

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a FFRMS Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 9/29/2025: This is to give notice that Robertson County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant Program and administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) ERR #(24-065-073-E684). Robertson County proposes a Street Improvements project to reconstruct approximately two thousand eight hundred and sixty linear feet (2,860 LF) of street construction along Hughes Street, one thousand one hundred and ten linear feet (1,110 LF) of street construction along Weston Road; rework and stabilize subgrade; pave roads; and complete associated appurtenances. Project activities will take place along two thousand eight hundred and sixty (2,860) linear feet on Hughes Street from Milton Street southwestward, thence northward to Crennan Lane and one thousand one hundred and ten (1,110) linear feet along Weston Road, from Old Hearne Road to Mumford Benchley Road, Robertson County, Texas. Alternatively, additional work includes rework and stabilize subgrade; pave roads; and complete associated appurtenances Russell Lane. The purpose of the project is to reconstruct deteriorated streets due to historical usage and Hurricane Harvey. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach. According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 48395C0530C effective date 7/18/2011, the proposed project is within approximately 0.058 acres of the FFRMS Floodplain. According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory, the proposed project is also located within approximately 0.042 acres of designated wetland code R4SBC wetland. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain and wetland potentially affected by the proposed activity include floodwater storage and conveyance, groundwater recharge, erosion control, surface water quality maintenance, biological productivity, fish and wildlife habitats, harvest for wild & cultivated products, recreational, educational, scientific, historic, and cultural opportunities. Robertson County has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain and wetlands: locations outside and not affecting the FFRMS floodplain or wetlands, alternative methods to serve the identical project objective, and a determination not to approve any action proposing the occupancy or modification of a floodplain or wetland. The practicability of alternatives considered the natural, social, and economic values of each alternative. The alternatives considered were not chosen because they would fail to address the most deteriorated streets in need of repair, would be economically prohibitive, and would allow health, safety, and environmental violations to persist. Robertson County has reevaluated the alternatives and has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands. The proposed project must be located within the floodplain and wetland due to the necessity of aligning with existing infrastructure and to meet critical service requirements for the surrounding community. The best action is to proceed with the project as planned utilizing the following mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and values of the FFRMS floodplain: All necessary best management practices, mitigation measures, and any applicable USACE permitting will be follow in project design and implementation. The project shall comply with all applicable local floodplain requirements set by the community's Floodplain Administrator, as well as state, local, and NFIP floodplain protection procedures. The project shall be implemented using best management practices designed to protect natural landscapes that serve to maintain or restore natural hydrology through infiltration. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request during regular business hours at the County Courthouse. There are three primary purposes for this notice: (1) People who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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; (2) An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas; and (3) As a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must be received on or before 10/7/2025 by Robertson County at 102 W. Decherd Street or PO Box 427, Franklin, TX 77856, (979) 828-3542. Attention: Joe David Scarpinato, County Judge. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business

hours at 102 W. Decherd Street, Franklin, TX 77856. Comments may also be submitted via email to shelley.smith@co.robertson.tx.us CC: casity.king@grantworks.net.