

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
and NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
and FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS**

12/17/25

City of Simonton, 35011 FM 1093 / P. O. Box 7, Simonton, TX, 77476-0007, (281) 533-9809

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited three separate but related procedural notification requirements to be undertaken by the City of Simonton.

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 12/30/25, the City of Simonton (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, to undertake a project known as Street and Flood-Drainage Improvements to improve drainage and reduce flood risk across the city, under GLO Contract #24-065-168-F083.

Project Locations: Simonton, Fort Bend County, TX

Project Title: Simonton Roadway Replacement (Street Improvements)		
Wrangler Road	From Farm-to-Market 1093 northward 854 feet 29.67711, -96.01410	854 Linear Feet (LF)
Lariat Lane	From Cowhide Drive to Wagon Road 29.68284, -96.00022	2,825 LF
Wagon Road and Cheyenne Road	From Broncho Road to Cheyenne Road, thence westward to Pony Lane 29.69181, -95.99572	9,353 LF
Project Description: Subrecipient shall remove existing roadway; pave road; and complete associated appurtenances.		

Project Title: Simonton Flood and Drainage Improvements		
Along Surrey Drive	From Fort Bend Road southward 510 feet 29.68995, -96.0021	510 Linear Feet (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 Drive Culvert	At the ditch on Fort Bend Drive between Lariat Lane and Surrey Drive 29.68464, -96.00181	One Public Facility
Wagon Road Culvert	At the ditch on Wagon Road between Lariat Lane and Buckboard Road 29.68206, -95.99592	One Public Facility

Project Description: Subrecipient shall regrade roadside ditches; remove and repair culverts; and complete associated appurtenances.

Funding Information

DRGR Activity	Grant Award	Other Funds	Total
MIT - Public Facilities and Improvements – Non-Covered Projects - UNM	\$1,559,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,559,100.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$1,559,100.00

Non-HUD Funds: \$0.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$1,559,100.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the City at the address above, or by email to mayor@simontontexas.gov.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD (FFRMS) DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the City of Simonton has, under 24 CFR Part 58, conducted an evaluation 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 activity is funded under Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding appropriated under the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Pub. L. 115-123), as amended, GLO Contract #24-065-168-F083. The proposed project Locations and Descriptions are as described in REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach:

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the Freeboard Value Approach. According to the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) FIRMettes 48157C0060L and 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. All appropriate and most recent data was considered for this review.

According to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) map, there is a Riverine Wetland running under the two culvert replacement locations, Fort Bend Drive and Wagon Road. Parnell Engineering performed an analysis of the 2 culvert sites and produced a report dated 11/4/25 which states in summary that, *"the riverine feature at both culvert crossing locations are likely considered waters of the U. S. due to its relatively permanent status and continuous surface water connection to the Brazos River. A pre-application meeting was held with USACE, and their recommendation is that NWP 18, Minor Discharges, or NWP 14, Linear Transportation Projects, is utilized due to the road reconstruction that will take place. When the engineer provides to Parnell their footprint layouts of the two sites, the appropriate Nationwide Permit will be identified. The limits and conditions of the permit will be followed. There will be no adverse effect on wetlands.*

HUD's 8-Step decision-making process of §55.20 to comply with 24 CFR Part 55 was completed.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetland: Different Activities: According to project engineers, the only alternative that can be reasonably considered is to "do nothing, which would ultimately lead to a failure of the culverts resulting in an increased risk of flooding."

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: Taking no action would incur no costs for the improvements and would cause no construction-related environmental impact but would be unable to address the problems of future flooding in the project area.

The City has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain and wetland development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying as outlined in the paragraph of FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a floodplain and wetland 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. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments/objections on the ERR to the City. Written comments received by 12/29/25 will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments shall be addressed to the City at mayor@simontontexas.gov or by mail to: City of Simonton, 35011 FM 1093 / P. O. Box 7, Simonton, TX, 77476-0007, (281) 533-9809, Attn: Mayor's Office. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Potential objectors should contact the City via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Simonton certifies to the Texas General Land Office that Laurie Boudreaux, in her 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. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Simonton to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 City; (b) The City 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 GLO (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 Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, Community Development and Revitalization, P.O. Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact the GLO at (512) 475-5000 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Laurie Boudreaux, Mayor