

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and  
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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Request for Release of Funds

On or about December 30, 2020, the City of Portsmouth will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Richmond Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 for the following project:

Purchase and install Hampton Rds Transit bus shelters at east side of Effingham St. south of County St. north of South St. approximately in front of 726 Effingham St.; west side of Effingham St. south of County St. north of South St. approximately in front of 710 South St.; south side of Portsmouth Blvd. approximately adjoining 1801 Portsmouth Blvd.; north side of Afton Pkwy east of Prospect Pkwy, west of Emmons Pl. approximately in front of 28 Prospect Pkwy.; south side of Afton Pkwy east of Ericsson St., west of Farragut St. approximately in front of 60 Afton Pkwy.; north side of Village St. east of Academy Ave. west of Tyre Neck Rd. approximately in front of 5940 Village St. Each bus shelter measures about ten ft. high by 11.5 ft wide. The bus shelters are mounted on a pad 16 ft long, as measured parallel to the roadway and 8 ft. wide as measured perpendicular from the back of curb or roadway shoulder. Approximate cost \$60,000.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The City of Portsmouth 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by US mail. Please submit your request by US mail to the City of Portsmouth Planning Department, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704, attn.: Community Development Manager or by email to [crimerj@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:crimerj@portsmouthva.gov). The ERR can be accessed online at <https://www.portsmouthva.gov/395/Community-Planning-Development-Program>.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Portsmouth Planning Department, 801 Crawford Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Portsmouth, VA 23704 or by email to [crimerj@portsmouthva.gov](mailto:crimerj@portsmouthva.gov). All comments received by December 29, 2020, will be considered by the City of Portsmouth prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

### Environmental Certification

The City of Portsmouth certifies to HUD that Mr. LaVoris A. Pace, in his capacity as the Interim 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's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Portsmouth to use program funds.

### Objections to Release of Funds

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Portsmouth's certification received by January 19, 2021 or for a period of 15 days following its 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 or his designee as approved by HUD; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted to Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Director Community Planning and Development, HUD Richmond Field Office, CPD\_Covid-19EnvironmentalObjectionsRIC@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Richmond at 804-771-2100, ext, 4833 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. LaVoris A. Pace  
Interim City Manager