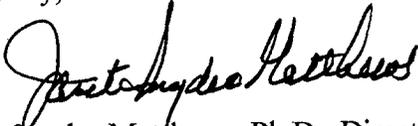


Ms. Trainor
December 20, 1999
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If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Scott Edwards, Historic Preservation Planner, at 850-487-2333 or 800-847-7278. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Janet Snyder Matthews, Ph.D., Director
Division of Historical Resources
State Historic Preservation Officer

JSM/Ese

xc: Jasmin Raffington, FCMP-DCA

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- No Comment
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From:

Division/Bureau: FDOT RAIL OFFICE

Reviewer: [Signature] ADMINISTRATOR - PORTS/INTL AIRPORTS

Date: 12/9/99



Florida Department of Transportation

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Date: December 9, 1999

To: State Clearinghouse

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Copies: FDOT ICAR Coordinator w/att., Public Transportation
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Subject: ICAR Federal Consistency Project Review Process
Tampa Turning Basin
SAI# FL9911290924C

In accordance with departmental procedure 525-010-205, and State Clearinghouse requirements for review and comment on potential federal projects that may affect state programs and objectives, please be advised that the above-referenced proposed study or project:

Does influence and impose a potential impact on existing state programs or objectives under Rail Office jurisdiction to the extent noted in the following comments:

Does not influence or impose a potential impact on existing state programs or objectives under Rail Office jurisdiction at this time, and no comments or recommendations are required.

Should further information or explanation be required, please feel free to contact the Rail Office at (850) 414-4500.

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December 28, 1999

Ms. Cherie Trainor
Florida State Clearinghouse
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100

Subject: **Dept. of the Army- Environmental Assessment for the Tampa Harbor- Ybor Turning Basin Expansion- Tampa, Hillsborough County; SAI#: FL9911290924C**

Dear Ms. Trainor:

The staff of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) has conducted a consistency evaluation for the referenced project. Consistency findings are divided into four categories and are based solely on the information provided in the subject application.

FINDING	CATEGORY
X	Consistent/No Comment
	Consistent/Comments Attached
	Inconsistent/Comments Attached
	Consistency Cannot be Determined Without an Environmental Assessment Report/Comments Attached

The District appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review of this application. Please be advised that our review does not constitute permit approval under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, or any rules promulgated thereunder, nor does it stand in lieu of normal permitting procedures in accordance with Florida Statutes and District rules.

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If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me in the District's Planning Department.

Sincerely,

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Trisha Neasman, AICP
Government Planning Coordinator

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COUNTY: Hillsborough

DATE: 11/29/1999

COMMENTS DUE-2 WKS: 12/14/1999

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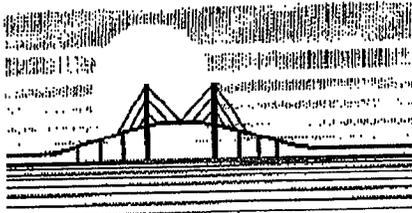
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From:

Division/Bureau: OPB Environmental Policy Unit
 Reviewer: Carlione Johnson
 Date: 12-16-99



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE TAMPA HARBOR-YBOR TURNING BASIN EXPANSION, SAI #FL9911290924C, CITY OF TAMPA, IC&R #365-99.

The Florida State Clearinghouse has requested review and comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Tampa Harbor-Ybor Turning Basin Expansion project. The project is located at the junction of Ybor, Garrison and Sparkman channels southeast of downtown Tampa. It was first authorized in 1970, but was never constructed. The Environmental Assessment provides a study of construction alternatives, dredged material disposal alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and alternative mitigation measures.

The project entails enlarging the turning basin by moving the southwest edge 200 feet to the west, moving the northernmost point south of Garrison Channel 100 feet to the west, and dredging the enlarged area to -34 feet MSL. About 1,021 square feet of oyster beds would be removed, and an estimated 550,000 cubic yards of sediments and clean sands would be dredged.

The oyster beds would be moved to a nearby location of existing beds. Dredged material disposal sites will depend on water quality certification. The preferred scenario is placement of an estimated 165,000 cubic yards of dredged material in Garrison Channel, to reduce its overall depth from about -25 feet MSL to no less than -10 feet MSL. This is being considered a beneficial use of the material, since it would alleviate an unnaturally deep situation and allow better mixing of the water column and better light penetration. The preferred site for disposal of the remaining dredged material is the open water site on the southern tip of Hookers Point. Under an existing permit, the area is being filled to create an upland wharf site. If required, to meet state water quality requirements, material can be placed in the Tampa Port Authority's (TPA) 2-D spoil island.

Four other disposal options: TPA's 3-D spoil site; wetland creation adjacent to 2-D; Palm River restoration; and the open-water disposal area adjacent to Davis Island, were considered and discarded.

The Draft Environmental Assessment summarizes the potential effects of using the three selected disposal sites as follows:

Resources	Placement In 2-D	Placement at Hookers Point	Placement in Garrison Channel
Water Quality	None	None	minor short-term increase in turbidity; improved in channel for aquatic life.
Benthos	None	None	increased diversity from improved water quality & shallow water habitat
Fisheries	None	None	increased shallow-water fish habitat in nearshore areas
Migratory Birds	short-term disruption of nesting; mitigated by implementing protection conditions & monitoring	None	None
Historic Properties	None	None	unknown effects
Recreation	None	None	short-term disruption to fishing

Council Comments/Concerns

The project will impact "Natural Resources of Regional Significance", as identified in *The Future of the Region: A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region* (FRSRPP) because Tampa Bay is such a resource. The Garrison Channel disposal alternative has potentially positive effects for the environment. However, several questions raised by various environmental agencies during the review of the Re-evaluation Report have not been addressed through the presentation of substantiating data. High seasonal flows from the Hillsborough River contribute to the flushing of Garrison Channel and affect water quality in Ybor and Sparkman Channels. The following issues should be addressed through the presentation of data or modeling efforts:

1. The effect of shallowing Garrison Channel on tidal action and circulation, and on water quality in Ybor and Sparkman Channels.
2. The effect of shallowing Garrison Channel on Seddon Channel and other areas at the mouth of the Hillsborough River.
3. The stability of the material once placed in the Garrison Channel.

The Council's Agency on Bay Management received a presentation on this project at its Natural Resources/Environmental Impact Review Committee meeting on December 9, 1999. The Agency did not send any positive or negative comments to Council for its consideration.

Further, it is recommended that any additional comments addressing local concerns be considered prior to final action.

Committee adopted January 24, 2000



Fred Reeves, Chairman
Clearinghouse Review Committee

This project has been reviewed for consistency with the Council's adopted growth policy, *Future of the Region: A Strategic Regional Policy Plan for the Tampa Bay Region*. Upon satisfactory resolution of the questions stated above, this proposal will be consistent with Council policies:

4.5.1: Protect, preserve and restore all regionally-significant natural resources shown on the Map of Regionally-Significant Natural Resources.

4.6.6: Evaluate the potential to mitigate adverse impacts resulting from prior alteration of natural hydrologic and circulation patterns in surface and groundwater (e.g., finger canals, altered streams, saltwater intrusion, causeways).

4.7.2: Uncontaminated dredged material shall be considered a resource to be utilized for appropriate beneficial uses such as recreation and wildlife habitat. Require revegetation plans for spoil areas utilizing appropriate native plant species.

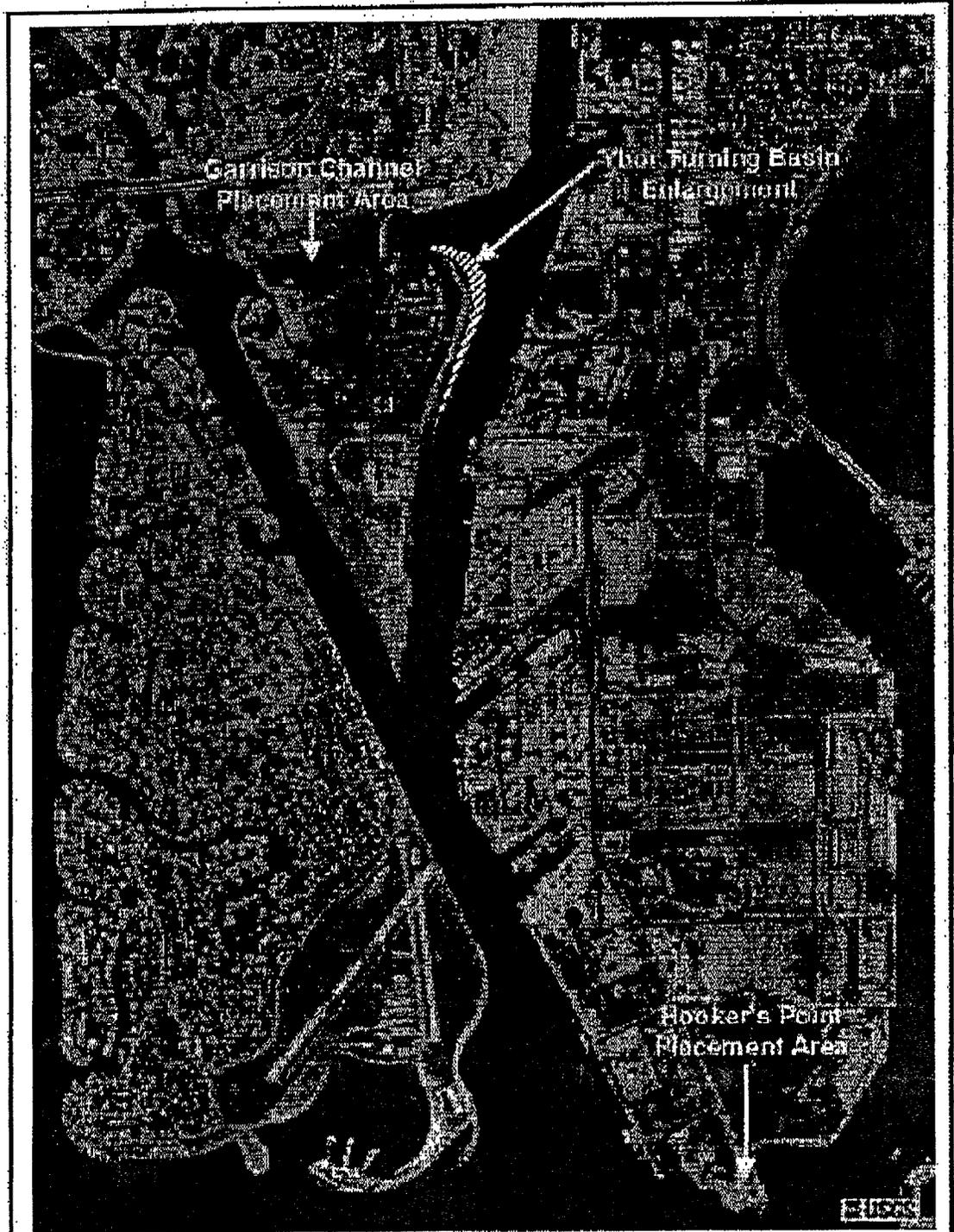
4.7.4: Encourage the development and use of innovative and efficient dredged material disposal methods which reduce adverse environmental impacts and financial costs of dredged material disposal.

4.7.6: Regionally-significant natural resources shall be protected from adverse effects of dredge and fill activities.

4.7.7: Implement use of best available technology to reduce sediment resuspension and releases during dredging activities.

5.4.3: Develop port facilities and maintain waterways to ensure an optimum balance between economic benefits, and environmental and social costs.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee's comments constitute compliance with Florida's Intergovernmental Coordination and Review process only.



Selected Pier: Enlarge basin by moving solid west edge 200 feet. Select narrowest point which moves 100 feet. Incorporate wedge to turn in Sparkman Channel. Project depth to 34 feet. Placement of dredged material at Hooker's Point and Garrison Channel.

Not To Scale

Figure 4. Selected Plan
Ybor Turning Basin
 Department of the Army
 Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers
 Jacksonville, Florida.

FLORIDA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATION ROUTING SHEET

SAI #: FL9911290924C

DATE: 11/29/1999

COMMENTS DUE TO RPC: 12/21/1999

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CITY: Tampa

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IF YOU HAVE NO COMMENTS, PLEASE CHECK HERE AND RETURN FORM TO RPC :

ALL CONCERNS OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE ATTACHED PROJECT SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING BY THE DUE DATE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL SHOWN BELOW. PLEASE REFER TO THE SAI # IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Kristi Thum
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District Engineer, Jacksonville
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, FL 32232

ATTN: Mr. James C. Duck, Chief
Planning Division

Subject: Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Ybor Turning Basin,
Tampa Harbor, Hillsborough County, FL

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, EPA, Region 4 has reviewed the subject document, an examination of the consequences of upgrading the navigation capabilities of the Ybor turning facility, viz., widening/deepening the basin's dimensions. The necessary excavation to accomplish same will generate 165,000 cubic yards of new work material and deepen about 8 acres to 34 feet deep. This material will be placed in the Garrison Channel in an effort to create improved benthic habitat and lessen some of its degraded water quality parameters.

The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report discusses an excellent means to lessen the adverse effects of the proposal via creation of oyster beds in Upper Hillsborough Bay. Since actual oyster resources and the habitat thereof will be destroyed by the dredging, the congruency of this suggestion is obvious. If the unavoidable losses are fully addressed to the satisfaction of state/federal resource agencies, we would have no objections to the use of an EA to assess the proposal rather than the more comprehensive environmental impact statement format.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this action. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, Dr. Gerald Miller (404-562-9626) will serve as initial point of contact.

Sincerely,

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Heinz J. Mueller, Chief
Office of Environmental Assessment



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December 23, 1999

James C. Duck, Chief
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
Planning Division, Environmental Branch
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

Dear Mr. Duck:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Environmental Assessment, provided with your letter dated November 26, 1999, for the Tampa Harbor Ybor Turning Basin Expansion project in Hillsborough County, Florida. Based on our review, the document adequately identifies and describes the project area resources and the potential impacts to those resources that would be expected to occur from implementation of the various alternatives investigated. The preferred alternative contains mitigative measures which we anticipate will result in minimal impacts to NMFS trust resources. Therefore, we have no additional comments to provide at this time.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise. Related comments, questions or correspondence should be directed to Mr. David N. Dale in St. Petersburg, Florida. He may be contacted at 727/570-5311 or at the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,


for

David N. Dale
Assistant Regional Administrator
Habitat Conservation Division

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