

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Hialeah, FL has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with U. S. HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the proposed **CDBG Roadway Improvement Project** under HUD CDBG grant contract #E-15-MC-12-0008. The Project consists of right-of-way reconstruction in an area approximately bounded on the north by West 33rd Street, on the south by West 30th Street, on the east by West 8th Avenue and on the west by West 12th Avenue in Hialeah, Miami-Dade County. Improvements will include new drainage, roadway asphalt surface, lighting, concrete sidewalk and driveway aprons, concrete curb & gutter and appropriate traffic signage. This is a fully developed urban residential area, and much of the work will replace existing facilities. The entire potential project area is approximately 67 acres, and is located in a 100-year floodplain.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: #1, "No project" will continue unnecessary levels of localized flooding/inadequate stormwater drainage, substandard lighting, deteriorated streets, deteriorated and missing sidewalks, missing signage, handicap accessibility barriers and pedestrian safety hazards, and a poor aesthetic appearance. This choice is not acceptable to local residents, ADA codes, and City maintenance. #2, "Replace existing facilities with no modification" would somewhat improve and extend the life of the streets, sidewalks and lighting, but would not correct/minimize the drainage problems, eliminate barriers and pedestrian safety hazards, increase lighting levels, or improve aesthetics. #3, "Proposed Project": will improve the function of the drainage system, provide long lasting streets that meet local standards and have appropriate signage, provide uniformly adequate lighting, provide sidewalks throughout the area with handicap accessibility, improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood. The Proposed Project will also restore some of the right of way to green space which is permeable to rain water, and decrease impervious surfaces through a reduction in on-street parking. All work will comply with applicable floodplain management requirements.

The City has reevaluated the alternatives to the Proposed Project in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of **Executive Order 11988**, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: **There will be a decrease/no increase in impermeable surfaces, no new development or land use changes, and stormwater drainage will be retained/treated/discharged through the City's stormwater drainage system which is maintained by the City.**

Details pertaining to the project may be obtained from, and written comments will be received by the City of Hialeah at the following address on or before **the 8th day after the publication of this notice**: Annette Quintana, Director of Grants and Human Services, 501 Palm Avenue, 1st Floor, Hialeah, Florida 33010, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Friday. Comments may also be submitted via email at aquintana@hialeahfl.gov with the subject line ENVIRONMENTAL COMMENT. Telephone (305) 883-8040.

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