Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Madison County (County) has determined the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program, under GLO Contract #24-065-114-E927, is located in the riverine Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and Riverine Wetland, and the County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 proposed project locations are in Madison County, TX as follows:

Project Title: Rocky Ridge Lane Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall demolish and replace culverts; install sloped end treatment; pave, and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Location: On Rocky Ridge Lane, from Carter Road southwestward 3,200' (30.92439, -95.79664), 3,200 LF (Madisonville 77864)

Project Title: Wiseman Road Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall excavate ditch; demolish and replace culverts; install rip rap; pave, and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Location: On Wiseman Road, from a point 2,860' east of the intersection of Pearson Road and Wiseman Road eastward 500' (31.02963, -95.81642), 500 LF (Midway 75852)

Project Title: Poteet Road Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall excavate ditch; demolish culverts; install a bridge; pave, and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Location: On Poteet Road, from a point 2,320' south of the intersection of Poteet Road and Batson Road southward 400' (31.00352, -96.05224), 400 LF (Normangee 77871)

Project Title: Lee Lane Drainage Improvements

Project Description: Subrecipient shall excavate ditch; demolish and replace culverts; pave, and complete associated appurtenances.

Project Location: On Lee Lane, from Zulch Road southeastward 13,500' (30.900762, -96.08149), 13,500 LF (North Zulch 77872)

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a freeboard value approach. The Rocky Ridge and Wiseman locations are in the floodplain, totaling <10-acres of project activities in the riverine FFRMS floodplain. All four locations have Riverine Wetlands crossing under the roadways, totaling less than 0.10-acres of work in the wetlands at each site. Work will be approached under Nationwide Permit 14, Linear Transportation Projects, with no preconstruction notification required. The beneficial values of the floodplain and wetland will not be adversely affected as best management practices will be utilized during construction.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands, 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands 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 and wetlands it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Madison County at the following address on or before 5/23/25: Madison County, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 113, Madisonville, TX 77864, (936) 241-6200, Attn: County Judge's Office. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm at the address above. Comments may also be submitted via email at donna.cuevas@madisoncountytx.org.

Date: 5/8/25