



CITY OF WESTMINSTER
PUBLIC NOTICE

Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in a 100-Year Floodplain

July 27, 2023

TO: All Interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Westminster has determined that two proposed actions under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program that provides funds for projects that develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons, are located in a 100-year floodplain. The City of Westminster will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, 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 Protection of Wetlands.

Proposed Action A

The City has allocated \$1,294,125 in CDBG funds for a public improvement activity entitled, “2023/24 Street Improvements.” The proposed project is located along the following neighborhood streets in Westminster, Orange County: Main Street between Chestnut Street and Goldenwest Street; Maple Street between Village Way and Goldenwest Street; Maple Street between Chestnut Street and Village Way; Chestnut Street between Maple Street and Hazard Street; Webber Place between 13th Street and Pembroke Lane; Pembroke Lane between Cedarwood Avenue and Joyce Avenue; 13th Street between Cedarwood Avenue and Joyce Avenue; Joyce Avenue between 13th Street and Pembroke Lane; 14th Street between Cedarwood Avenue to End; and Middleborough Street between Tennyson Avenue and Melric Avenue. The purpose of the project is to remove and reconstruct damaged concrete curbs, gutters, cross gutters, V-gutter, sidewalks, driveways and alley approaches and other related concrete improvements; remove and replace deteriorated pavement areas; grind existing pavement and construct new asphalt concrete pavement; adjust sewer manholes and water/hydrant valves to finished grade; and install new striping to match with existing configuration in predominately low- and moderate-income areas. Of the ten street segments proposed to be reconstructed, one – Middleborough Street – affects a floodplain designated as Zone A subject to inundation by one percent (1%) chance of flood, as shown on the National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette, Map No. 06059C0252J, revised December 3, 2009.

Proposed Action B

The City has allocated \$528,614 in CDBG funds for a public improvement activity entitled, “Elden F. Gillespie Park Improvements.” Elden F. Gillespie Park, located at 9801 McFadden Avenue, Westminster, Orange County is a popular and heavily used 3.5-acre park within the City. It is

adjacent to a middle school and contains such amenities as an activity building, BBQ and picnic areas, basketball and tennis courts, softball fields, public restrooms, and a playground. The Community Services and Recreation Department is requesting CDBG funds to renovate the existing playground area. Elden F. Gillespie Park affects a floodplain designated as Zone A subject to inundation by one percent (1%) chance of flood, as shown on the National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette, Map No. 06059C0252J, revised December 3, 2009.

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 the City of Westminster on or before Monday, August 14, 2023. The City of Westminster encourages electronic submittal of comments to be emailed directly to Michael Son, Housing Specialist at MSon@Westminster-CA.gov. In the alternative, written comments may be mailed to:

City of Westminster
Housing and Grants Division
8200 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA 92683
Attention: Michael Son, Housing Specialist
(714) 548-3170

A full description of the project may be reviewed at the same address as above Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

/S/

Ashton R. Arocho, MMC
City Clerk of the City of Westminster

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