FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE - ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT

FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Norfolk District Commander has received a joint application for Federal and State permits as described below: APPLICANT: City of Alexandria 301 King Street, Suite 3200 Alexandria, Virginia 22314 WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project site is located east of the existing MetroTrack tracks, approximately midway between the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Braddock Road Stations. The area proposed for the station is bordered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) to the east and active CSX tracks and Potomac Avenue to the west. The site is located north of the Potomac Greens neighborhood and east of the Potomac Yard Shopping Center in the City of Alexandria, Virginia. PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: The applicant proposes the construction of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Station, a new metrorail station along the Blue and Yellow lines in the vicinity of the Potomac Yard. The proposed improvements and construction area are comprised of +17 acres. The project consists of grading and filling for the construction of the station and associated infrastructure (new and re-aligned tracks, pedestrian/bicycle facilities, entrance pavilions, access/emergency road, and stormwater management). The purpose of this project is to improve and maximize local and regional transit accessibility to and from the Potomac Yard area along the U.S. Route 1 corridor for current and future residents, employees, and businesses in support of currently proposed and anticipated development in the area over the next several decades, consistent with the adopted North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan. The proposed project would temporarily and permanently impact 3.57 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. Permanent impacts are to 0.92 acres of palustrine forested wetland (PFO) and 0.64 acre of palustrine emergent wetlands (PEM). Temporary impacts are to 1.10 acres of PFO wetland and 0.91 acres of PEM wetland. Compensatory mitigation will be provided for permanent wetland impacts through the purchase of wetland credits from a Corps-approved wetland mitigation bank. Temporary wetland impacts will be restored through an approved wetland restoration plan. The project was previously public noticed on February 9, 2018. This is a modified version of the public notice. The overall permanent and temporary impacts to wetlands have been reduced. Additional information about the project, including the revised Joint Permit Application (IPA) can be found at the following links: www.na.usace.army.mil/PotomacYardMetro
www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyardmetro webapps.mr.virginia.gov/public/habitat/additionaldocs.php?id=20190170 In addition to the required Department of the Army permit, the applicant must obtain a Virginia Water Protection Permit/401 certification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality assuring that applicable laws and regulations pertaining to water quality are not violated and a permit from the local wetlands board. The full USACE Public Notice can be found at www.na.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Article/1806450/nano-2012-02012. HOW TO COMMENT: USACE accepts comments by email or in writing only. All comments must be received by the close of business on Monday, May 6, 2019. Comments must be submitted to: Ms. Theresita Crockett-Augustine theresita.m.crockett-augustine@usace.army.mil OR Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-WR-R) 18139 Triangle Shopping Center, Suite 213 Dumfries, Virginia 22026 HOW TO REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Commander within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Commander will then decide if a hearing should be held. Questions about this project or the permit process should be directed to Ms. Crockett-Augustine by email at 757-201-7194. Official comments will not be accepted over the phone. PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY: Comments and information, including the identity of the submitter, submitted in response to this Public Notice may be disclosed, reproduced, and distributed at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Information that is submitted in connection with this Public Notice cannot be maintained as confidential by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Submissions should not include any information that the submitter seeks to preserve as confidential.