

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **City of El Paso under Part 58** has conducted an evaluation as required by **Executive Order 11988**, 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 **CDBG Entitlement Grant and Grant B-20-MC-480015**. The proposed project(s) is located **Knights Dr. to Yarbrough Dr. in El Paso, County of El Paso, Texas 79915**. The **Playa Drain Walking Trail Improvements from Knights Dr. to Yarbrough Dr., El Paso, Texas 79915** currently consists of undeveloped land. The proposal calls for construction of an urban trail (paved surface) with landscaping for an approximate 4,000 ft. (.75 miles) segment. Scope includes a paved surface trail/header curb, post and cable fence, irrigation system, landscape, monument columns, benches, picnic tables, drinking fountain, traffic safety striping and traffic access control (bollards). The public will enjoy benefits from increased opportunities for expanded healthy active lifestyles (walking, jogging, and biking), and more direct neighborhood access along the trail corridor. Improvements to the site will promote health, recreation, and high quality of life for the community. The activity will not cause a rise in the base flood elevation, which will not create damaging or potentially damaging increase in flood heights or velocity or be a threat to public health and safety.

The **City of El Paso** has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: **The City of El Paso has determined that there are no obstacles to implement the project at the proposed site. Project area is on the surface area easement above the drain, and will not create damaging or potentially damaging increase in flood heights or velocity or be a threat to public health and safety.**

The **City of El Paso** has reevaluated the alternatives to building 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.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, 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. Second, 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. Third, 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 by the **City of El Paso** at the following address on or before **November 11, 2020**, a **minimum 7 calendar day comment period will begin the day after the publication, November 4, 2020 and end on the 8th day after the posting, November 11, 2020**, Attention: **Abraham Gutierrez, Administrative Services Manager, 801 Texas Ave., 3rd Fl., El Paso, Texas 79901 and (915) 212-0138**, A full description of the project on the City of El Paso, Department of Community and Human Development Website: <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/community-and-human-development> . Comments may also be submitted via email at dchdcompliance@elpasotexas.gov.

Date: November 3, 2020