

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA)
for the Pasadena Police Department Telecommunications Tower
City of Pasadena, Harris County, Texas
Homeland Security Grant Program
Project # 2009-SS-T9-0064 – (9909)**

Interested persons are hereby notified that Texas Department of Public Safety has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Homeland Security Grant Program for funding to assist with the construction of a Pasadena Police Department communication tower located in Harris County, Texas. The City of Pasadena proposes to construct a 200-foot self-supporting telecommunications tower with associated equipment at 1201 Davis Street, Pasadena, Harris County, Texas (Latitude: 29.692554, and Longitude: -95.194715). The proposed tower will allow the City of Pasadena to upgrade the UHF/VHF communication system that will meet the FCC mandate for narrow banding; to help improve coverage areas; and will support interoperability for talk groups.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the implementing regulations of FEMA, a Draft 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 environment, 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>. The Draft EA can also be viewed at the Pasadena Public Library, 1201 Jeff Ginn Memorial Drive, Pasadena, TX 77506, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The comment period will end 15 days from the initial notice publication date of January 20, 2012. 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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