

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Oxford, Mississippi has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding through the Mississippi Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (MEMA/HS) as a sub-recipient. The purpose of the funding would be to remove an existing, undersized box culvert and replace it with a larger one on South Lamar Boulevard near its intersection with Whippoorwill Lane and Windsor Falls Boulevard.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Applicant: MEMA/HS

Project Title: 4415-0008: City of Oxford, Mississippi Box Culvert Replacement

Location of Proposed Work: South Lamar Boulevard

Name of Structure: South Lamar Blvd, Unnamed Tributary to Bailey Branch

Address of Structure: See Table for details on Box Culvert location. A map showing the precise location of the subject site is available by contacting Jimmy Allgood, Emergency Management Director at 662-232-8073, or by email at oxfordema@oxfordms.net

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	FIRM Panel
South Lamar Box Culvert	South Lamar Blvd, Oxford, MS	34.328758	-89.521386	28071C0259C

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This site lies within a zone “X” as depicted on the referenced FIRM Panel. Zone “X” indicates that the site is not located in a special flood hazard area (SFHA).

Alternatives: The purpose of the project is to increase the size of a roadway opening conveying storm water flow from a basin of approximately 1,210 acres. The existing box culvert is not large enough to convey the flow from the 100 year (1% chance) event. As such is the case, the

only other feasible alternative is to construct a bridge at the site. Since that endeavor would require the purchase of additional property for right-of-way, the bridge alternative was abandoned.

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to City of Oxford. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The City of Oxford will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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