

Federal Emergency Management Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)

for the Construction of Fire Station #51

City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas

FEMA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Assistance to Firefighters,

Station Construction Grant (ARRA –SCG)

FEMA Grant #EMW-2009-FC-05882

Interested persons are hereby notified that the City of San Antonio has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Assistance to Firefighters, Station Construction Grant for program funding under Section 601 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The FEMA grants funds under this program for activities which help to improve security and reduce security risks to United States ports.

FEMA proposes to provide funding to the City of San Antonio for the construction of Fire Station #51. The proposed site is located at 5040 Beckwith Boulevard in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The proposed project would be located on a 2.87 acre site on Beckwith Boulevard and outside the 100-year and 500-year floodplain. The project will enhance resident/firefighter safety, decrease the time needed to respond to citizens in the northwestern portions of the City, and provide mutual aid to neighboring counties.

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-region6.shtm>, San Antonio's website www.sanantonio.gov/CIMS/newsreleases, or viewed at the following location: San Antonio Central Library, between June 27, 2010 through July 11, 2010 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday at Central Library, 600 Soledad San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of June 27, 2010. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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