

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

**Date of Notice: 2/6/2020**

Cass County, PO Box 825, 604 Texas Hwy 8 N, Linden, TX 75563, (903) 756-5181

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Cass County.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about 2/25/2020 the Cass County 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 Street Improvements 7219070, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and install approximately 290 square yards of headwall construction, culvert, approximately 210 linear feet (LF) of roadway, guardrails, and all associated appurtenances located on CR 1462 (at Flat Creek Crossing), approximately 2,245 LF east of the intersection of CR 1463 and CR 1462. If funds allow, the County would like to continue additional paving, culverts and drainage pipe replacement on CR 1462 approximately 1,000 LF east of Flat Creek Crossing and 1,000 LF west of Flat Creek Crossing, Linden, Cass County, Texas. Cass County has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$55,000 in match funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Cass County 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 Cass County County Courthouse, 604 Texas Hwy 8 N, Linden, TX 75563 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. All comments received by 2/24/2020 will be considered by Cass County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

Cass County certifies to TDA-ORA that Becky Wilbanks in their capacity as County Judge 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 Cass County to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Cass County'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 Cass County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Cass County 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 The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Becky Wilbanks, County Judge