

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse Martin County for eligible costs to provide the means to adequately provide vehicular access to public facilities and the Sailfish Point community. This notice applies to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) eligible project for the elevation and widening of a portion of Southeast (SE) MacArthur Boulevard, installation of a sheet pile retaining wall, and installation of dry retention stormwater retention areas implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

Under the major disaster declaration, FEMA-DR-4283-FL, signed by the President on October 8, 2016 and amended October 17, 2016; October 19, 2016; October 19, 2016; October 24, 2016; October 25, 2016; October 27, 2016; November 4, 2016; and December 12, 2016, 9 counties were designated adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for Individual Assistance, eighteen counties were eligible for Public Assistance (PA) Category A through G, and the entire State of Florida, which includes Martin County, was designated eligible for HMGP funds.

This public notice concerns activities pertaining to the road elevation and sheet pile wall installation along a portion of SE MacArthur Boulevard in Martin County, Florida. The proposed project will elevate approximately 1,100 feet of SE MacArthur Boulevard to above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), widening a section of SE MacArthur Boulevard by 12 feet to add an additional lane in order to improve traffic safety, installation of a 1,038 linear feet (LF) sheet pile retaining wall along the east side of Bathtub Reef Beach Park with a crest flood elevation above the Zone V BFE, relocation of any utilities to coincide with the wall installation, elevation of approximately 460 LF of an existing retaining wall to the west of SE MacArthur Boulevard and construction of 2 new retention areas located along the east side of SE MacArthur Boulevard. Project activities also include the removal and replacement of existing driveways and the installation of inlet and storm pipes. The proposed project would provide protection against a 100-year storm event. See Table 1.0 for project locations.

**Table 1.0: Project Location GPS Coordinates for Proposed Work along SE MacArthur Boulevard**

Project Locations	GPS Coordinates	
Road Elevation	Start	27.188181, -80.160623
	End	27.185111, -80.160839
Sheet Pile Retaining Wall Installation	Start	27.187829, -80.1608332
	End	27.1851285, -80.1604447
Sheet Pile Wall Elevation	Start	27.1867667, -80.1608909
	End	27.1855317, -80.1608023
North Retention Area	N	27.1876897, -80.1608646
	E	27.1873122, -80.1607882
	S	27.1869300, -80.1608107
	W	27.1872117, -80.1608315

Project Locations	GSP Coordinates	
South Retention Area	NE	27.1859559, -80.1606701
	NW	27.1859492, -80.1607318
	SE	27.1858195, -80.1606453
	SW	27.1857953, -80.1607168

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and FEMA have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). An alternative analysis was performed, which included the evaluation of the proposed action, the elevation of SE MacArthur Boulevard only, and the no action alternative. Further detailed descriptions of all alternatives may be reviewed in the EA conducted by FDEM and FEMA or by contacting [FEMA-R4EHP-Florida@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP-Florida@fema.dhs.gov) for a copy. The draft EA is available for public comment and can be viewed on FEMA’s website and the applicant’s website at the following links:

<https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema-oehp-macarthur-boulevard-roadway-elevation-draft-ea.pdf>

[www.martin.fl.us/MacArthurBlvdDraftEnvironmentalAssessment](http://www.martin.fl.us/MacArthurBlvdDraftEnvironmentalAssessment)

A hardcopy of the EA is available for review at the Martin County Administration Center, Public Works Department, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact the County ADA Coordinator for disability accommodations at (772) 320-3131, the County Administration Office (772) 288-5400, Florida Relay 711, or by completing our accessibility feedback form at [www.martin.fl.us/accessibility-feedback](http://www.martin.fl.us/accessibility-feedback).

The Endangered Species Act requires federal agencies to consult with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on the effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species. An informal consultation was conducted with USFWS to determine the potential impacts of the Proposed Action. USFWS concurred that the Proposed Action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the piping plover, red knot, and nesting sea turtles.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider the effect of their undertaking on historic properties, FEMA performed consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and received concurrence for a determination of No Historic Properties Affected. Tribal consultation letters were submitted to Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and Seminole Tribe of Florida. Tribal consultation responses were received from the Seminole Tribe of Oklahoma, Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation concurring with FEMA’s determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

Presidential Executive Order (EO) 11988 and 11990 direct federal agencies to avoid to the extent possible the impacts associated with the destruction and modification of floodplains and wetlands. Agencies are directed to avoid construction and development of floodplains and wetlands whenever there are practicable alternatives. Projects affecting the floodplain or wetlands are

reviewed for opportunities to relocate and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. The project area is mapped in Zone X (Shaded) and Zone AE seaward of the limit of moderate wave action, per Martin County FIRM Panel #12085C0166H, dated February 19, 2020. If no action is taken to reduce the risk of loss to the roadways, this portion of SE MacArthur Boulevard will continue to experience roadway flooding and washout, preventing vehicular access to public facilities and residential areas.

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA HMGP project. Interested persons may obtain information about this action by emailing [FEMA-R4EHP-Florida@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP-Florida@fema.dhs.gov). Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "HMGP 4283-0064-R Martin County", at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.