

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for the City of Tampa. Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP).

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. - Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 requires FEMA to consider alternatives - and provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 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).

President Biden issued new Executive Orders 13985 and 14008 in January 2021 to further address the need to achieve environmental justice and equity across the federal government. The issuance of the new executive orders more than 20 years after Executive Order 12898 was signed indicates the administration's directive to federal agencies to renew their energy, effort, resources, and attention to environmental justice. FEMA is working with recipient/subrecipient to identify communities with Environmental Justice concerns and provide an avenue for local groups and non-profits with an Environmental Justice mission to self-identify so that FEMA Programs can start to work with them on specific projects from the beginning of the application process.

This notice serves as a project-specific notice for FEMA's funding action located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. FEMA has determined the only practicable alternative is to fund the new construction of a dock with boat lifts. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)

Applicant: City of Tampa

Project Title(s): PSGP 2022-PU-00539 (46036) Tampa FL Dock with Boat Lifts

Location of Proposed Work and Floodplain Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels:

Site(s) Name	GPS Coordinates	FIRM Panel
Port Tampa Bay	115 Columbia Dr, Tampa, FL	12057C0362J https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search

FIRM Panel effective date: 10/7/2021. Site is located within a Zone AE mapped floodplain. Site(s) are located within or adjacent to wetlands. [<https://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/Mapper.html>]

Proposed Work and Purpose: Purchase and install a new 4 foot by 50-foot dock with two 24,000 lb boat lifts, upgraded gear box with auto stop, stainless steel motors with aluminum cable winders, cable keepers, PVC guides, aluminum bunks, remote controls for each lift, and lift mounted aluminum stairs. In addition, one security gate will be installed at the entry to the dock and one removable ladder.

Project Alternatives:

- (1) *An alternative to the installation of the dock with boat lifts is for the boat to be stored in a warehouse and be transported to and from on trailers. The transportation to and from the warehouse to retrieve the boats will decrease response time to emergency situations potentially up to an hour.*
- (2) *An alternative to installation of the dock with boat lifts is to dock the boats at another location nearby. However, the location does not have a lift and it is cost prohibitive. The function of the boat lift is to protect the vessel from salt water and corrosion and increase the longevity of the boat. Additionally, dock rentals nearby are in the range of \$80,000-\$100,000 per year. This cost outweighs the cost of the dock installation and lifts.*
- (3) *No action alternative – if the project is not funded, the City will have to bear the costs and decreased response times as it relates to alternative 1.*

Comments: This will serve as both the initial and final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PSGP program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA.R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing or email with the subject line "PSGP 2022-PU-00539 (46036)" at the above addresses within 30 days of the date of this notice.

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