

## **Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Hallettsville (City) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant (TDA-CDBG) Program, Contract #CDV23-0170, is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Floodplain, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

**The proposed project locations:** City of Hallettsville, Lavaca County, TX

- On 5<sup>th</sup> Street, from S. Glendale Street to approximately 60' past S. Promenade Street
- On US Hwy 77, from Pecan Street to Circle Drive;
- On Circle Drive, from US Hwy 77 to 219 LF to the northeast;
- On S. Pecan Street, from US Hwy 77 to S. Pecan/Mulberry Street;
- On Mulberry Street, from S. Pecan Street to 525 LF to the east.

### **Description of the Proposed Project: Water Improvements**

**5<sup>th</sup> Street Area:** Replace approximately nine hundred sixty linear feet (960 LF) of six-inch (6 in) water line including gate valves, related pavement repair and service reconnections, and all associated appurtenances.

**US Hwy 77 Area:** Replace approximately two-thousand four hundred linear feet (2,400 LF) of six-inch (6 in) water line including gate valves, fire hydrants, boring and steel casing, related pavement repair and service reconnections and all associated appurtenances, to include administration and engineering services and fees.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach. The Hwy 77 project area activities will be in the riverine FFRMS floodplain, totaling approximately 1.5-acres. The beneficial values of the floodplain will not be adversely affected as the project will not change the topography and best management practices will be utilized during construction to protect this valuable resource.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment, should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City at the following address on or before 5/27/25: City of Hallettsville, 101 N Main St, Hallettsville, TX 77964, Attn: Mayor's Office. (361) 798-3681. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org](mailto:cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org).

Date: 5/6/25