



PUBLIC NOTICE

Salt River - South Central Extension/Downtown Hub Project

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

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Public Notice No.: 408-SPL-PN-2020-0012

Permit No.: 408-SPL-2020-0012

Comment Period: 2020-06-05 to 2020-07-06

Requester: In compliance with U.S.C. Title 33, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, Section 408, Valley Metro Rail, Inc., through City of Phoenix, has requested permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to alter Salt River Channel.

Location:

The proposed action would install additional scour protection pad for the low-flow channel of Salt River under Salt River Bridge at South Central Avenue and conduct associated work on the Salt River Bridge and the quarry road bridge structure in the city of Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. The proposed features are not inside the channel, and will therefore not require construction within the channel.

Requester's Proposed Action:

Valley Metro Rail, Inc. is proposing to install additional scour protection pad for the low-flow channel of Salt River under Salt River Bridge at South Central Avenue, bearing pad replacement at the expansion joints and at the abutments in the Salt River Bridge, overhead centenary foundation installation, and bridge girder and abutment crack repairs, replacement of a smaller quarry road bridge with a concrete box, and construction of a roundabout. Construction staging will be located in uplands or previously disturbed areas.

The purpose of the project is to address scour vulnerability of the Salt River Bridge, and to accommodate light rail on the Salt River Bridge as well as on the quarry road bridge structure.

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-2020-0012 and be forwarded by the comment due date of July 6, 2020. 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.

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