

# **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The City of New Orleans.

## **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 19,2026, The City of New Orleans Office of Community Development will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding grant funds under Public Law 113-2 of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013, to undertake a project known as the Lincoln Beach Redevelopment Project.

This project will procure and install a pre-fabricated bridge to connect people and utilities over a 4-lane roadway, levee, a floodwall, and a dual-track railroad. The pre-fabricated bridge will be 150 feet long and 10 feet wide; the bridge will stretch from the Lincoln Beach parking lot, over Hayne Boulevard, the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System floodwall, and the Norfolk Southern Rail line to the flood side of Lincoln Beach adjacent to the shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain. The single span bridge will maintain a 36' ground clearance and a minimum 16' ground clearance from the top of the floodwall to the lowest elevation of the bridge. Pre-fabricated bridge installation work will be done in conformity with the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code and all applicable New Orleans Parish codes and regulations.

The project as described above will use approximately \$4,116,279.00 of the Community Project Funding Grant under grant number B-24-CP-LA-0908. The total estimated cost for the complete project is approximately \$15,085,189.39

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of New Orleans has determined that the project will not have a 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 City of New Orleans, Office of Community Development, 1340 Poydras Street, 10<sup>th</sup> floor, New Orleans, LA 70112, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To view the full, ERR call 658-4365 or e-mail [cafoundas@nola.gov](mailto:cafoundas@nola.gov) for an appointment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development. All comments received by May 18, 2026, will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments can also be emailed to [cafoundas@nola.gov](mailto:cafoundas@nola.gov).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of New Orleans certifies to HUD that Helena Moreno, Mayor, City of New Orleans in her capacity as Certifying Officer for Environmental Review for the City of New Orleans 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of New Orleans to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of New Orleans' certification received by June 3, 2026, or 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 or other officer of the City of New Orleans; (b) the City of New Orleans 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 HUD; 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:

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
Attn: Leticia Ibarra, Regional Director, Region 6  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
Hale Boggs Building  
500 Poydras Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period regarding the federal funds. Objections can be emailed to [CPDRROFNOR@hud.gov](mailto:CPDRROFNOR@hud.gov)

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Helena Moreno, Mayor - Environmental Certifying Officer

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