

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application from City of Columbia for repairs due to damages from Flooding and Severe Storms (DR-4241-SC-PW-00873). Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published November 7th, 2018 for (DR-4241). Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity:	FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
Applicant:	City of Columbia
Project Title(s):	PA-04-SC-4241-PW-00873; RCFDW18 - Watermain Damage
Location of Proposed Work:	Following alongside Metro Ln from Simmon Tree Ln to Whitehouse Rd: GPS Coordinates (33.93735, -81.01241) to (33.92941, -81.00770)
Floodplain:	Project is located in a 100-year Floodplain (Zone AE) but is not located in a wetland. This is considered an area subject to an inundation flood event, per Richland County FIRM Panel # 45079C0367L dated 12/21/2017.
Proposed Work and Purpose:	The scope of work in the PW included replacement of approximately 100 feet of 8" ductile iron pipe and fill placement in the two scour holes. However, the existing waterline is located in an area susceptible to flooding and the waterline is not within the City's right-of-way. Hence, the City decided to relocate the line to Metro Lane because the area is at a higher ground elevation and is within SCDOT's right-of-way. The relocated 8" ductile iron pipe connects to the existing line at Simmon Tree Lane and Metro Lane and a 20" casing is used to cross I-77.
Project Alternatives:	The alternatives that have been considered are the no action alternative and the relocation of the pipe. The no action alternative is not feasible as the water treatment facility that utilizes this pipe would render the facility useless. The relocation alternative was considered but the new location will elevate the pipe in hopes of mitigating future damages. Therefore, the current project site location is the most practicable site.
Comments:	This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov . Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line SC-4241-PW-00873, City of Columbia at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice (11/09/21).