

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

August 12, 2019

County of Lamar
119 N. Main Street
Paris, Texas 75460
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Lamar.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 3, 2019 the County of Lamar will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Block Grant Program funds under Section 104(F) of the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as TXCDBG Contract #7218279 Streets Improvement Project for the purpose of address the deteriorated conditions of multiple existing county roads to remove the potential threat to public safety and improve conditions to lessen maintenance issues. All affected roadways are existing and have disturbed right-of way including electrical transmission lines and underground water lines. The project will be funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture with funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funds will consist of \$275,000 TXCDBG funds, \$55,000 County of Lamar funds, for a total of \$330,000 funds for the project.

The project will include the following activities in Lamar County, Texas.

Street Improvements:

- 1) On CR 15190 from CR 15100 to CR 15240 – Contractor will reconstruct approximately four thousand six hundred seventy linear feet (4,670 l.f.) of street utilizing road base, rock and all associated appurtenances.
- 2) On CR 16500 from FM 196 to approximately 3,000 l. f. west – Contractor will reconstruct street utilizing road base, cold mix and all associated appurtenances.
- 3) On CR 14055 from Hwy 271 to CR 14050
On CR 14060 from Hwy 271 to approximately 1,000 l. f. west
Contractor will reconstruct street utilizing road base, cold mix and all associated appurtenances.
- 4) On CR 24700 from FM 1506 to CR 24705;
On CR 24705 from FM 1506 to CR 24745;
On CR 24705 from CR 24700 to approximately 400 l. f. south;
On CR 24740 from CR 24705 to approximately 700 l. f. south;
On CR 24745 from Hwy 38 to approximately 1,300 l. f. south;

On CR 24750 from CR 24700 to approximately 600 l. f. south;
Contractor will reconstruct street utilizing road base, cold mix and all associated appurtenances.

5) On CR 36850 from FM 197 to approximately 3,300 l. f. north and west;
Contractor will reconstruct street utilizing road base, oil sand and all associated appurtenances.

6) On CR 42200 from CR 42400 to approximately 1 mile west.
On CR 42400 from CR 42200 to approximately 4,500 l. f. south
Contractor will reconstruct street utilizing road base, rock and all associated appurtenances.

The project will also include the following activities:

Administration Activities– The project will include the associated administration work.

Engineering Activities – The project will include the associated engineering work.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Lamar 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 Lamar County Auditors office located at 119 N. Main Street, Paris, Texas 75460 where ERR can be examined and at Resource Management & Consulting Co. at 3729 Lamar Avenue, Paris, Texas, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the County of Lamar, County Judge's office. All comments received by August 30, 2019 will be considered by the County of Lamar prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Lamar certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Brandon Bell 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Lamar to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Agriculture will accept objections to its release of fund and the County of Lamar'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 the County of Lamar; (b) the

County of Lamar 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 the Texas Department of Agriculture; 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 the Texas Department of Agriculture, Pam Wozniak, Environmental Specialist at P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brandon Bell, Lamar County Judge