



FEMA

Public Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment Territorial Highway – Gillespie Corners Flood Mitigation and Reconstruction

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the Lane County Public Works Department – through the Oregon Office of Emergency Management– for implementation of the proposed Territorial Highway – Gillespie Corners Flood Mitigation and Reconstruction Project (Project). The Project would elevate a 2,000-foot-long segment of Territorial Highway – including two bridges – by approximately 3 feet above the existing grade. In addition, the County is also proposing a series of channel modifications to provide additional hydraulic connectivity, improve flood flows, and increase capacity during storm events. FEMA has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and FEMA’s implementing instruction. Consistent with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Draft EA also evaluates the No Action Alternative, which describes future conditions if FEMA would not fund the proposed flood mitigation improvements.

Hard copies of the Draft EA will be available at the County’s Customer Service Center located at 3050 N. Delta Hwy, Eugene OR 97408 and the Creswell Public Library – Lane Library District located at 64 W. Oregon Avenue, Creswell, Oregon 97426.

The Draft EA is available on FEMA’s website:
<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>.



FEMA will take into consideration any substantive comments received during the public review period to inform the final decision regarding grant approval and Project implementation. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, and fund the Project. The FONSI will be posted to FEMA’s website. Unless substantive comments are received, FEMA will not publish another public notice for this project.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the Draft EA is April 19, 2024. Comments should be either mailed to Science Kilner, Regional Environmental Officer, Region X, 130 228th Street SW, Bothell, WA 98021 or submitted via email to fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov. Please include “Territorial Highway – Gillespie Corners” in the subject line of any correspondence.