

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

*September 13, 2023  
City of Houston,  
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)  
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**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Marron Park Way CDBG-MIT project.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about September 29, 2023, the City of Houston’s Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG–MIT) funds authorized by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Division B, Subdivision 1 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115–123, approved February 9, 2018) to undertake a project known as Marron Park Way.

**Project Location:** 3.35 acre of land located between N. York and Lockwood Drives, on the south side of Buffalo Bayou. Houston, Texas 77003 (29.755492, -95.325262)

**Project description:** The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) recommends Council Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a new Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Houston (City) and Buffalo Bayou Partnership (BBP) to utilize \$6,922,182.00 in CDBG-MIT funds to mitigate and lessen the risk of flooding impacts through the development of underground storm drainage and new public road facilities. Funding for the project will be used for real property acquisition, engineering design, construction of a new segment of public road and associated improvements.

The project consists of funding for the acquisition of approximately 146,068 square-feet of land (a former Railroad ROW), engineering design, construction of a new segment of public road to develop a new street to be called Marron Park Way, and other improvements from Lockwood Drive to the east and Drennan Street to the west. The new roadway constructed as under this agreement will be approximate 1,600 linear feet and constructed on vacant land. The total road upon completion will be over 3,000 linear feet. The new road consists of a new 22-foot-wide concrete roadway consisting of two (2) 11-foot lanes with 6” curb, gutter, and storm infrastructure. The roadway section will be graded at a 2% slope from south to north with storm water inlets placed on the north side curb to maximize storm infrastructure/cost ratio and efficiency. This system will have the capacity to convey the 100-year storm flow. New public storm utilities will be developed by conveying the areas runoff through underground storm drainage that will outfall directly into the Buffalo Bayou that will address documented drainage

needs by METRO and TIRZ 23, to help mitigate long-term flooding in the neighborhood. The improvements will provide the necessary capacity required for a 100-year storm event.

The project is located between N. York and Lockwood Drives, on the south side of Buffalo Bayou in Houston’s Second Ward Complete Communities neighborhood, a low-moderate (LMI) income community.

The total project budget is \$6,922,182.00 of which will be funded with CDBG-MIT funds. Buffalo Bayou Partnership agrees to oversee and manage the project.

### **Funding Information**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>HUD Program</b>	<b>Uses</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
B18MP480001	CDBG MIT	Acquisition	\$1,468,329.00
B18MP480001	CDBG MIT	Construction	\$4,486,553.00
B18MP480001	CDBG MIT	Design and planning	\$602,300.00
B18MP480001	CDBG MIT	Management	\$365,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6,922,182.00</b>

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$6,922,182.00

**Estimated Total Project Cost** (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$6,922,182.00

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Houston 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to [hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov](mailto:hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to [hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov](mailto:hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov). The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of business on September 28, 2023 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Sylvester Turner, in his 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Houston to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 HUD; 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or e-mail at [cpdrrofhou@hud.gov](mailto:cpdrrofhou@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so via email or calling (713) 718-3199.

*Sylvester Turner, Mayor  
City of Houston*

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