

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

**Date of Notice: 7/18/2024**

City of Robert Lee, 6 East 7th St, Robert Lee, Texas 76945, (325) 453-2831

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Robert Lee.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about 8/7/2024 the City of Robert Lee 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 Robert Lee CDV23-0406 – Street Improvements, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and to reconstruct approximately 1,950 linear feet (“LF”) of roadway to include caliche base, hot mix asphalt, install approximately 1,558 LF of curb and gutter, complete approximately 2,000 LF of ditch regrading, install approximately 250 LF of storm drainage channel, and complete all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place on 3rd Street from Commerce Street to Ross Street, then continue for approximately 250 LF southeast to install the open storm drainage channel. The City of Robert Lee has been awarded \$500,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$10,024.00 in match funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Robert Lee 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 Robert Lee City Hall, 6 East 7th St, Robert Lee, Texas 76945 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Amanda G. Mendoza, City Secretary via email [amendoza@robertleetexas.org](mailto:amendoza@robertleetexas.org) or by phone at (325) 453-2831.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor. Comments may also be submitted via email to [amendoza@robertleetexas.org](mailto:amendoza@robertleetexas.org). All comments received by 8/6/2024 will be considered by the City of Robert Lee prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Robert Lee certifies to TDA-ORA that Steven Arens in their capacity as Mayor 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 the City of Robert Lee to use HUD program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Robert Lee’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 the City of Robert Lee approved by TDA-ORA (b) the City of Robert Lee 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 Annessa Lewis, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at [CDBG\\_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov). Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven Arens, Mayor