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

March 19, 2025

Paris, Tennessee 100 N. Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242 (731) 641-1402

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Paris.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 4, 2025, the City of Paris will submit a request to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the release of Block Grant Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Paris 2024 Eiffel Tower Park Improvements, for the purpose of paving a parking lot, install a fishing pier and boardwalk, and pave an ADA compliant walking trail around the existing pond located at Eiffel Tower Park Extended (West -across the street from the main Eiffel Tower Park -1020 Maurice Fields Drive) on Volunteer Drive for a cost of approximately \$920,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Paris 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) on file at City Hall located at 100 N. Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242 and may be examined or copied weekdays Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Paris Mayor located at 100 N. Caldwell St. Paris, TN 38242. All comments received by April 3, 2025 will be considered by the City of Paris prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Paris certifies to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development that Kathy Ray in her capacity as Paris Mayor 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. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Paris to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development will accept objections to its release of funds and City of Paris' certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following basis:

- (a) The certification was not executed by the City of Paris;
- (b) The Town of Hollow Rock 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 development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; or
- (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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Community and Rural Development, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 27th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102. Potential objectors should contact Community and Rural Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Ray
City of Paris Mayor