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## **PUBLIC NOTICE (SW-167-2026)**

### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED NEW SECOND BRIDGE AT LAKE HAVASU CITY, MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA**

All interested parties are notified that the U.S. Coast Guard, as the lead federal agency, announces the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the proposed new Second Bridge, across the Colorado River (Bridgewater Channel), mile 209.3, at Lake Havasu City, Mohave County, Arizona.

The project includes a new bridge and its approaches across the Colorado River (Bridgewater Channel) just upstream of the existing London Bridge.

As structures built over navigable waterways of the United States, the proposed new bridge will require a Coast Guard Bridge Permit concurrent with completion of an environmental review. The Coast Guard is making the draft EA available for public review and comment. In order to ensure the widest dissemination possible, the Coast Guard distributed a separate document announcing the availability of this public notice to a mailing list that includes; property owners/residents within a 0.5 mile radius of the project; applicable federal, state, and local government agencies; federally recognized Native American tribes; local Historical Societies; local marinas; and local mariners.

The applicant, Lake Havasu City, has determined the new bridge is needed to provide an emergency evacuation route from the island to the mainland for visitors and residents of Lake Havasu City. The new bridge would also improve existing traffic circulation, especially during existing peak seasonal travel, by relieving traffic congestion at the downstream London Bridge. Traffic congestion is a public safety concern due to emergency response times, high intersection crash rates, backups onto State Route (SR) 95, and emissions from idling vehicles.

The Coast Guard is the lead federal agency for this project and, as such, responsible for the review of its potential effects on the human environment, including historic properties and tribal impacts, pursuant to NEPA and NHPA. The Coast Guard, therefore, is required by law to ensure potential environmental effects are carefully evaluated in each bridge permitting decision. As part of this evaluation process, the Coast Guard solicits comments from state and federal agencies with expertise in, and authority over, particular resources that may be impacted by a project. Additionally, the Coast Guard seeks input from any tribes that may be affected or otherwise have expertise or equities in the project.

The draft EA describes the proposed project, evaluates reasonable and feasible alternatives, and defines the natural, cultural and socioeconomic resources located in the project area. Based on the draft EA, the Coast Guard has tentatively determined the proposed project, with mitigation, will pose no significant impacts on the human and natural environment. The draft EA has been prepared in accordance with NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR §§ 1500-1588). This notice announces the availability of the draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period. The Notice of Availability includes the date by which the 30-day public review and comment period will conclude. After consideration of all additional public comments, the Coast Guard may issue a Finding of No Significant Impact or may determine the project will pose significant impacts requiring an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). If the Coast Guard determines an EIS is required, there will be additional opportunity for public comment in accordance with NEPA procedures for the preparation of an EIS.

The draft EA may be viewed at the following location:

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U.S. Coast Guard Southwest District  
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Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 3 p.m., except federal holidays.

The draft EA can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Marine-Transportation-Systems-CG-5PW/Office-of-Bridge-Programs/PROJECTS/>

Comments will be received through June 10, 2026 and can be addressed to:

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It is requested that this information be brought to the attention of any person having an interest in this proposed project but who may not have received a copy of this public notice.

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By direction of the District Commander