

#### **Long Bridge Project**

## BOATING COMMUNITY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

# What will be the boating impacts to the Potomac River during construction?

- The navigation channel will remain open throughout construction.
   However, for short durations, the primary navigation channel may
   be temporarily closed for a couple of hours or shifted (as approved
   by the U.S. Coast Guard) to accommodate overhead construction
   activities (e.g., steel erection).
- Work trestles will be constructed adjacent to the existing Long
  Bridge and at other locations on both shorelines to facilitate
  construction progress. These areas will be off-limits to boaters.
  There may also be minor encroachments to the navigation channel
  during construction. Navigation aids will be installed to guide
  marine traffic and delineate construction areas.
- A speed reduction and/or No Wake Zone will be implemented in the vicinity of the project to protect workers.

## What will be the boating impacts to the Washington Channel and Marina during construction?

- The Washington Channel will remain open throughout construction.
- A work trestle will be constructed adjacent to the Washington Channel Bridge. Navigation aids will be installed to guide marine traffic and delineate construction areas.
- The Washington Channel is already designated as a No Wake Zone. This condition will remain.
- Construction will impact the Washington Marina parking lot, but the Marina will remain operational during construction.

## What will the clearance underneath the new Long Bridge, including the bike-pedestrian bridge be?

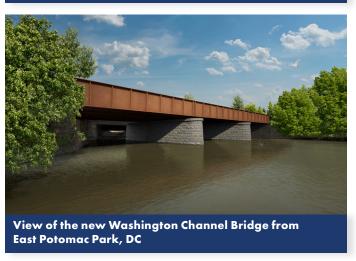
- The minimum vertical clearances for the new rail and bikepedestrian bridges is 20'-0" at the navigation channel of the river.
- This clearance is approximately 2'0" higher than the existing Long Bridge, which will remain in place.

# How can I stay informed about closures and other potential impacts to the River and Channel during construction?

- VPRA is coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard, to issue Notices to Mariners, as needed.
- Boater advisories will be posted on VPRA's website: VAPassengerRailAuthority.org.
- Advisories will also be distributed through VPRA's boating community e-mail contact list. If you wish to join VPRA's boating community contact list, please sign-up here: VAPassengerRailAuthority.org/contact.







Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) is an independent authority created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2020 to promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth. Partnering with Amtrak, VRE, Norfolk Southern (NS), and CSX, we are working to provide passenger rail service throughout the state that is convenient and affordable. The Long Bridge Project is part of this comprehensive statewide initiative, known as Transforming Rail in Virginia.

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