

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Kyle has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program Contract # 19-280-000-B779 is located in the 100-year floodplain wetland, and the City of Kyle will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The City of Kyle shall reconstruct a portion of Windy Hill Road by removing and replacing existing culverts, the roadway, and approaches; widen the roadway pavement and structure to add turn lane capacity, install railing and end treatments that meet TxDOT standards; and improve associated appurtenances. Improvements total approximately two thousand one hundred (2100) linear feet. The proposed project(s) limits are approximately from 500 ft W. of Cherrywood to 500 ft East of Purple Martin Ave in Kyle, TX. According to FEMA flood panel 48209C029F, the project is located within .87 acres of a 100-year floodplain. According to the National Wetlands Inventory, the project is impacting approximately 0.20 acres. Wetland R4SBC – Riverine and Freshwater Emergent. The wetland and floodplain provide important drainage management in the area.

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

Written comments must be received by City of Kyle at the following address on or before May 1, 2020: The City of Kyle, 100 W. Center Street, Kyle TX and 512-262-3949 Attention: Jo Ann Garcia, P.E., Project Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed electronically or via US Mail or by visiting the City of Kyle's website address <https://www.cityofkyle.com/cityengineer/kyle-receives-18-m-federal-award-urgent-improvements-windy-hill-rd>. Please submit your request by US mail to 100 W. Center Street, 100 W. Center Street, Kyle TX. Comments may also be submitted via email at jgarcia@cityofkyle.com.

Date: April 15, 2020