

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

January 17, 2020

Fort Bend County
301 Jackson St.
Richmond, Texas, 77469
281-342-3411

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Fort Bend County – City of Richmond.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 5, 2020 the Fort Bend County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of 2019 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program Grant #CDBG B-19-UC-48-0004 – ID 830 under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Title 1 Part 24, Section 570, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C 5301-5321 to undertake the following project known as the City of Richmond Drainage & Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2. The Project will address the current drainage and street improvements needed along Collins Road. Construction activities include: sidewalk expansion, flood drainage improvements, installation of 18" to 24" storm drains and accompanying inlets. The sidewalk portion will provide a 6-foot ADA compliant sidewalk replacing the existing 3 and a half-foot sidewalk. This Project phase originally extended approximately 1,823' linear feet along Collins Road north from Maiden Road to Clay Road. It also includes 2,322 linear feet south on Collins Road from George Park to Clay Road. Total area of disturbance is approximately 1.427 acres. Located in North Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas 77469. Project cost estimate - \$250,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The 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 Fort Bend County, 301 Jackson St. Richmond, Texas, 77469, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fort Bend County. All comments received by February 4, 2020 will be considered by the Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Fort Bend County certifies to HUD that KP George in his capacity as 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 fund and the Fort Bend County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual 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 of the Fort Bend County (b) the Fort Bend County 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec. 58.76) addressed to HUD Regional Environmental Office, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Houston Field Office, Region VI, 1301 Fannin, Suite 2200, Houston, TX 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge - Fort Bend County