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New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
Attn: Jennifer E. Reczek, P.E.  
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Re: Preliminary Navigation Determination, Hampton River Bridge

Dear Ms. Reczek:

The Coast Guard has reviewed the New Hampshire DOT Navigation Impact Report submitted on July 3, 2019, and the supplemental information provided on December 10, 2019. NH DOT requested the Coast Guard provide a preliminary determination that a bridge clearance envelope of 80' horizontal and 48' vertical (at mean high water) for a replacement bridge meets the current and prospective needs of navigation. On October 23, 2019, Bridge Management Specialist, Jeffrey Stieb from my office and representatives from Coast Guard Sector Northern New England met with you in Hampton and Seabrook, New Hampshire to review the findings of the Navigation Impact Report.

Based on the information presently available, we have made a preliminary determination that a replacement bridge with these clearances, whether a fixed bridge or a drawbridge, will provide for the current and prospective needs of navigation on the Hampton River. However, if additional information is discovered during the bridge permitting process this Preliminary Navigation Determination may need to be revisited to insure the reasonable needs of navigation are met. Please note that this preliminary determination does not constitute an approval or final agency determination, which we can make only after NH DOT submits a complete bridge permit application.

To assist with the application, please refer to the Coast Guard's Bridge Permit Application Guide, COMDTPUB P16591.3 (series) which is available online at:

<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Office-of-Bridge-Programs/>.

Please contact me or Mr. Jeffrey Stieb at [jeffrey.d.stieb@uscg.mil](mailto:jeffrey.d.stieb@uscg.mil) , Phone: 617-223-8364 with any questions. We look forward to working with NH DOT and moving this project forward.

Sincerely,



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