

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)**  
**for the City of Pass Christian Police Station Relocation Project,**  
**Harrison County, Mississippi**  
**FEMA-1604-DR-MS**

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist the City of Pass Christian in relocation of the Pass Christian Police Station Buildings in Harrison County, Mississippi.

The former Pass Christian Police Station building, located at 123 East 2nd Street in Pass Christian, served as the City's main law enforcement building. It was comprised of a 4,800-square-foot, one-story metal framed building and a 200-foot communications tower. The Pass Christian Police Department utilized two additional buildings in the Randolph Complex, located at 315 Clark Avenue in Pass Christian. All three buildings were located within the 100-year floodplain and the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE).

The Pass Christian Police Station building was completely destroyed by Katrina's storm surge and high winds. Damages to both of the Randolph Complex buildings exceeded the 50% repair/replacement ratio, meeting FEMA's criteria for demolition and replacement of the structures. The Pass Christian Police Department is currently providing services at a reduced capacity, utilizing two temporary FEMA trailers located at East 2nd Street and Fleitas Avenue. The trailer units are neither expected nor intended to withstand many months of regular use and are not considered a long-term solution for the replacement of the Pass Christian Police Department buildings. Consequently, the City requires a replacement facility, located in an area less flood-prone than the previous Police Station building or the temporary trailer complex, in order to restore the Police Department to full operational status and also to maintain operations during future storm events.

Under the Proposed Action Alternative, the City would relocate the Police Station buildings out of the floodplain and ABFE, protecting it from future storm damages and interrupted service during future storm events. The Police Station buildings would be relocated to a 10-acre undeveloped lot at 525 Espy Avenue, northeast of Pass Christian. The proposed project site is approximately 3.8 and 4.1 miles northeast of the former Pass Christian Police Station building and Randolph Complex buildings, respectively. The proposed project site is located outside both the 100- and 500-year floodplain (Flood Zone C) and the ABFE.

The City also proposes to design the new facility to FEMA 361 shelter standards, with occupancy of up to 100 public safety and public works first responders and other essential government personnel. The new facility will be known as the Pass Christian Police Station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The proposed Police Station and EOC building will be a 9,500-square-

foot, one-story building. The City proposes to utilize approximately 4 acres of the overall 10-acre site for construction of the new facility.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region4.shtm> or viewed and copied at the following locations:

- Pass Christian City Hall  
327 East Second Street  
Pass Christian, MS 39571
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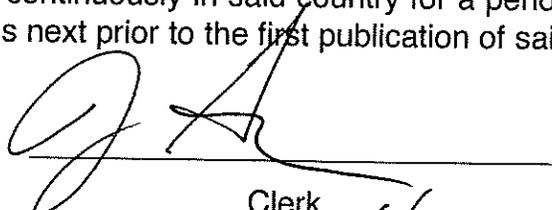
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 COUNTY OF HARRISON

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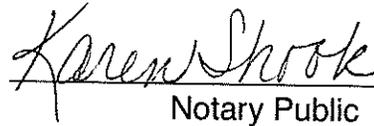
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