



Cape Cod Bridges Program

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Acronym/Abbreviation	Definition
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
MassDOT	Massachusetts Department of Transportation
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act

1 Introduction

The Maritime Transportation, Traffic, and Safety Appendix includes agency coordination and determinations in support of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cape Cod Bridges Program (the Program), in accordance with the following federal statutes, regulations, and guidance:

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 United States Code (USC) 4321 et seq.
- *Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decisionmaking and One Federal Decision*, 23 USC 139.
- Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) regulations implementing NEPA, *Environmental Impact and Related Procedures* (23 CFR 771), and corresponding guidance, Technical Advisory (T 6640.8A): *Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents* (October 30, 1987).

2 USACE Coordination for Section 408 Authorization

On March 21, 2024, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) participated in a meeting to initiate discussions on the Section 4(f) and Section 408 authorizations required for the Program. In a follow-up meeting on May 23, 2024, USACE determined that the March 21, 2024, meeting constituted the formal initiation of the Section 408 process, in accordance with Engineer Circular 1165-2-220, *Policy and Procedural Guidance for Processing Requests to Alter US Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Projects Pursuant to 33 USC 408*, 30 September 2018. **Attachment 1** provides the meeting minutes.

3 USCG Bridge Permit

On March 11, 2025, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) provided a Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination for the Cape Cod Bridges Program, in accordance with COMDTPUB P16591.3E, USCG Bridge Permit Application Guide, March 2025. The Preliminary Navigation Clearance Determination, issued to inform project alternatives in the NEPA document, is valid for three years. **Attachment 2** provides the USCG letter.