

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS – AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE FFRMS FLOODPLAIN

Date of Notice: 10/27/2025

City of Midway, 12250 State HWY 21 E, Midway, TX 75852,

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Midway.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 17th, 2025, the City of Midway will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Rehabilitation of Midway's sewer system. CDV23-0164, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services as well as rehabilitating four (4) lift stations, installing two (2) recirculation pumps, one (1) discharge flow meter, removing the existing sludge at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), replacing nine (9) manholes, rehabilitating eight (8) manholes, and all associated appurtenances. This is a critical action project and does not involve acquisition. No ground disturbances are anticipated at the lift stations as rehabilitation is all internal. The proposed project is located throughout the City of Midway, Madison County, Texas. The following coordinates represent the approximate locations of each manhole, (Coordinates going from West to East): (31.029135, -95.76967), (31.028888, -95.768804), (31.027183, -95.760044), (31.025319, -95.752984), (31.024632, -95.752238), (31.028822, -95.746167), (31.025712, -95.750155), (31.024557, -95.749387), (31.023611, -95.748437), (31.022824, -95.748053), (31.021677, -95.747878), (31.020854, -95.747771), (31.019926, -95.747618), (31.018210, -95.747312), (31.017308, -95.744723), (31.017147, -95.744025), (31.016747, -95.742874). The Wastewater Treatment Plant is located off FM 2548 approximately 1,500 feet south of the FM 2548 and Reynold Road intersection, with approximate coordinates (31.023136, -95.740983). Lift Station A is located at 12671 Tx21 at approximately coordinate (31.03098, -95.74389). Lift Station B is located across from 11862 TX-21 at approximately coordinate (31.02310, -95.75399). Lift Station C is located at 5799 FM 247 at approximately coordinate (31.02231, -95.74773). Lift Station D is located at 6488 FM 247 at approximately coordinate (31.01591, -95.74101). Please see the project maps for the exact location of each manhole, lift station, WWTP, and the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The City of Midway has been awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds and shall contribute \$10,000.00 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Midway 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) on file at the Midway City Hall, 12250 State HWY 21 E, Midway, Texas 75852 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Debra Newkirk, City Secretary via email cityofmidway@yahoo.com or by phone at (936) 348-6800.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FFRMS FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the City of Midway has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 Program and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) ERR #(CDV23-0164). The City of Midway proposes a Rehabilitation of Midway's Sewer System. project to at 12250 State HWY 21 E, Midway, Madison County, Texas. The City of Midway proposes a Rehabilitation of Midway's Sewer System at 12250 State HWY 21 E, Midway, Madison County, Texas. The project includes rehabilitating four (4) lift stations, including... and all associated appurtenances. Additionally, install two (2) recirculation pumps, one (1) discharge flow meter, and remove existing sludge at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Additionally, replace nine (9) manholes, rehabilitate eight (8) manholes, and all associated appurtenances. The manholes are located throughout the city. WWTP is located off FM 2548 Lift Station A is located at 12671 Tx21 Lift Station B is located across from 11862 TX-21 Lift Station C is located at 5799 FM 247 Lift Station D is located at 6488 FM 247, Midway, TX, 78118. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using 0.2 percent flood approach. According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 4811800075A effective date 9/27/1991 report, the proposed project is within is within the FFRMS Floodplain. FEMA estBFE data is available for the projected flooding area. The Flood Risk

Information Report states the estimated BFE is 236.3 feet. Adding an additional two feet we get 238.3 feet at (31.0228, -95.7541). Additionally, the Flood Risk Information Report states the estimated BFE is 221.7, adding an additional two feet we get 223.7 feet at (31.0218, -95.7477). The Flood Risk Information Report also includes the estimated BFE is 210.6 feet, adding an additional two feet we get 212.6 feet at (31.0227, -95.7421). Therefore, the projected area is located within the FFRMS floodplain. Manholes to be replaced include approximate depth of 8 feet; approximately 10 feet x 9 manholes to be replaced = 90 feet; width of approximately 10 feet x 9 manholes = 90 feet. A possible disturbance of approximately 1 foot; length 3 feet x 8 manholes to be raised = 24 feet, and width of 1 foot working area x 8 manholes to be raised = 8 feet. As the proposed project involves an activity for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great because such flooding might result in a loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to property, it is therefore a critical action. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. The City of Midway 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: locations outside and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain, alternative methods to serve the identical project objective, and a determination not to approve any action proposing the occupancy or modification of a floodplain.

- The City shall maintain and operate a early warning system that serves all facility occupants
- The project shall meet any applicable, additional local floodplain requirements set forth by the community's Floodplain Administrator prior to construction.
- All state, local, and NFIP floodplain protection procedures will be followed. Including manhole elevation/floodproofing as necessary.
- The consulting engineer shall take into consideration additional specifications to minimize damage to and/or restore the native plant species.
- The project shall be implemented using best management practices designed to protect improvements from flood damage.

The practicability of alternatives considered the natural, social, and economic values of each alternative. The rehabilitation of the lift stations, and manholes would be economically prohibitive, and would allow health, safety, and environmental violations to persist. The City of Midway has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the FFRMS floodplain. The proposed project must be located within the floodplain due to the necessity of aligning with existing infrastructure and to meet critical service requirements for the surrounding community. The best action is to proceed with the project as planned utilizing the following mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and values of the FFRMS floodplain. The project shall comply with all applicable local floodplain requirements set by the community's Floodplain Administrator, as well as state, local, and NFIP floodplain protection procedures. The project shall be implemented using best management practices designed to protect natural landscapes that serve to maintain or restore natural hydrology through infiltration. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the City Hall. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) 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; (2) 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; and (3) 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 risks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor. Comments may also be submitted via email to cityofmidway@yahoo.com. All comments received by November 14th, 2025 will be considered by the City of Midway prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Midway certifies to TDA-ORA that Randall Dorman in their 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Midway to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Midway'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 of Midway approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Midway 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 TDA-ORA; or (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 Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Randall Dorman, Mayor