

by the statutory or regulatory requirements protecting those resources. The analyses and evaluations conducted for the SEIS will identify the potential for impacts, whether the anticipated impacts would be significant and/or adverse, and whether there are appropriate environmental mitigation measures to be developed and implemented for any selected alternative.

Anticipated Permits and Other Authorizations

On-going consultation with Federal and State resource agencies will help identify resources within the project area for each alternative and address specific conditions required by those agencies for issuance of permits or approvals. Details of permits and approvals required are found in Section 5 of the NOI Supplementary Documentation (Permits and Other Authorizations Required).

Schedule for the Decision-Making Process

The project schedule will comply with 40 CFR 1501.10(a) and (b)(2) and 23 U.S.C. 139, which requires that environmental reviews and authorization decisions for major projects occur within two years (from the date of publication of the NOI to the date of issuance of the Record of Decision (ROD)).

The anticipated project schedule is outlined below:

- Notice of Availability of the Draft SEIS (SDEIS): May 2024
- Public Hearing: June 2024
- End of SDEIS Comment Period: July 2024
- Issue SFEIS/ROD: December 2024
- Issue all Project Permits and Authorization Decisions: March 2025

Description of the Agency and Public Involvement (Scoping) Process

Public Involvement

The WVDOH and FHWA began re-initiation, including scoping of the Parsons to Davis Project on August 20, 2019, with a public workshop held in the vicinity of the Parsons to Davis Project area (*i.e.*, Blackwater Falls State Park). During the workshop, WVDOH personnel presented a history of the project, maps of the preferred alternative (*i.e.*, ROPA) identified in the 2007 SFEIS, communicated to the public that it was going to restart the project, and solicited public comments. A second public workshop was held at the same venue on September 12, 2022, to update the public on project activities since the 2019 public workshop and

again solicited public comments to assist WVDOH in the identification of new issues of concern to address in its SEIS study. During the comment periods following these two public workshops, WVDOH and FHWA received over 400 separate comments on the project and its alternatives. A summary of those comments is included in this NOI's Supplementary Documentation at Section 7.2.1.1.

In addition to these public workshops, WVDOH project personnel have held and/or presented project information through formal and informal meetings with local elected and appointed public officials including Thomas and Davis City Councils; development authorities; and commissions. Additional outreach will be held in accordance with the Public Involvement and Agency Coordination Processes detailed in the NOI Supplementary Documentation (Section 7—Description of Agency and Public Scoping Process).

Agency Scoping

Since the early 1990s, the following agencies have been Cooperating Agencies on the entire Elkins, WV to the WV/VA Stateline project which includes the Parsons to Davis section: USEPA; USFWS; USFS; USCOE; USDA NRCS; US National Park Service (NPS). In addition to Federal Agencies, the following State agencies have been, and are, participants in all NEPA and NEPA related studies. The State agencies include the WVDEP and the WVDNR. Finally, the WVSHPO, Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation are signatories of the Corridor H Section 106 Programmatic Agreement. Since the re-initiation of this project in 2019, WVDOH and FHWA have resumed coordination and consultation with each of these agencies.

Public and agency coordination for this project will follow the public involvement and resource agency coordination processes outlined in 23 U.S.C. 139. The public and agency coordination process that WVDOH and FHWA used on prior NEPA documentation development have been consistent with FHWA and resource agency regulations and policies (*e.g.*, 23 CFR 771.111 and FHWA-HEP-15-047 DOT-VNTSC-FHWA-15-19 Synchronizing Environmental Reviews for Transportation and Other Infrastructure Projects). The SDEIS will be available for public and agency review and comment prior to the SDEIS Public Hearing.

Request for Comments Relevant to the Proposed Action

With this Notice, FHWA and WVDOH request and encourage State, Tribal, local agencies, and the public to review the NOI and the NOI Supplementary Documentation and submit comments on the proposed action. The purpose of this request is to bring relevant comments, information, and analyses to the agency's attention, as early in the process as possible, and to enable the agency to make maximum use of this information in the decision making.

The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 23 CFR part 771).

Jeffrey S. Blanton,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0013]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: Wind Dancer (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD-2024-0013 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD-2024-0013 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2024–0013, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W23–461, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–0903. Email: patricia.hagerty@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described in the application, the intended service of the vessel Wind Dancer is:

- Intended Commercial Use of Vessel:* Requester intends to use for passenger charter.
- Geographic Region Including Base of Operations:* Florida. Base of Operations: St. Augustine, FL.
- Vessel Length and Type:* 38.5' Catamaran.

The complete application is available for review identified in the DOT docket as MARAD 2024–0013 at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise

endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Public Participation

How do I submit comments?

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD–2024–0013 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

Will my comments be made available to the public?

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

May I submit comments confidentially?

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to SmallVessels@dot.gov. Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2024–0012]

Coastwise Endorsement Eligibility Determination for a Foreign-Built Vessel: Ghost Rider II (Motor); Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to issue coastwise endorsement eligibility determinations for foreign-built vessels which will carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. A request for such a determination has been received by MARAD. By this notice, MARAD seeks comments from interested parties as to any effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 7, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2024–0012 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search MARAD–2024–0012 and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, MARAD–2024–0012,