

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**24 CFR Parts 1000, 1003 and 1005****[Docket No. FR-4170-N-12]****Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee; Meetings**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Negotiated rulemaking committee meetings.

SUMMARY: This document announces the final series of implementation meetings sponsored by HUD to develop the regulations necessary to carry out the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) (Pub.L. 104-330, approved October 30, 1996).

DATES: The meetings will be held on: August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1997.

The August 21, 1997 meeting will begin at approximately 1:00 pm and end at approximately 5:00 pm, local time. All other meetings will begin at approximately 9:00 am and end at approximately 5:00 pm on each day, local time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Westin Hotel, 1672 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado 80202; telephone (303) 572-9100; fax (303) 572-7288 (these are not toll-free numbers).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Garner-Wing, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3390, Denver, CO; telephone (303) 675-1600 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of HUD established the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (Committee) to negotiate and develop a proposed rule implementing NAHASDA. The proposed rule was published on July 2, 1997 (62 FR 35718) and provided for a 45-day public comment period. The public comment deadline is August 18, 1997. The Committee is meeting for a final time to consider the public comments

submitted on the July 2, 1997 proposed rule.

The meeting dates are: August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, 1997.

The agenda planned for the meetings includes: (1) the distribution of copies of the public comments; (2) discussion of the significant issues raised by the public commenters; and (3) development of responses to the comments.

The meetings will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice. Summaries of Committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying at the address in the same section.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[CGD07-97-020]****RIN-2115-AE47****Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Florida**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to change the regulations governing the operation of the Flagler Memorial, Royal Park, and Southern Boulevard drawbridges at Palm Beach. The proposal is being made as a result of complaints about extensive highway traffic delays caused by bridge openings. This change is intended to relieve highway congestion while still meeting the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander (oan) Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE 1st Avenue, Miami,

Florida 33131-3050, or may be delivered to room 406 at the above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The telephone number is (305) 536-6546. The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Evelyn Smart, Project Manager, Bridge Section, (305) 536-6546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Requests for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify the rulemaking [CGD07-97-020] and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying. If not practical, a second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments received.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to Ms. Evelyn Smart at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The present opening schedules for the three drawbridges to Palm Beach are as follows:

→The Flagler Memorial (SR A1A) Drawbridge which crosses the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1021.9 at Palm Beach presently opens on signal; except that, from November 1 to May 31, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30

a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. From 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour and half-hour.

The Royal Park (SR 704) Drawbridge which crosses the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1022.6 at Palm Beach presently opens on signal; except that, from November 1 through May 31, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:45 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 5 p.m. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the draw need open only on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour.

The Southern Boulevard (SR 700/80) Drawbridge which crosses the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile 1024.7 at Palm Beach presently opens on signal; except that, from November 1 through May 31, Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

In 1995, the Florida Department of Transportation provided bridge logs, highway traffic data and traffic analysis to support extending the seasonal timed openings year round.

The Coast Guard's analysis of the traffic data indicated the reduced highway level of service and limited number of bridge openings for all three bridges does not warrant additional bridge opening restrictions during the off season summer months. However, the data does show that highway traffic levels increase significantly during the month of October at all three bridges. In addition, the heavy weekend traffic level and increased number of bridge openings during seasonal months warrants additional opening restriction during weekends and holidays.

Discussion of Proposed Rules

The proposal would add seasonal 30 minute weekend and holiday opening restrictions for all three drawbridges similar to the existing weekday restrictions at the Flagler and Royal Park bridges. In addition, a 30 minute opening schedule would be established at the Southern Boulevard Bridge during weekdays in the winter season. The seasonal restrictions for all three bridges would also commence a month earlier on 1 October to help reduce traffic congestion created by earlier arrival of seasonal visitors to the Palm Beach area.

This change is intended to relieve seasonal highway congestion while still meeting the reasonable needs of navigation.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under Section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under Section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation. (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. We conclude this because the proposal would exempt tugs with tows.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. *Small entities* may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their field and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

Because it expects the impact of the proposal to be minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this proposal will have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment (see ADDRESSES) explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way, and to what degree this proposal will economically affect it.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act. (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed the rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposal and has determined pursuant to section

2.B.2.e(32) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, that this action is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination is available in the docket for inspection and copying.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.261 is amended by revising paragraph (u), (v) and (w) to read as follows:

§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Mary's River to Key Largo.

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(u) *Flagler Memorial (SR A1A) bridge, mile 1021.9 at Palm Beach.* The draw shall open on signal; except that from October 1 to May 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour and half-hour. On Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

(v) *Royal Park (SR 704) bridge, mile 1022.6 at Palm Beach.* The draw shall open on signal; except that from October 1 through May 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to draw need open only on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour. On Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:45 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 5 p.m.

(w) *Southern Boulevard (SR 700/80) bridge, mile 1024.7 at Palm Beach.* The draw shall open on signal; except that from October 1 through May 31, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the draw need open only on the quarter-hour and three-quarter hour. On Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the draw need open only at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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Dated: June 30, 1997.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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