

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of New Orleans under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Community Project Funding B-24-CP-LA-0908 is located in the floodplain and the City of New Orleans will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 14000 Hayne Boulevard in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of this project is to construct a new pedestrian bridge connecting the Lincoln Beach site (13835 Hayne Boulevard) to 14000 Hayne Boulevard. The City of New Orleans will install pre-fabricated 150 ft long, ten ft wide composite bridge that goes from the Lincoln Beach parking lot, over Hayne Boulevard, the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System floodwall and Norfolk Southern Rail line to the flood side of Lincoln Beach. The single span bridge will maintain a 36.00' ground clearance and minimum 16.00' clearance from the top of the floodwall to the lowest elevation of the bridge. The Lincoln Beach "parking lot" side of the pedestrian bridge will be located in the "Zone X" in an area where future conditions estimate a 1% annual (100-year) flood risk; the Lincoln Beach side of the pedestrian bridge will be located in the "special flood hazard area – Zone VE" located between Lake Pontchartrain and the Norfolk Southern Rail Line. The proposed pedestrian bridge will provide safe pedestrian access to the Lincoln Beach site expanding recreational opportunities for the community. A total of ~0.5 acres will be affected by construction of the pedestrian bridge.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain 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 floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of New Orleans at the following address on or before February 9, 2026 **[a minimum 15 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication and end on the 16th day after the publication]**: City of New Orleans – Office of Community Development, Environmental Division, 1340 Poydras Street, Suite 920, New Orleans, LA, 70112. Attention: Craig Foundas, Director of Environmental Compliance. Comments may also be submitted via email at cafoundas@nola.gov. The phone number associated with this office is (504) 658-4395.