested to provide navigational information (such as the sizes and types of vessels owned and operated on the waterway and the nature of navigation on the waterway) and to comment on the navigational clearances and other details of the proposed bridges to the Office of Commander (dpc), Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004, using the Response Form within the PN, by **October 7, 2020**.

Thank you for your assistance in providing navigational information and comments to these two PNs to the United States Coast Guard Fifth Coast Guard District. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the HRBT Expansion Project, please contact Stephen Meyers, HRCP Project Communications Manager, at [smeyers@hrcpjb.com](mailto:smeyers@hrcpjb.com) or (757) 375-4725.