

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

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

On or about January 9, 2026, the City of Fresno as Responsible Entity (RE) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG), as amended, to undertake a project known as: Highway City Neighborhood Street Revitalization Project. The project is described as follows:

The City of Fresno is proposing to provide \$530,980 in 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City of Fresno Capital Projects Department to rehabilitate portions of North Lola Avenue and West Fairmont Avenue, located in Fresno, CA. The improvements fall under the HUD CDBG Matrix Code, 03K: Street Improvements 24 CFR 570.201(c) or 42 USC 5305(a)(2), which includes the improvements installation or repair of streets, street drains, storm drains, curbs and gutters, tunnels, bridges, and traffic lights/signs and meets the CDBG Low Mod Area Benefit National Objective. The project will reconstruct the road, install curb ramps, curb and gutter, sidewalks, streetlights, and storm drain facilities. Small portions of the right of way are required to accommodate curb ramps. The project also includes constructing a cul-de-sac at the north end of North Lola Avenue (north of North Shaw Avenue) and paving the existing alley that extends along the back side of the residential properties. South of North Shaw Avenue, the project would construct road improvements down North Lola Avenue and West Fairmont Avenue to the intersection with North Polk Avenue. The total right-of-way acquisition of three properties is not expected to exceed 3,000 square feet. The project described represents the maximum extent of the undertaking at this time.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Fresno 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 Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3070, Fresno, California 93721 (Attn.: Akio Lopez) and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments by email on the ERR to the City of Fresno, Community Development Division at HCDD@fresno.gov (please include CPD-Highway City Street Neighborhood Revitalization in the subject line). All comments received by January 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. will be considered by the City of Fresno prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Fresno certifies to HUD that Georgeanne A. White, in her capacity as City Manager, 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Fresno to use CDBG program funds for the Highway City Neighborhood Street Revitalization Project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to the City of Fresno's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the 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 Fresno; (b) the City of Fresno has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the City of Fresno has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the program activities are 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 HUD San Francisco Field Office at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94014 or by email at RROFSFRO@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD San Francisco Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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