PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2013-03-001 Date: March 5, 2013

This office has under consideration the application of:

Department of Transportation
C/o Peter Healey P.E.
2 Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: repairs to Cliff Walk resulting from Post Tropical Storm “Sandy” per attached description.

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<th>Project Location:</th>
<th>Cliff Walk: Ruggles Ave, southerly to terminus at Bailey Beach</th>
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<td>City/Town:</td>
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<td>Waterway:</td>
<td>Easton Bay, RI Sound</td>
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Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter.

You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing. If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing (with your correct mailing address, e-mail address and valid contact number) and be received at this office on or before April 5, 2013.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PROPOSED WORK
The three and a half (3.5) mile stretch of the Cliff Walk running along the southern coast of Aquidneck Island, in Newport, Rhode Island, is bordered by the prominent historic Newport Mansions to its west, and the Atlantic Ocean shoreline to its east. The Cliff Walk provides public access to the cliffs and the shore along the Atlantic Ocean coast line of Rhode Island. In fact, the Newport Cliff Walk still remains among the State’s most popular recreational sites.

The proposed emergency repairs consist of restoration of damage to the Cliff Walk resulting from the impact of Post Tropical Storm (PTS) Sandy, which struck Rhode Island on October 29, 2012. The work includes slope protection measures, repairs to structural walls, drainage, walkway and safety improvements, and landscaping. This project begins at The Breakers at Ruggles Avenue and continues to Bailey’s Beach at Bellevue Avenue. All work proposed falls within the coastal zone and within the jurisdiction of the CRMC.

The PTS Sandy repair work at many of the locations consist of repairs to concrete and stone masonry walls, repairs or replacement of walkways, installation of new decorative railings, and landscaping. At three locations (Location 16, 26 & 27), the work also involves placement of permanent fill (armor stone) below the Mean High Water (MHW) elevation of 2.43 feet. The armor stone is proposed to protect existing walls which have a history of damage and continued threat from storms and wave action. The problem of continued damage to these walls has resulted in loss of retained fill and subsequent undermining and failure of the walkway, thus creating a serious level of hazards and unsafe condition for users of the walk.

In addition, at Locations 9, 10, 11, 17 and 18, the existing armor stone which was dislodged by the storm will be supplemented, replaced, reset, or repaired.

CONSTRUCTION ACCESS
The most challenging aspect of this project, as well as previous Newport Cliff Walk repair and restoration projects, is the construction access. Access to the proposed construction sites along the Cliff Walk is limited to local City streets, private properties and the water. This access is most essential for the work involving the placement of the 4 ton armor stone slope protection. The anticipated heavy construction equipment for this restoration work will consist primarily of hauling trucks, concrete trucks, and use of a crane for the placement of the armor stone. To provide access for this equipment, temporary easements have been secured at Rough Point, through the Newport Restoration Foundation (formerly the Doris Duke Property), as well as at the Preservation Society of Newport County’s Rosecliff property. In addition the Contractor will be allowed, at his option, to access the work sites via barge by constructing temporary causeways constructed of large armor stone. A maximum of four temporary causeways would be constructed, one each at locations 16 and 18 and two at location 26/27. The need for temporary causeways is due to the limited water depths and the rocky shoreline in this portion of the Cliff Walk (Rough Point), which prohibit direct shoreline access from a work barge. The Contractor will be required to remove all portions of the temporary causeway(s) upon completion of the work. (approx. causeway size: 200’ x 40’). The project results in the placement of approx. 730 c.y. of new armor stone below mean high water (3024 c.y. temp. armor stone for causeways)
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