COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 9 Notre Dame has stacked deck of youthful linebackers

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — For a guy who generally holds his eards close to the vest, Clark Lea may have a couple aces up his sleeve. The defensive coordina-tor and linebackers coach for No. 9 Notre Dame said he sees leaders everywhere on his side of the ball with the season opener at Lou-isville coming up on Mon-day.

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In the secondary, free safety Alohi Gilman and strong safety Jelane Elliott are both team captains and the Fighting Irish are counting on senior Troy Pride Jr. to replace All-American Julian Love at boundary corner, On the defensive line, senior ends Julian Okwara and Khalid Karcem also were named captains by their team and the graduated Jerry Tillery and Junior Myron Tagovallox-Amosa has replaced the graduated Jerry Tillery and Junior Kurt Hinish has stepped up at nose tackle.

and junior Kurt Hinish has stepped up at nose tackle. Tasked with replacing linebackers Tevon Coney and Drue Tranquill — a combined 209 stops — from last season's 12-1 playoff team, Lea has spent the last eight months searching for the right combinations. Of 13 players rotating at Lea's three linebacker positions, to are freshman or sophomores.

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"The thing I'm excited about is we have a talented group." Lea said. "Everyone has the ability to have a role in the game. We're not having two guys take the brunt of snaps this season. We have rotations, we have specific skills that are executed in situations."

Asmar Bilal, a 6-2, 227-



Stanford wide receiver Trenton Irwin is stopped by Notre Dame safety Jalen Elliott (21) and linebacker Asmar Blial during the first half in South Bend, Ind., in 2018. Notre Dame's second-year defensive coordinator Clark Lea has spent all spring, summer and preseason looking for replacements for graduated 2018 tackle leaders Te'von Coney and Drue Tranquill. In grad student Blial and junior Drew White he may have found two of many.

pound grad student who saw the majority of snaps at rover last fall and finished with 50 tackles, has spent time at both Concy's middle and Tranquill's weakside linebacker positions. Drew White, a 6-600, 200-pound physical junior who saw limited action in four games, has returned from shoulder surgery and is part of the rotation in the middle. Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah, a 6-1, 216-pound junior, has been impressive in Bilal's old rover spot. "(White's) gol a really, really nice knack of finding the ball," added Lea, who likely will remove the once overlooked former three-time state champion at St. Thomas Aquinas (Florida)

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Notice of Permit Application

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Notice is hereby given that the Department of Transportation (the "applicant") of 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06131 has submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an application under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-32 for a permit to conduct regulated activities in tidal wetlands and Section 22a-361 to conduct work in tidal coastal or navigable waters of the State; and 33 U.S.C. Section 1341 (401 Water Quality Certification) to conduct an activity which may result in a discharge to certain waters of the State.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to replace the New Haven Line Railroad Bridge (Walk Bridge, Bridge No. 04288F) crossing the Norwalk River in Norwalk, Connecticut. The project consists of the removal of the existing bridge, including the superstructure, substructure dements (abutments and piers), timber pier protection system, and cleartivated electrical and railroad submarine cables; and construction of the replacement bridge. The four-span replacement bridge includes two side-by-side, 240-foot vertical lift spans across the Norwalk River, each with independently operated mechanical and electrical equipment. The pair of 240-foot vertical lift spans provides 170 feet horizontal navigational clearance between fenders, 60.73 feet vertical clearance above mean high water (MHW) when the span is fully raised, and 25.73 feet vertical clearance above MHW when the span is closed. There are two western approach spans and one eastern approach span. The approach spans are side-by-side, two-track structures; the north structure carries Tracks 1 and 3 and the south structure carries Tracks 2 and 4. Each structure is comprised of a precast concrete composite ballasted deck supported on four simply-supported bulk-up welded plate girders. The lift spans are 40-foot deep through trusses, each with a double-intersection Warren truss configuration without verticals. Each lift span is an open-deck two-track structure made up of trusses with floor beams supporting track stringers. Tower structures at the end of the lift spans support the lifting mechanisms and counterweights for both lift spans. Short deck-girder spans through the towers at each end provide continuity from the approach spans to the movable spans.

The proposed activity will affect the Norwalk River; intertidal flats and vegetated tidal wetlands along the east and west sides of the Norwalk River, both north and south of the bridge; and the 100-year floodpain. The project will result in 8,600 square feet (sf) (0.20 acre) of permanent impacts to tidal wetlands. Compensation for permanent impacts to the vegetated tidal wetlands and intertidal mudiflats will be largely in the form of mitigating tidal wetland areas within the intertidal zone, with some enhancement areas located landward of the high tide line. The loss of vegetated tidal wetlands and intertidal mudiflats will be largely in the form of mitigating tidal wetland areas within the intertidal zone, with some enhancement areas located landward of the high tide line. The loss of vegetated tidal wetlands are so the sustains of invasive common reed (Phragmites australis) in existing tidal wetlands, restoration of degraded vegetated tidal wetlands dominated by Phragmites, and restoration of a low-functioning intertidal flat previously impacted by riprap placement. The proposed mitigation areas cover a total of 61,990 square feet (0.42 acre), which is sufficient to compensate for the 34,400 square feet (0.79 acre) of required mitigation. These areas include 43,200 square feet (0.99 acre) that will be restored within existing tidal wetland boundaries which contain salt marsh vegetation, stands of Phragmites, and riprap with scattered patches of smooth condenses (Spartina alternificar). In addition, 18,790 square feet (0.43 acre) will be newly created or restored tidal wetlands outside of existing tidal wetland boundaries. The mitigation plan also will include listed species enhancements and improvements to the overall water quality of the Norwalk River. The proposed mitigation areas exist along the Norwalk River, praximal to, but outside of the project's immediate vicinity. Selection and development of the wetland mitigation sites were conducted in close conjunction with the Connecticut Department of Energy

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application in electronic (CD) format from Ms. Kimberly Lasay, Transportation Assistant Planning Director, Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut 06131 Telephone (860) 594-2931.

Interested persons may view the application on the Walk Bridge Program website at www.walkbridgect.com. Additionally, interested persons may view the application and/or obtain copies of the application in paper or CD format at the Walk Bridge Program Welcome Center, 24 Marshall Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut (corner of North Water Street and Marshall Street in the first floor of the Lock Building). The Walk Bridge Welcome Center hours of operation are; Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please call in advance to schedule a review of the application, telephone 1-8:33-GO2-WALK (462-9255).

The application is available for inspection at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Land and Water Resources Division, 79 Bm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127, telephone (860) 424-3034 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondaythrough Friday. Please call in advance to schedule review of the application.



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August 28, 2019

Subject:

State Project No. 301-176, Walk Bridge Replacement Project

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City of Norwalk

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In accordance with Section 22a-6g of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised, the Department hereby gives notice of the filing with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for regulated activities to be conducted in conjunction with the subject project. A copy of said Notice is attached. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Andrew H. Davis, Transportation Supervising Planner of my staff, at 860-594-2157.

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