

November 3, 2015

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES AND PUBLIC GROUPS:

In accordance with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) environmental review process established at 31 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 375, Subchapter E, for projects to be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S. Code §4321, et seq., the Executive Administrator of the TWDB has determined that the proposed action identified below may be exempted from formal environmental review requirements:

City of Houston, Harris County, Texas
Collection System Rehabilitation 2016 Project
CWSRF Project No. 73719
Total Estimated TWDB Commitment: \$65,750,000

The City of Houston (City) is proposing to use funding from a \$65,750,000 CWSRF Program loan for the construction phase required to implement improvements to the City's wastewater treatment system. Specifically, the City plans to rehabilitate approximately 650,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipes utilizing pipe bursting and cured-in-place rehabilitation methods. Pipe sizes will range from 6-inches to 72-inches in diameter. Point repairs will also be performed in addition to these rehabilitation methods. In addition, the project will require adequate isolation valves, fittings, and all necessary appurtenances, including minor pavement repairs. All work will be performed within existing rights-of-ways and on previously disturbed sites.

Existing lines will be replaced by new lines in the same locations utilizing pipe bursting and cured-in-place pipe renewal methods. Environmental impacts should be similar to rehabilitation activities and limited to those associated with pipe installation and road repair. Board staff has reviewed the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Sites Atlas and determined that the project is not likely to affect any significant or potentially significant cultural resources. The project will not adversely impact wetlands or waters of the U.S. that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, construction within the existing rights-of-ways and easements is not expected to impact threatened or endangered species or habitat.

This decision is allowed because the specified project elements should not entail significant adverse impacts to the quality of the human environment. Documentation supporting this determination is on file at the TWDB.

This determination may be rescinded if it is found that:

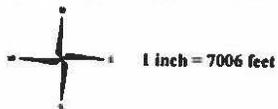
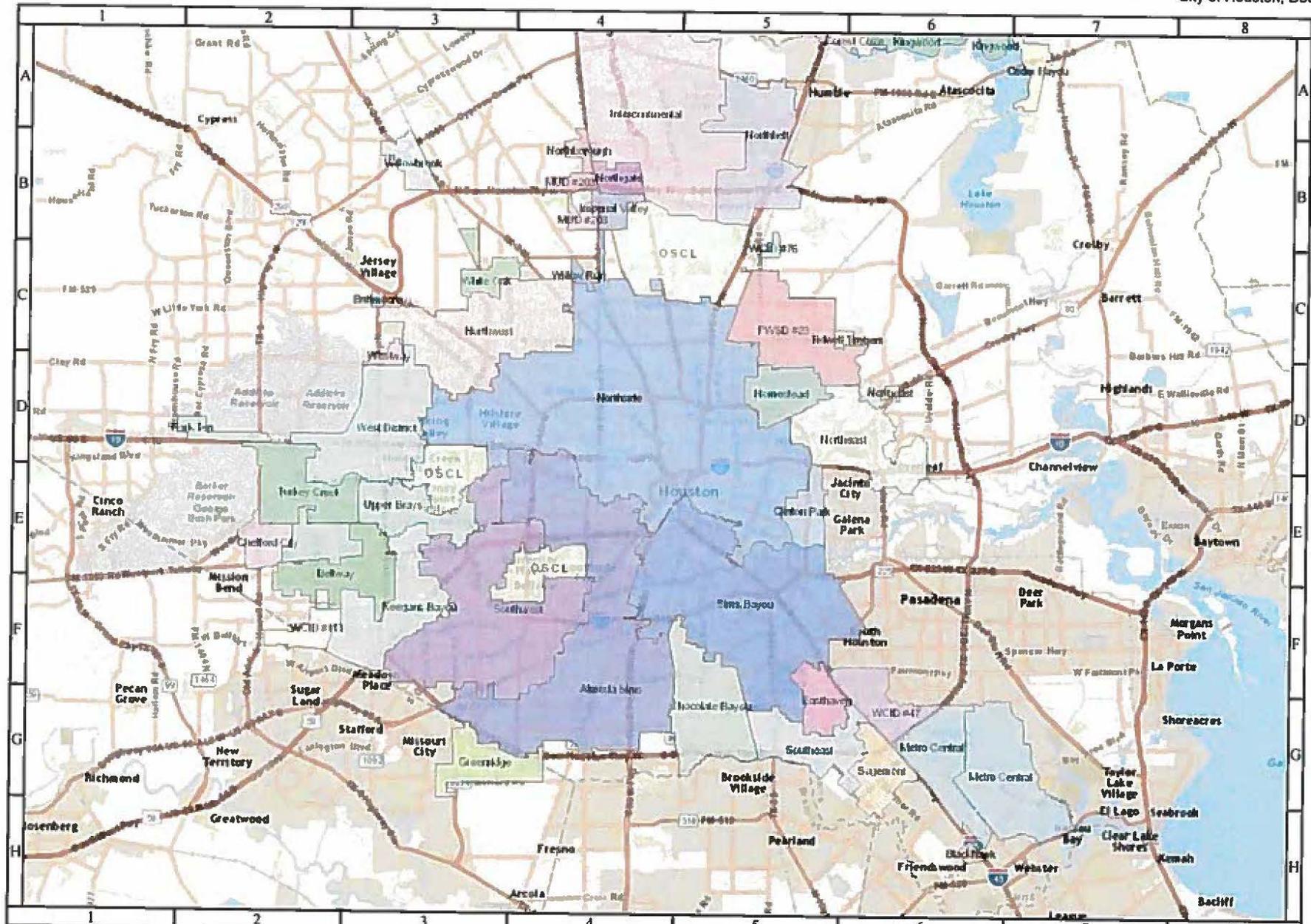
- (1) The project no longer meets the requirements for a CE as a result of changes in the project;
 - (2) The project involves extraordinary circumstances as defined in 31 TAC Section 375.61;
- or

(3) The project may violate or has violated federal, state, local, or tribal laws.

The project also must comply with the following standard emergency conditions:

- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of cultural resources; and,
- Standard emergency condition for the discovery of threatened and endangered species.

Comments regarding this determination may be submitted to the Director of Regional Water Planning and Development, Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231.



CITY OF HOUSTON
Department of Public Works and Engineering
Geographic Information & Management System (GIMS)



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