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Megan Neill, PE, Engineering Services Manager Multnomah County, Oregon 1403 SE Water Ave., Portland, OR 97214

Subj: Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge

Dear Ms. Neill:

Multnomah County Oregon proposes to replace the existing Burnside Bridge across the Willamette River, in Portland Oregon, with a new seismically resilient Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge that will remain operational and accessible for vehicles and other modes of transportation following a major Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. A seismically resilient Burnside Bridge will support the region's ability to provide rapid and reliable emergency response, rescue, and evacuation after a major earthquake, as well as enable post-earthquake economic recovery. In addition to ensuring that the crossing is seismically resilient, the purpose is also to provide a long-term, low-maintenance and safe bridge crossing for all users.

The new bridge will cross the Willamette River at essentially the same location as the existing bridge, at river mile 12.4, Lat: 45.31.23 N; Long: 122.40.032 W.

After reviewing several sources of information for the project including; Preliminary Navigation Study (PNS) dated November 18, 2019 and January 29, 2021, the applicant's initial Coast Guard bridge permit application, bridge Plan Sheets dated 4/11/2023; and comments received from mariners/maritime stakeholders collected from Public Notice #07-20, the Coast Guard is issuing this Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination (PNCD) letter.

The Coast Guard determines that a permanent bascule type drawbridge at the subject location must provide the minimum vertical and horizontal navigational clearances as shown in the table below in order to meet the reasonable needs of navigation at the bridge location.

Bascule Drawbridge Alternative	Existing	Proposed
Horizontal (open)	Main channel: 120 ft. between tips of bascule spans in the open to navigation position	Main channel: = or > 130 ft. between tips of bascule spans in the open to navigation position

Horizontal (closed)	Main channel: 205 ft.	Main channel: 205 ft.	
	West channel: 250 ft. East channel: 167 ft.	West channel: = or > 100 ft. East Channel: = or > 100 ft.	
Vertical (open)	Main channel: Unlimited	Main channel: Unlimited	
Vertical (closed)	Main channel: 64.0 ft. West channel: 28 ft to 36 ft. East channel: 35 ft to 37 ft.	Main channel: = or > 65.8 ft. West channel: = or >28 ft. East channel: = or >35ft.	

Note: the navigation clearances noted in the above table are referenced to the Columbia River Datum (CRD) as depicted on NOAA Nautical Chart 18526. The chart can be found at the link: https://charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/18526.shtml

This determination is based on the following factors:

- 1. The current bridge meets the reasonable needs of current and prospective navigation and the proposed bridge will maintain the same or greater navigational clearances, using the clearances shown in the Table above, and therefore will meet the reasonable needs of current and prospective navigation.
- 2. The NIR indicates that the clearances listed in the Table will meet the reasonable needs of navigation.
- 3. Plan Sheet drawings provided by the applicant, dated 4/11/2023.
- 4. Any temporary work structures used during construction of the permanent bridge shall maintain the minimum navigation clearances in the main navigation channel as follows: Vertical: 64.0 feet (in the closed position, as measured from CRD); Horizontal: 165 feet.
- 5. The new bridge will be required to include a bridge pier protection system.

The final Coast Guard navigation determination will be based on the final bridge design's ability to meet the reasonable needs of current and future navigation, as determined by the Coast Guard. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at (206) 220-7282 or email at steven.m.fischer3@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

STEVEN M. FISCHER
Bridge Program Administrator
Thirteenth Coast Guard District

By direction

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30 April, 2021

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Subj: Burnside Bridge

Dear Ms. Neill:

Your official application submittal letter for a Coast Guard Bridge Permit to replace the existing Burnside Bridge across the Willamette River at approximate river mile 12.4 was received on 28 April, 2021. Your project will be referenced as the Burnside Bridge.

Our initial review should be complete by approximately 28 May, 2021. At the end of our review we will either:

- a. Send you a letter stating that your application is complete, or;
- b. Send you a letter requesting additional information required for a complete application.

If you need any more information about our permit process, please call me at the above phone number.

Sincerely,

U.S. Coast Guard Thirteenth District Bridge Administrator











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