

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

June 27, 2010

City of Pharr
118 South Cage Blvd.
City of Pharr, Texas 78577

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 13, 2010, the City of Pharr will submit a request to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, Disaster Recovery Division (DR), Environmental Regulatory Officers, PO Box 17900, Austin, Tx. 78760-7900 for the release of funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, and the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act enacted on September 30, 2008 (PL-110-329), for its Texas Community Development Block Grant Program for 2008 supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds associated with Hurricane Dolly and Ike, to undertake a project known as City of Pharr Downtown Drainage Improvement Project, to include the construction of approximately one thousand five hundred linear feet of seven-foot by five-foot concrete box culvert, one thousand one hundred twenty linear feet of nine-foot by five-foot concrete box culvert, nine hundred forty linear feet of eleven-foot by six-foot concrete box culvert, one hundred seventy-five linear feet of jack and bored seventy-two inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe, nine hundred linear feet of twenty four inch diameter concrete pipe, five hundred thirty linear feet of seventy-two inch diameter RCP, twelve manholes, thirty-three inlets and related appurtenances. The City of Pharr will remove and reconstruct approximately eight thousand thirty-five square yards of roadway using a two inch thick Type D hot mix asphalt concrete pavement, install approximately seven thousand two hundred square yards of eight inch thick compacted caliche base, and install approximately seven thousand two hundred square yards of six-inch thick compacted subgrade. The construction will take place at State and Dahlia Street and continue south along Dahlia Street to Jones Street. It will turn west on Jones Street to Flag Street and turn south to a drainage ditch located approximately 100 feet south of the intersection of Flag and Sam Houston Streets.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Pharr 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 City of Pharr City Hall, 118 South Cage, Pharr, Texas where ERR can be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 City of Pharr, City Hall, 118 S. Cage Blvd, Pharr Texas 78577, Attention Santiago Salinas, Program Manager. All comments received by July 12, 2010 will be considered by the City of Pharr 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

The City of Pharr certifies to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs that Mayor Leopoldo "Polo" Palacios in his capacity as Mayor 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 TDRA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Pharr to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs-Disaster Recovery Environmental Regulatory Officers will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Pharr's certification received by July 28 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 City of Pharr; (b) the City of Pharr 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 the TDRA-DR Environmental Regulatory Officers; 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 the Texas Department of Rural Affairs, Disaster Recovery Division, Environmental Regulatory Officers at P.O. Box 17900, Austin, Texas 78760-7900, Attention: Mr. Ray Mathews. Potential objectors should contact the TDRA-DR Environmental Regulatory Officers at (512) 936-0934 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mayor Leopoldo "Polo" Palacios
City of Pharr, Texas