

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Moore, Oklahoma has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 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 the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery under HUD grant number B-13-MS-40-0001. The proposed project is located along S. Janeway Avenue from SW 10th Street to SW 17th Street, in Moore, Cleveland County. The City of Moore proposes street reconstruction of S. Janeway Avenue from SW 17th Street to SW 10th Street, Janeway Circle, and Dreessen Drive from SW 12th Street south by approximately 150 feet in Moore, Oklahoma, Cleveland County. The proposed project site is located within AE Zone, area of special flood hazard with water surface elevations determined, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The work for Janeway Avenue consists of the removal of current roadway, curb, and gutter and the construction of a new roadway, curb, and gutter. The construction of Dreessen Drive will consist of the installation of the roadway, curb, and gutter. The section of Dreessen Drive to be constructed is approximately 150 feet just south of SW 12th Street. The intersection of SW 12th Street and Dreessen Drive will also be reconstructed. The reconstruction for the intersection will include the demolition of the current roadway, curb, and gutter.

The City of Moore has considered the following alternative and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The only alternative identified was not reconstructing Janeway Avenue, Janeway Circle, and Dreessen Drive. It is the City of Moore's determination that there is no practicable alternative for the street reconstruction. The condition of these roadways are extremely poor. They have encountered significant damage over the last several years, starting with the tornado. After the tornado, these roadways served as the main route for debris cleanup, as well as, the reconstruction of the area. Many construction trucks have traveled these roadways worsening their condition. The City of Moore has reevaluated the alternatives to construct in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/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/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Moore at the following address on or before May 15, 2020: City of Moore, 301 N Broadway Moore, OK 73160 and 405-793-4571, Attention: Kahley Gilbert, Project-Grants Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am through 5:00pm at address stated above and www.cityofmoore.com. Comments may also be submitted via email at cdbg@cityofmoore.com.

Date: May 7, 2020