

PORTS AND HARBORS

The Pease Development Authority Division of Ports and Harbors (Port Authority) is reaching out to all mooring holders and Pier users in the Hampton and Seabrook harbors.

Arrangements have been made for New Hampshire Department of Transportation to hold an informational meeting with the users of Hampton and Seabrook Harbors to discuss the upcoming rehabilitation or replacement of the Hampton Harbor Bridge, also known as the Neil R. Underwood Bridge (NHDOT Bridge No. 235/025), which carries NH 1A over the inlet to Hampton Harbor and Seabrook Harbors.

The bridge, built in 1949, is a 1,200-foot, 13 span, bascule bridge, and is a vital transportation link between Hampton Beach and Seabrook. It has been rehabilitated multiple times, most recently in 2018 due to a failure of the bascule span mechanical system. This project will result in the removal of this bridge from the Department's Red List and improve pedestrian and cyclist mobility at the crossing.

The meeting is scheduled for October 25th at 4:00 p.m., at the Seabrook Beach Village District Building, 210 Ocean Blvd, Seabrook, NH 03874.

The purpose of this meeting is to present users of the waterway with information regarding the proposed project and to solicit input to enable the project team to make informed decisions regarding the needs and goals of this group.

At this meeting, project team will provide a voluntary questionnaire, which will request the following information:

- Do you own or use a vessel that has travelled under the Hampton Harbor Bridge? What is the vessel's name?
- What are the depth below waterline (draft), width (beam) and height (air draft) of your vessel?
 If unknown, please provide an estimate.
- Approximately how many times do you travel under the bridge during peak season months?
- Approximately how many times do you travel under the bridge during off-season months?
- What is the primary purpose of your travels (e.g. commercial fishing, leisure, tourism, etc.)?

This is an opportunity for you to give your opinion on the bridge. Come let us know what you think.