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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Tulsa County, as the Responsible Entity, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, 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 Urban County FY 2019 Community Development Block Grant under B-19-UC-40-0001.

The proposed project is located along E. Washington Avenue in The City of Sapulpa, Creek County. The proposed project is street improvements to existing E. Washington Avenue, which is a local street running east-west between S. Water Street and S. Maple Street. Proposed improvements will consist of milling, overlay and construction of curb and gutter for approximately five blocks of existing roadway to improve the deteriorating road surface.

Tulsa County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

(i) It is Tulsa County’s determination that there is no practicable alternative for partially locating the project in the flood zone. This is due to: 1) the need to provide a safe transportation route for area residents and commuters; and 2) the need to construct an economically feasible project.

(ii) Tulsa County considered several alternative sites and actions to evaluate undertaking the project in the base floodplain:
   A. Undertake the Project Within the Floodplain
      1. Undertake the project along the existing roadway:
         The project site occurs in a long established neighborhood and park area. The project as originally proposed would cause no damage to the floodplain and its natural functions because the roadway has existed in that location for many years, and the street repaving improvement project would not obstruct flood zones. The roadway is currently designed to permit floodwaters, should flooding occur, to cross the roadway unobstructed and permit waters to drain
      2. Modify the Project to Avoid improvements to the street where it crosses the Floodplain Areas
         Modifying the proposed project was considered to avoid impacts in the floodplain. The modification considered involved reconstructing the portions of the roadway that cross the floodplain to a location that did not cross the floodplain or elevating the road above the floodplain to move it completely out of special flood hazard areas. Both of these modifications are considered cost prohibitive and beyond the scope of the project.
   B. Locate the Project Outside of the Floodplain
      The City of Sapulpa considered an alternative alignment for the project; however, the roadway is in an existing location and there is no location available for an alternative alignment that would provide access to the existing homes. This modification is considered cost prohibitive and beyond the scope of the project.
   C. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose
A no action alternative was considered and rejected because of the necessity to repair the roadway’s deteriorating surfaces and the need to add curb and gutters. There is, therefore, no practical alternative to the proposed road improvement project.

(iii) Improvements funded through this activity will occur on an existing local roadway already constructed in the floodplain, and the activity will not alter the floodplain or elevation of the roadway. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required. All improvements will be made in compliance with state and local floodplain ordinances.

Tulsa County Board of County Commissioners has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain or wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 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 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 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 Tulsa County at the following address on or before July, 28, 2020, INCOG, 2 West 2nd Street, Suite 800, Tulsa, OK 74103 Attention: Megan Douglas. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at incog.org/Community_Economic_Development/commdev_main.html and https://www.tulsacounty.org/Tulsacounty/dynamic.aspx?id=8056. Comments may also be submitted via email at mdouglas@incog.org.

Date: July 19, 2020
Environmental Review Information
Project Description- FY2019

1. **Project Name:** City of Sapulpa, E. Washington Ave. Rehabilitation Project
2. **Type of Project:** Street Improvement
3. **Funding Sources:** Tulsa County CDBG Urban County FY2019 Funds: $158,129.00
   
   GO Bond funds: $118,224.00
   
   Total Project Costs: $276,353.00
4. **Scope of Project:** Repair and rebuild E. Washington Ave. from South Water Street To South Maple Street
   
   Proposed improvements will consist of milling, overlay and construction of curb and gutter for approximately five blocks of existing roadway to improve the deteriorating road surface.
5. **Total Project Cost by Major Categories:**
   
   CDBG Funds (Urban County): $ 158,129.00
   
   GO Bond Funds $ 118,224.00
   
   Total Cost: $ 276,353.00
6. **Project Location:** City of Sapulpa, E. Washington Ave. from S. Water St. to S. Maple St., Section 35, Township 18N, and Range 11E
   
   See the attached map of the proposed project site.
7. **Number of beneficiaries served:** 587 persons
8. **Will people be relocated?** No relocation
9. **Availability of other Environmental Reports:** Engineering report and cost estimates prepared by the City of Sapulpa.
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Sapulpa, OK, E. Washington Ave.
Street Improvements from S. Water St. to S. Maple St.

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