

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

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 6, 2009, the City of Vancouver proposes to request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to be used for the West Vancouver Waterfront Access Project for the purpose of road and rail improvements within the Esther Short Neighborhood Revitalization strategy area. The project will be funded partially with \$6.8 Million dollars of Section 108 loan funds and one million dollars of BEDI funds made available by HUD. The project is located in downtown Vancouver, WA and defined as the general area bounded by Columbia Street to the east, Evergreen Street to the north, Jefferson Street to the west and the BNSF Railroad right-of-way to the south.

The City of Vancouver has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment and, accordingly, the City of Vancouver has decided that 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 the City of Vancouver CDBG office located at 1610 C Street, Suite 203 in Vancouver, WA where the documents can be examined from 8 am to 5 pm and the Fort Vancouver Main Library located at 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd in Vancouver, WA. The ERR can also be reviewed online at www.cityofvancouver.us/cdbg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Manager, at the above address or email at peggy.sheehan@ci.vancouver.wa.us or by phone at (360) 487-7952. All comments received by Thursday, July 2, 2009 at 5:00 pm will be considered by Peggy Sheehan, Certifying Officer prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Vancouver certifies to HUD that Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Manager, in her capacity as Community Development Block Grant Certifying Officer 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 Vancouver to use the program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Vancouver's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (which ever 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 Vancouver; (b) the City of Vancouver has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 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) and shall be addressed to HUD at 909 First Avenue, Suite 200 Seattle, WA 98104-1000. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Peggy Sheehan, Community Development Manager
City of Vancouver