

Agenda

USCG/FRA/VHB/AAF Meeting

Meeting Date: 11:30 AM, August 12, 2013

Teleconference: (877) 972-6055; Passcode: 7185887

- 1) Introductions
 - 2) Overview of All Aboard Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Project
 - 3) Overview and Status of ongoing NEPA Document
 - 4) Coast Guard NEPA Needs and Requirements
 - a) New Bridge Permits- (Hillsboro Bridge & St. Johns)
 - b) USCG NEPA Involvement
 - 5) Schedule
 - 6) Action Items
 - 7) Next Steps
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Attendees: Charlene, Mary Hassell, Autumn Young, Melvin, Angelique Bochnak, Austin, Margie Martinez Miguez, Jose Gonzalez, Michael + 1 other from USCG

- Overview about the project from AAF
- USCG discussed issues needing to be addressed in the EIS:
 - Navigation of the St. John's & Hillsboro Rivers
 - MPO Involvement
 - Bridges built to meet the needs
 - Navigation study required for permitting
 - To include surveys, input from marinas
 - Will determine if/what kind of bridge is needed based on navigation clearances
 - Communicate with property owners within ½ mile to see if they have docks and use the waterways
 - Note: USCG doesn't know how frequently these areas are used (no recent studies)
 - Will look at operations of all movable bridges in the corridor
 - Discussion of whether the New River will need a new study (USCG hasn't reviewed the EA, AAF will send the EA to USCG)
 - USCG wants all of the above information in the EIS (all operational impacts)
- Permitting schedule
 - Pre-application meeting with consultant to review needs
 - Submit application – 30 day review period

- If application is accepted, public notice with a 30 day comment period
- The team will try to sync the application in order to align the public comment period for the DEIS with the USCG comment period
- After the public comment period, USCG will write a ROD and send it to DC – 2-3 month waiting period for permit issuance.
- Note: Public comments that would hold up the process would have to be about the clearance proposed. Comments such as we don't like trains aren't sufficient to cause a delay.
- Note: USCG can issue a public notice at the beginning of the permit process to solicit comments, which would allow for a shortened comment period.
- Question from USCG: Does AAF plan on raising the Hillsboro Bridge? Coordination with I-95 project is recommended; they may raise their bridge because they don't know how high the AAF bridge will be.
- USCG is willing to review draft documents in sections, prior to the release of the DEIS.