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City of Boston
Attn: Mr. Para Jayasinghe
City Engineer
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Boston, MA 02201-2024

Re: Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination for the Long Island Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project in Boston Harbor

Dear Mr. Jayasinghe:

The City of Boston submitted a Bridge Permit Application to replace the superstructure on the Long Island Bridge in Boston Harbor in February 2019. The bridge crosses a portion of the harbor called the Western Way, which connects Dorchester Bay and Quincy Bay.

The Coast Guard has reviewed the Navigation Impact Study and the Supplement Navigation Impact Study prepared for the Long Island Bridge Superstructure Replacement Project. Based on the project's history, the surveys conducted, responses to the Coast Guard's preliminary public notice, direct input from the maritime community, the City of Quincy, and the Boston Harbor Pilots, and the information presently available, we have made a preliminary determination that a replacement superstructure should provide at least 51.75' of vertical clearance (MHW) and 150' of horizontal clearance in order to not unreasonably obstruct the free navigation of the waters over which the bridge is constructed.

This clearance determination is valid for three years. However, if there are changes to the waterway or additional information is discovered during the bridge permitting process, this Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination may need to be revisited. Please note that this preliminary determination does not constitute a final approval or final agency determination.

Please feel free to contact me at the number above, or Jeffrey Stieb, Senior Bridge Management Specialist, at 617-833-1311.

Sincerely,

D. A. Fisher
Bridge Program Manager
U.S. Coast Guard
By direction

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