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## City of Newton, Massachusetts

Department of Planning and Development  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Barney S. Heath  
Director

June 22, 2022

**TO:** Interested Individuals, Groups, and Agencies  
**FR:** Eamon Bencivengo, Housing Development Planner  
**RE:** Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

The City of Newton, as participating jurisdiction of the WestMetro HOME Consortium, has completed an environmental review record for the following project that is proposed for funding with HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and City of Framingham Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Project Title: Carlson Crossing

For the Purpose Of: Rehabilitation of façade and infrastructure upgrades to the existing 125 units within 31 buildings at the Framingham Housing Authority’s Beaver Street Federal Housing Development. The planned scope includes improvements to existing sewer and water piping as well as drainage systems, mechanical and electrical systems upgrades, the addition of insulation in walls and ceilings, and replacement of floors, subfloors and structural elements. The work also includes construction of two (2) new buildings and associated site improvements to house four (4) new accessible units.

Location: 3 Carlson Road, Framingham, MA 01702

Estimated HOME Funding:	\$ 442,118.74
Estimated CDBG Funding:	\$ 34,000.00
Estimated HUD Funding:	\$ 476,118.74
Estimated non-HUD Funding:	\$33,523,439.26

The City of Newton has drafted a combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds for this project. Enclosed is a copy of the combined notice. Please post this notice in a public location. Written comments postmarked by July 7, 2022 will be accepted by the City of Newton. The City of Newton will then submit the notice to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will accept public comment for fifteen days following the submission date.

Questions or comments related to the environmental review process and record may be directed to this office by mail or via e-mail at [ebencivengo@newtonma.gov](mailto:ebencivengo@newtonma.gov).

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

June 22, 2022

WestMetro HOME Consortium  
c/o Planning & Development Department  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 213  
Newton, MA 02459-1449  
(617) 796-1120

City of Framingham  
Community Development Department  
150 Concord Street, Suite B3  
Framingham, MA 01702  
(508) 532-5457

These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Newton and the City of Framingham.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about July 11, 2022 the City of Newton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of *HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)* Funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)* Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Newton has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file both at the City of Newton, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Room 213, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and City of Framingham, Community Development Department, 150 Concord St., Suite B3 Framingham, MA 01702 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Individuals in the City of Framingham seeking additional project information contained in the ERR can make a request by emailing the Framingham Community Development Department at [emy@framinghamma.gov](mailto:emy@framinghamma.gov)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Newton, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and/or the City of Framingham, Community Development Department, 150 Concord St., Suite B3, Framingham, MA 01702. All comments received with a postmark of July 7, 2022 will be considered by the WestMetro HOME Consortium and the Framingham Community Development Department prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments should be directed to:

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Housing Development Planner  
Planning and Development Department  
WestMetro HOME Consortium  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459-1449  
Email: [ebencivengo@newtonma.gov](mailto:ebencivengo@newtonma.gov)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The WestMetro HOME Consortium/City of Newton certifies to HUD that Barney Heath, in his capacity as the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the City of Newton, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the WestMetro HOME Consortium and City of Framingham to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certifications by the City of Newton for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Newton, MA; (b) the City of Newton omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be sent to HUD via email to [CPD\\_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For the WestMetro HOME Consortium:  
Barney Heath

For the City of Framingham:  
Eliot Yaffa