

# FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Mobile County Commission has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management (AEM) as a sub-grantee.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** Mobile County Commission (205 Government St, South Tower  
Mobile, Alabama 36644)

**Project Title:** PA-04-AL-4563-PW-464, Project 161740

**Location of Proposed Work:** Sand Removal and Replacement (30.24953125, -88.19227272 and 30.25093269, -88.15288544)

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude
Sand Placement at Parking Lot	3000 Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528	30.24953125	-88.19227272
Sand Replacement along Right of Way	Bienville Blvd, Dauphin Island, AL 36528	30.25093269	-88.15288544

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:** This project is for the replacement of displaced sand. All work is located in a VE zone. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Mobile County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Numbers: #01097C0977L and #01097C0894L both dated 06/05/2020. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the VE zone. The proposed work will take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have no potential to adversely impact or adversely affect wetlands.

**Completed Work and Purpose:**

Commission proposes to utilize contractors to remove vegetative debris (207,485 CY), remove C&D debris (1,287 TN), remove and re-deposit sand (35,398 CY), remove hazardous trees (304), removed hazardous limbs (25,941), chip-vegetative debris, and haul all debris to final disposal sites. Sand was redeposited at the high tide mark along the beach at the ROE addresses. The contractor used front end loaders and excavators to load dump trucks. The sand was deposited back to where it originated from along the ROW and dozers were used to spread it. All work was completed between the dates of 10/15/2020 to 3/19/2021. No stumps or root balls were removed. No debris was removed from waterways. Total Cost: \$6,619,674.79.

The purpose of the completed work is to replace the displaced sand in-kind in the area the sand originated to repair the right of way and parking lot to pre-disaster design. Replacing the sand will aid in mitigation of damages from future storms.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the residents and recreational use of Dauphin Island. If these repairs are not made, then adverse economic and social impacts may occur.

**Alternative #2** (Refill with alternative fill) The alternative action to replacing in-kind would have been to replace the sand with an alternative fill source (i.e. dirt) and transport and relocate the collected sand outside of the floodplain. However, this alternative action is not practical as it is more labor intensive and not cost effective.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state, or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to Mobile County Commission. All comments are due within 30 days of this notice. The Mobile County Commission will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4563-AL-00464 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** January 4, 2022

**End of Notice**