

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON

## Federal Highway Administration & Department of Public Works Project: Route 1, Reconstruction of Multiple Bridges (Hagatna to Piti) GU-DAR-0001 (131)

- ❖ The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) & Department of Public Works (DPW) initiated and completed the Section 106 consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with 36 Code of Federal Regulation Part 800 for the proposed project undertaking on March 03, 2025. The agencies completed consultation with a concurrence of “No Historic Properties Affected” determination for the proposed project.
- ❖ FHWA & DPW are seeking comments for the proposed project undertaking. Comments can be sent to [info@guamtransportationprogram.com](mailto:info@guamtransportationprogram.com) no later than July 30, 2025.
- ❖ The proposed project is to replace/reconstruct five bridges on Route 1 located in Hagatna to Piti. The following bridges will be replaced, Atantano, Laguas, Sasa, Asan #1 & Fonte.
  - Preliminary coordination with park agencies, and the SHPO indicates that the project will not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify these properties for protection under Section 4(f). Accordingly, FHWA and DPW intends to issue a De Minimis impact determination.
- ❖ FHWA invites the public to review and provide comments regarding the proposed De Minimis impact determinations for each identified property described under Description of 4(f) Use & Effects slide. The comment period will remain open until July 30 from the date of this notice.



# Description of 4(f) Properties, Use & Effects

- **Public Parks** Route 1 provides the principal access to recreational opportunities in the western segment of the Central Region (i.e. Piti, Asan, Hagatna, Mongmong, and Tamuning). Recreational opportunities along Route 1 include beaches, trails, public parks and scenic vistas. Some of the five bridges are located immediately adjacent to or within close proximity to these areas.
- **War in the Pacific National Historical Park**, The park was established to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of those participating in the campaigns of the Pacific Theater of World War II and to conserve and interpret outstanding natural, scenic, historic values and objectives of the island of Guam. One of the park units, the Asan Beach Unit, is accessed from Route 1 near Asan Bridge. This area also provides opportunities for picnicking and beach access
- The Governor's office grounds are open to the public and provide picnicking and beach access.
  - **Asan #1 Bridge**, lands abutting the north side of the Asan #1 Bridge is adjacent to the Asan Beach Unit or War in the Pacific National Historical Park and Asan Memorial Beach. The APE extends about 40 feet beyond the Right of Way (ROW) on the northwest side and about 130 feet on the northeast side on the approach to the bridge, the APE widens to about 50 feet on the south side.
  - **Fonte Bridge**, most land abutting the south and northeast side of Fonte Bridge is privately owned. The northwest side is owned by the Government of Guam (Governor's Office). The Pigo Catholic cemetery is located on the southeast corner. The APE extends about 130 feet beyond the ROW and into the Government of Guam park on the northwest side and 20 feet onto private property on the northeast side of the bridge. The APE extends about 110 feet on private property on the southwest side and 180 feet on the southeast side into the Pigo Catholic cemetery parking stalls and entrance. In addition to the road corridor, the APE also includes a laydown area located northeast of the bridge. The laydown area is approximately 260 feet long by 110 to 76 feet wide (approximately 0.52 acres). In the immediate area of the bridge, the APE widens to about 40 feet on both sides.
- **Historic Sites**
  - **Atantano Shrine** is located southeast of the Atantano Bridge. The area of potential effect on the east side of the road at Atantano Bridge is approximately 900 sq yards with a temporary construction easement of 508 sq yards. There likely would be work in the rivers and possibly slope protection at the abutments. This would be a temporary impact during construction. The shrine is approximately 100 yards southeast of the bridge, for safety purposes, access to the Shrine could be limited during construction, however, the access road to the shrine should not be affected.
  - **Asan Beach Unit of War in the Pacific National Historic Park** is also a historic property. As stated previously, there likely would be work in the Asan River and possibly slope protection at the abutment. It would be a temporary impact during construction and may limit access to this area of the park. No historic properties will be affected.
  - **Asan Beach Park** is a public park located along the eastern side of the Asan River and east of the Asan Beach Unit. The temporary construction footprint extends from the Asan River to the first five parking lot stalls. It would be a temporary impact during construction and may limit access and capacity to this area of the park.
- **Wildlife Refuges**,
  - The Sasa Bay Marine Preserve is a recreational and ecological protected area with regulated fishing. The preserve (770 acres) includes a significant subset (126 acres) of the largest mangrove stand in the Mariana Archipelago. This preserve extends from the dry dock island to Polaris Point and ends at the public right-of-way bordering Marine Corps Drive (Route 1). The diverse mangrove swamp serves as nursery grounds for jacks (Carangidae), barracudas (Sphyraenidae), snappers (Lutjanidae), and groupers (Serranidae). The bay also serves as a foraging ground for green and hawksbill sea turtles.
  - Laguas Bridge, most lands abutting the Laguas Bridge are owned by the Government of Guam. The property to the northwest of the bridge is part of the Sasa Bay Marine Preserve. There is a 70 foot utility and pipeline easement to the northwest side of the bridge and a 50 foot utility easement to the southeast side of the bridge. The APE extends 100-110 feet beyond the ROW on the northwest side, 180 feet on the northeast side and approximately 110 feet on the southeast and southwest side.