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Amtrak
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Via e-mail: Clarissa.Fuller@amtrak.com

Re: NV-1125: Lieutenant River Bridge Over Lieutenant River at Mile point 0.5

Dear Ms. Fuller:

This responds to your letter dated May 2, 2022, regarding Coast Guard jurisdiction for the construction of a temporary bridge over the Lieutenant River that will assist the construction of the new Amtrak Connecticut River Bridge over the Connecticut River at mile point 3.4..

The project is located in or above Lieutenant River, which is a navigable waterway under Coast Guard jurisdiction as set forth in 33 CFR 2.36 (a). We have determined that this reach of the waterway is not actually navigated other than by logs, log rafts, rowboats, canoes, and small motorboats.. As a result, we consider the Lieutenant River at mile point 0.5, an Advance Approval waterway as defined in 33 CFR 115.70. This Advance Approval determination is valid for three years from the date of this letter and if construction does not commence within this time period, you should contact this office for reaffirmation of this determination.

Please note that the Coast Guard's Advance Approval determination for this reach of the Lieutenant River applies only to the U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Program, and should not be construed to mean that other federal agencies will not assert jurisdiction over the proposed project, or the waterway itself. I strongly encourage you to contact other federal agencies that may require approvals before proceeding with the project. Additionally, this determination does not relieve the project proponent of the responsibility to comply with applicable state or local requirements for this project.

Although this project will not require a bridge permit, other areas of Coast Guard jurisdiction apply. The following stipulations should be met:

- a. The temporary Lieutenant River Bridge will have horizontal and vertical clearances that meets or exceed those of the existing Lieutenant River Bridge.
- b. We have determined that bridge navigational lighting or signals under 33 CFR Part 118 will not be required at this time, however, the Coast Guard reserves the right to require lighting or signals at any time in the future should nighttime navigation increase in the vicinity of, or through the bridge.

c. To ensure the Coast Guard is aware of the construction activity on the waterway, you must contact this office at least 30 days prior to commencement of any work for review of construction plans and determination of other requirements for work in the area.

d. If this project will require waterborne equipment, waterway closures/restrictions or safety zones established, requests must be made a minimum of 90 days in advance. Please contact Stephanie Lopez of my staff and Lieutenant Natasha Hope USCG Sector Long Island Sound, via e-mail at Natasha.C.Hope@uscg.mil, or by phone at 203-468-4432.

e. Any spillage of oil or oil-based products during construction must be promptly reported to the Coast Guard by calling 1-800-424-8802.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Lopez at (917) 683-1985.

Sincerely,

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