

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals on 7/21/26: This is to give notice that the City of Robert Lee has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and ERR #(CDM24-0044), is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Robert Lee will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The City of Robert Lee proposes a Downtown Sidewalk Improvements Project to The City proposes to reconstruct approximately 255 linear feet of sidewalk and add 110 linear feet of sidewalk for handicap ramps, including removal of existing pavement, 110 linear feet of curb and gutter, install 5 ADA curb ramps, 8 pedestrian light fixtures and 625 linear feet of electrical conduit and wiring to lights, 325 linear feet of stormwater pipe, two stormwater inlets and one stormwater manhole and related pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. The proposed project will take place from the intersection of Chadbourne Street and W 8th Street, southeast along W 8th Street for approximately 165 linear feet to alleyway half between Chadbourne Street and Austin street, on W 8th Street, for approximately 90 linear feet into the alleyway, then continues down W 8th Street for approximately 160 linear feet to the intersection of W 8th Street and Austin street, then southwest on Austin Street for approximately 400 linear feet to the intersection of W 7th Street and Austin Street, then south along W 7th Street for approximately 135 linear feet in downtown Robert Lee, Coke County, Texas. The purpose of the project is to improve blighted conditions in the downtown area. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach (FVA). According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel No. 480749 effective date 4/1/2008 the project is not in the floodplain. However, according to the FEMA Estimated BFE Viewer, approximately 1.1 acres of the proposed project is located within the 1.0-percent-annual-chance floodplain and therefore is also located within the 0.2%-annual-chance floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain 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. 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts; (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 8/5/26 by the City of Robert Lee at 6 East 7th St or PO Box 26, Robert Lee, TX, 76945. Attention: Steven Arens, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at 6 East 7th St, Robert Lee, TX 76945. Comments may also be submitted via email to amendoza@robertleetexas.org CC:lindsay.smith@grantworks.net.