

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Riverine Floodplain and USFWS Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Simonton (City) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, under GLO Contract #24-065-168-F083, is located in a riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and USFWS Riverine Wetland, and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The proposed project locations are in the City of Simonton, Fort Bend County, TX as follows:

<b>SIMONTON ROADWAY REPLACEMENT</b>		
Description: Subrecipient shall remove existing roadway; pave road; and complete associated appurtenances.		
Wrangler Road	From Farm to Market Road 1093 northward 854' 29.67711, -96.01410	854 Linear Feet (LF)
Lariat Lane	From Cowhide Drive to Wagon Road 29.68284, -96.00022	2,825 LF
Wagon – Cheyenne Road	From Broncho Road to Cheyenne Road, thence westward to Pony Lane 29.69181, -95.99572	9,353 LF
<b>SIMONTON DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
Description: Subrecipient shall regrade roadside ditches; remove and repair culverts; and complete associated appurtenances.		
Along Surrey Drive	From Fort Bend Road southward 510' 29.68995, -96.0021	510 LF
Along Indian Road	From Pony Lane eastward to Wagon Road 29.69731, -95.99766	1,292 LF
Along Tejas Road	From Pony Lane eastward to Wagon Road 29.69604, -95.99767	1,279 LF
Along Custer Road	From Pony Lane eastward to Wagon Road 29.69981, -95.99768	1,304 LF
Fort Bend Culvert	At the ditch on Fort Bend Road between Lariat Lane and Surrey Drive 29.68464, -96.00181	1 Public Facility (PF)
Wagon Culvert	At the ditch on Wagon Road between Lariat Lane and Buckboard Road 29.68206, -95.99592	1 PF

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach. According to the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMette 48157C0070L, effective 4/2/2014, the project locations are entirely within the FFRMS floodplain, totaling approximately 3-acres. The beneficial values of the floodplain will not be adversely affected as the roadway and flood/drainage improvements will be to sites that are already geographically in the floodplain. These activities will not change the topography.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map, the two culvert project locations will cross a Riverine Wetland, totaling approximately less than 0.10-acres each at crossing. Work in the wetlands will be approached under the appropriate Nationwide Permit following completion of surveying. The limits and conditions of the permit will be followed. The beneficial values of the wetland will not be adversely affected as best management practices will be utilized during construction and the project activities will improve the conveyance of water without changing its pathway.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands, 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 and wetland, 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 and wetlands 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 and wetlands it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Simonton at the following address on or before 9/29/25: City of Simonton, 35011 FM 1093 or P. O. Box 7, Simonton, TX 77485, (281) 533-9809, Attn: Mayor's Office. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday – Thursday 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, and Friday from 8 am to noon. Comments may also be submitted via email at [mayor@simontontexas.gov](mailto:mayor@simontontexas.gov).

Date: 9/12/25