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## ***PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE D05PPN-02-2026***

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Coast Guard East District has received a proposal from the AMTRAK with plans for a replacement of an existing railroad drawbridge over a navigable waterway of the United States.

**WATERWAY AND LOCATION:** Bush River, mile 6.8, between Perryman and Edgewood, MD.

**CHARACTER OF WORK:** The proposed project is to replace the existing AMTRAK Bush River Rail drawbridge with a fixed bridge in the same vicinity and remove the existing drawbridge.

### **MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL CLEARANCES:**

<b><u>Existing</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Vertical Clearance:	Vertical Clearance:
Open - 35 feet above mean high water	30 feet above mean high water
Closed - 12 feet above mean high water	
Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel) 35 feet between pilings	Horizontal Clearance: (normal to axis of the channel) 35 feet between pilings

North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88) used for existing and proposed bridges.

### **SOLICITATION OF COMMENTS:**

Mariners are requested to provide navigational information, such as the sizes and types of vessels presently owned and operated on the waterway and nature of navigation (including the extent of nighttime navigation) on the waterway. Mariners are requested to comment on the navigational clearances and need for bridge protective systems, clearance gauges, and navigational lighting on the proposed bridge.

Interested parties are requested to express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, giving sufficient detail to establish a clear understanding of their reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments will be received for the record at the office of Commander (dpb), Coast Guard East District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 at [D5Portsmouth-BridgesPublicNotice@uscg.mil](mailto:D5Portsmouth-BridgesPublicNotice@uscg.mil) through **June 25, 2026**.

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