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Baltimore District
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Public Notice

In Reply to Application Number
NAB-2020-00388-P07 (PA DOT – 83 South Bridge
Replacement)

Comment Period: May 19, 2022 to June 18, 2022

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE INTERSTATE 83 SOUTH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND TO SOLICIT COMMENTS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 8-0 and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, will conduct Joint Public Hearing on May 25, 2022 and May 26, 2022, for the 83 South Bridge Replacement project (also known as the John Harris Memorial Bridge Replacement project), located over the Susquehanna River in Dauphin and Cumberland Counties, Pennsylvania. The hearing will be conducted as part of the PennDOT/FHWA 45-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The PennDOT/FHWA public review and comment period began on May 10, 2022 and will end on June 9, 2022. The Baltimore District will accept comments related to Section 404 Clean Water Act regulations and Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act regulations related to the Draft EA from May 19, 2022 through June 18, 2022.

The Draft EA analyzes environmental impacts associated with the proposed bridge replacement and associated improvements, pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The proposed 83 South Bridge Replacement involves replacing the existing structure that conveys Interstate 83 traffic across the Susquehanna River. No-build, bridge rehabilitation, transportation redirection, and build alternatives are considered in the Draft EA. The build alternative that was forwarded in the Draft EA proposes 1.88 acre of permanent fill within the Susquehanna River for bridge piers; and 4.02 acre of temporary fills supporting demolition and construction. Affected resources include Waters of the United State, including wetlands, and areas of submerged aquatic vegetation. Indirect and secondary effects include an increase in shading over the Susquehanna River.

The Draft EA and supporting technical files are available for public review on the project website at:

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/RegionalOffices/district-8/ConstructionsProjectsAndRoadwork/DauphinCty/Pages/I-83-South-Bridge-Project.aspx>

Interested parties would select the “Environmental Assessment Report-May 2022” from the menu bar on the right side of the screen. The Draft EA will also be available for review by the public at two public hearings.

In-person public hearings to receive public testimony on the EA have been scheduled for:

May 25, 2022: Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

May 26, 2022: Hilton Garden Inn -Harrisburg East, 3943 Techport Drive, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111

Doors will open to the facilities at 3:30 PM. Public Testimony at the hearings will begin at 4:30 PM, each day.

Those providing public testimony are asked to register in advance by calling 717-743-1005. Testimony times will be scheduled in 5-minute blocks and can be supplemented with written testimony

Comments regarding impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands may be submitted to the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers via electronic mail to nab.regulatory@usace.army.mil. The email subject should include the project name and number, NAB-2020-00388-P07 (PA DOT – 83 South Bridge Replacement). Comments should be received by the Corps before June 18, 2022. Written comments may also be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District
Attn: John Gibble, Transportation Program Manager
401 East Louthier Street, Suite 205
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013

For persons interested in the public hearing, but unable to attend the live hearings to provide testimony, the introductory remarks and hearing handouts will be available on the PennDOT project website.

General information regarding the Corps’ permitting process can be found on our website at <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>. This public notice has been prepared in accordance with Corps implementing regulations at 33 CFR 325.3. If you have any questions concerning this specific project or would like to request a paper copy of this public notice, please contact John Gibble at 717-249-9457 or by email at john.gibble@usace.army.mil. This public notice is issued by the Regulatory Branch Chief.