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AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC NOTICE

An application has been received by the Commander Seventh Coast Guard District from Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., on behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Four, for a U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Permit. FDOT proposes to replace the existing single-leaf, Scherzer rolling lift CSX Railroad Bridge across the South Fork of the New River, mile 2.8, at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The proposed replacement bridge is a low-level, single-leaf rolling lift bridge that is 265.13 ft long and 22.50 ft wide. The new bridge will have a vertical clearance of 6 ft above Mean High Water in the closed position (55.32 ft in the open position) and a horizontal clearance of 70 feet between fenders normal to the axis of the channel. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) as lead federal agency for the project has signed an Environmental Assessment on July 1, 2011 and has made a tentative determination of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

A link to Public Notice (15-11) dated September 16, 2011 is published in the *Seventh Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) No. 38-11* dated September 20, 2011. Interested parties may access *LNM No. 38-11* at the following web site:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict®ion=7>

The public notice contains a detailed description of the proposed bridge project and includes location maps and bridge drawings with navigational clearances. The public may obtain the public notice by calling the Seventh Coast Guard District Bridge Administration Branch at 305-415-6989, by writing to Commander (dpb), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1ST Avenue, Suite 432, Miami, FL 33131, by email request at Evelyn.Smart@uscg.mil or by facsimile request at 305-415-6763. The public notice may also be accessed at the following web site:

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=pnBridges&Active=1®ion=7>.

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project including its possible impacts to the environment and navigation. Comments will be received for the record at the above address through October 17, 2011.

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By direction of the District Commander
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