



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Sepulveda Channel Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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**Public Notice No.:** SPL-408-PN-2019-0019

**Permit No.:** SPL-408-2019-0019

**Comment Period:** 2019-08-27 to 2019-09-26

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**Requester:** In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, the Windward School, through the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter the Sepulveda Channel.

**Location:**

The proposed action would remove and replace an existing pedestrian bridge over the Sepulveda Channel southwest of the intersection of Sawtelle Blvd. and Palms Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed action would use stair tower to lift formwork for the duration of construction. No construction would occur within the channel.

**Requester's Proposed Action:**

The Windward School is proposing to remove and replace an existing wood and steel bridge with a new precast concrete bridge. The new bridge will be 30 feet wide, and would span the channel using 51' 6" long precast concrete double tees supported by grade beams resting on 27' tall piers. The new bridge will have a topping slab and a series of planters on each side. Netting would be installed under the old bridge during demolition, and a stair tower will be erected in the channel to allow personnel to access the channel during construction. The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian flow and access between the northern section and the southern section of the campus.

**Authority:** The authority to grant permission for temporary or permanent use, occupation or alteration of any USACE Civil Works project is contained in Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, as amended, codified at 33 USC 408 ("Section 408"). Section 408 authorizes the Secretary of the Army, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, to grant permission for the alteration or occupation or use of a USACE project if the Secretary determines that the activity will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the project. The Secretary of Army's authority under Section 408 has been delegated to the USACE, the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers has further delegated the authority to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works and Division and District Engineers, depending upon the nature of the activity.

**Limits of Section 408 Authority:** A requester has the responsibility to acquire all other permissions or authorizations required by federal, state, and local laws or regulations, including any required permits from the USACE Regulatory Program under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403), Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC Section 1344), and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 USC 1413). In addition, an approval under Section 408 does not grant any property rights or exclusive privileges nor does it authorize any injury to the property or rights of others.

**Consideration of Comments:** The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, and other interested parties. Comments will be made part of the record, and they will be considered before permission is granted to proceed with this action. Please limit comments to the area of the alteration and those adjacent areas that would be directly or indirectly affected by the alteration described in this public notice.

**Submission of Comments:** Interested parties may submit, in writing, any comments concerning this proposal. Comments should reference public notice no. SPL-408-PN-2019-0019 and be forwarded by the comment due date of September 26, 2019. Comments must be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Engineering Division, ATTN.: Priyo Majumdar, 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 930, Los Angeles, California 90017-3409. Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to [Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil](mailto:Priyodarshi.Majumdar@usace.army.mil).

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