

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

February 20, 2025  
City of Pawnee City  
605 G St  
Pawnee City, NE 68420  
(402) 852-2781

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Pawnee City, the recipient of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development grant, and also the Responsible Entity (RE).

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or after March 8, 2025, the City of Pawnee City will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or its State administering agency, Nebraska Department of Economic Development (State) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) as amended, for the repurpose of street resurfacing, curb and gutter removal, and replacement to aid in drainage. The Project will include pulverizing the existing surface, asphalt replacement, and laying a six-inch asphalt road surface that will expand from 16 and 18 feet to 20-foot wide. Drive culverts will be replaced where necessary to facilitate positive drainage.

The total Project area covers approximately five blocks - "E" Street from 14th to 16th Street; 17th Street from "D" Street to "F" Street; 15th Street from "E" Street to "F" Street. The Project locations will be owned and maintained by the City and are surrounded by a mix of commercial and residential usage. All proposed construction activities will take place on existing roadway infrastructure, there will be no property acquisition or additional infrastructure built during this Project.

The Project was identified in the City's 2024 One and Six-Year Plan. Furthermore, a 2024 community survey showed that street improvements in the city were residents' top priorities. The streets not only received the most complaints from community members, but the ongoing maintenance costs to the city is a major financial concern for elected officials.

Total Project costs are estimated at \$615,000 including \$585,000 for street construction, \$25,000 for general administration, and \$5,000 for construction management. Funding sources include a Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$480,000 and a \$135,000 match from the City. The Project will primarily benefit low-to-moderate income (LMI) persons.

No residents, businesses, or farms will be displaced as a result of Project activities. Project activities may result in dust, noise, or temporary interruption of access to individual streets and sidewalks during construction. Businesses, residents, and emergency services will be notified of all street closures that may be required for the Project and will be directed to an alternate route. All Project activities will be completed within 30 months.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Pawnee City 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 the City Office, located at 605 G Street, Pawnee City, NE 68420 in addition to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (NDED) office, which is located at 245

Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 002, Lincoln, NE 68521, where the ERR can be examined and may be copied weekdays between 9:00AM and 5:00PM. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by mail to 605 G Street, Pawnee City, NE 68420 or by email to [pcityhall@pcityhall.org](mailto:pcityhall@pcityhall.org). If the RE chooses to send the ERR to the public for review via U.S. mail, the RE will establish a timeframe for accepting comments with the person requesting the ERR.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Tammy Curtis, City Clerk. All comments received by March 7, 2025 will be considered by the City of Pawnee City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Pawnee City certifies to the State that Charles Hatfield, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if any action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Pawnee City to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

NDED will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Pawnee City certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or 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 of the City of Pawnee City; (b) grant recipient 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 Nebraska Department of Economic 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) in writing to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Suite 002, Lincoln, NE 68521. Potential objectors should contact the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles Hatfield, Mayor  
Certifying Officer