COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

January 29, 2016
301 Jackson Street
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Richmond, Texas 77469
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This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 18, 2016 Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended to undertake the following:

Project Nature/Scope
The project consists of extending a 6" water line on all the above named streets within the project area. These lines will be connected to existing 8" and 6" water lines in the area
Project Location
The City of Arcola is located in the southeast portion of Fort Bend County. The City limits are located south of Fresh Water Supply District No. 1, North of Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 141, west of Pearland and east of Sienna Plantation. This water system improvement project involves constructing a water distribution line along Dallas Avenue, Garland Avenue, Main Street, Macnicoll Street, Highway 6 and Howell Street.
Funding Sources
$265,275 CDBG
$22,557 City Funds

Project Nature/Scope
The proposed improvements in Phase III would upgrade the existing 6" water line on Avenue with a 12" water line, significantly improving both potable water service and fire protection service to the residents in the entire project area.
Project Location
The City of Rosenberg is located in southwest Fort Bend County. The specific project Area can be generally described as the area defined by the Brazos River as the northern boundary, Elm Street as the western boundary, Walnut Street and Avenue E as the southern boundary and Eighth Street as the eastern boundary.
Funding Sources
$300,000 CDBG
$71,500 City Funds

Project Nature/Scope
This project involves the replacement/reconstruction of approximately 3,200 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch clay sanitary sewer line with PVC by pipe bursting, slip-lining and cured in place methods. The contractor will perform video inspection of the sewer lines with closed circuit TV and possible rehabilitation of 14 manholes. Included will be 25 sewer service reconnections.

Project Location
All work will be done in the north Richmond area of the City of Richmond. Specifically the area is Pultar Road, north of Rocky Falls Street and south to Preston Street; Preston Street from west of Mellon Street, east to North 10th Street.
Funding Sources
$276,500 CDBG
$ 69,150 City Funds

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson, Suite 602, Richmond, Texas 77469 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Fort Bend County Community Development Department. All comments received by February 17, 2016 will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Fort Bend County certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Robert E. Hebert in his capacity as Fort Bend County Judge consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Fort Bend County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Fort Bend County's Certification received by March 4, 2016 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Fort Bend approved by HUD; (b) the County of Fort Bend has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, 1301 Fannin St., Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Robert E. Hebert
Fort Bend County Judge