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Mr. Raymond Coia, Chair
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CRMC File Number: 2023-04-094

Applicant: RIDOT

Town: Barrington and Warren

Response Date: 5/18/23

Dear Mr. Coia,

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission has reviewed the above- referenced project. It is our conclusion that this project will have no effect on any significant cultural resources (those listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places).

These comments are provided in accordance with 650-RICR-20-00-1.2.3 Areas of Historic and Archaeological Significance of the Coastal Resources Management Council. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, or Elizabeth Totten, Project Review Coordinator, at this office.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Emidy
Executive Director
Acting State Historic Preservation Officer





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May 4, 2023

Regulatory Division
File Number NAE-2022-02797

Ms. Alisa Richardson
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Warwick, Rhode Island 02888
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RI CRMC Application Number: 2023-03-055

Dear Ms. Richardson:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has reviewed your applications for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to demolish the existing East Bay Bike Path Bridges over the Barrington River (41.7377°N, 71.2956°W) and Palmer River (41.7378°N, 71.2894°W), located in the Towns of Barrington and Warren, Rhode Island. This work will be conducted as part of the proposed East Bay Bike Path Bridge Replacement Project. Within the Barrington River, work will consist of the removal of existing bridge piles within 1,662 square feet and the temporary discharge of 96 cubic yards of sheet piling and stone/gravel fill within 583 square feet to install a bulkhead for the loading and offloading of work barges. Within the Palmer River, the work will remove existing bridge piles within 1,420 square feet and will temporarily discharge 451 cubic yards of sheet piling and stone/gravel fill within 2,858 square feet to install a bulkhead for barge loading and offloading. The project is shown on the enclosed plans titled "East Bay Bike Path Bridges Demolition Project, Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Barrington and Warren, Rhode Island," on 19 sheets dated May 3, 2023.

Based on the information you have provided, we verify that the Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) activity is authorized under General Permit 8 of the enclosed May 6, 2022, federal permits known as the Rhode Island General Permits (GPs). The GPs are also available at <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/State-General-Permits/Rhode-Island-General-Permit>.

Please review the enclosed GPs carefully, in particular the general conditions beginning on page 43, and ensure that you and all personnel performing work authorized by the GPs are fully aware of and comply with its terms and conditions. A copy of the GPs and this verification letter shall be available at the work site as required by General

Condition 14. You must perform this work in compliance with the following special conditions:

1. Appropriate soil erosion, sedimentation, and turbidity controls shall be used and maintained in effective operating condition during in-water construction. Activities capable of producing greater than minimal turbidity or sedimentation shall be done during periods of low-flow or no-flow, when the tide is waterward of the work, or when controls are used to obtain dry work conditions.
2. No in-water work shall occur between February 2 and June 30, of any year(s), to protect sensitive winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*) life stages and migrating, diadromous fishes.
3. Creosote-treated piles must be cut two feet below the mudline if they cannot be removed in full.
4. You shall utilize soft start methods each day of pile driving, after a break of 30 minutes or more, and if any increase in pile installation or removal intensity is required. You shall build up power slowly from a low energy start-up over a 20-minute period to warn fishes to leave the vicinity. This buildup shall occur in uniform stages to provide a constant increase in output.
5. You must complete and return the enclosed Work Start Notification Form to this office at least two weeks before the anticipated starting date. You must also complete and return the enclosed Compliance Certification Form within one month following the completion of the authorized work.

This authorization expires on May 6, 2027. You must commence or have under contract to commence the work authorized herein by May 6, 2027, and complete the work by May 6, 2028. If not, you must contact this office to determine the need for further authorization and we recommend you contact us *before* the work authorized herein expires. Please contact us immediately if you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction as we must approve any changes before you undertake them. Performing work within our jurisdiction that is not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with the special condition(s) provided above and all the terms and conditions of the GPs may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

This authorization does not obviate the need to obtain other federal, state, or local authorizations required by law. Applicants are responsible for applying for and obtaining any other approvals.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has reviewed this project and issued a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

This determination becomes valid only after the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) issues their required authorization. The CRMC contact information is provided on Page 55 of the GPs.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. For us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at <https://regulatory.ops.usace.army.mil/customer-service-survey/>.

Please contact Daniel Breen of my staff at (978) 318-8831 or Daniel.B.Breen@usace.army.mil if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin R Kotelly

Kevin R. Kotelly, P.E.
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Enclosures

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