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

February 23, 2025 Fort Bend County – Community Development Department 301 Jackson Street, Suite 602 Richmond, TX 77469 281-341-4410

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

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 11, 2025, Fort Bend County will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project activity in Fort Bend County, known as the North Rosenberg Water Distribution Line Improvements - Phase VIII (Project #869). This proposed project will replace approximately 16,863 linear feet of water lines with 4", 6", and 8" water main rehabilitation improvements are proposed for this service area. An estimated 159 services will be reconnected and approximately 9 new flushing valves will be installed. This work will also result in additional water service loops that will improve circulation and pressure for the entire low-mod neighborhood. All work for this project will be completed in established easements and rights-of-way, and all reclamation efforts will be completed for area residents, as well as any street repairs necessary to facilitate the project. This area is defined by the Brazos River as the northern boundary, Elm Street as the western boundary, Walnut Avenue and Avenue E as the southern boundary, and Avenue A (east of 8<sup>th</sup> Street) as the eastern boundary. The streets to be assisted in Phase VIII include West St (from Ave D to Walnut St), Brazos St (from Ave E to Walnut St), Mulcahy St (from Ave E to Walnut St), the alley between Mulcahy St and Carlisle St (between Ave E to Walnut St), Walnut St (from West St to the alley between Mulcahy St and Carlisle St); the alley just east of Mulcahy St (from Ave D north to the southern boundary of Brazos Park) and extending eastward to FM 723; Carlisle St from Ave D to Ave E; FM 723 from Ave D to Ave E; Alley between FM 723 and 1st St (north of Ave D); alley between FM 723 and 1st St (from Ave E south to Walnut St), Walnut St (from alley to 1st St), 1st St (from Walnut St to Ave E), Ave E (from alley just west of 1st St to 3rd St), 3rd St (from Ave B midway to Ave A), 4<sup>th</sup> St (from midway south of Ave A down to Ave B and over to 5<sup>th</sup> St); alley between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> St (from Ave C up to Ave A), Ave B (from 7<sup>th</sup> St east to alley before 8<sup>th</sup> St), Ave A (from 7<sup>th</sup> St east to River Bend Park), Rosenberg, Fort Bend County, Texas, 77471. The estimated HUD CDBG funded amount requested is \$1,646,081.26, to include \$48,660.84 in local match funding, for a total project cost of \$1,694,742.10.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Fort Bend County has determined that the project(s) 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 Community Development, 302 Jackson Street, 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 may submit written comments on the ERR to the address above. All comments received by March 10, 2025, will be considered by Fort Bend County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of the Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Fort Bend County certifies to HUD that KP George, Certifying Officer, 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 Fort Bend County Community Development Department to use Program funds.

# **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Fort Bend County's 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 Fort Bend County; (b) 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) and shall be addressed to either cpdrrofhou@hud.gov or the HUD Houston Field Office, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550 Houston, TX 77010. Potential objectors should contact HUD at 713 718-3199 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

KP George, County Judge