

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

April 4, 2024
City of Excelsior Springs
201 E Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024
816-630-0752

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Excelsior Springs.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after April 23, 2024, the City of Excelsior Springs will submit a request to the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Magna Seating Expansion

Purpose: The proposed project is located on S. McCleary Road, south of US-69, at 301 S. McCleary Road, Excelsior Springs, MO in Clay County. The purpose and need for the project is public road improvements to provide an alternative route for truck traffic for Magna and its customers in the event the most direct access route from McCleary Road to US-69 becomes blocked due to an emergency event. Magna Seating is considering construction of a 65,000 SF expansion of their existing facility to accommodate additional production lines for just-in time delivery. This expansion includes the creation of 25 new jobs and private investment of \$5.5 million in real and personal property improvements in addition to CDBG and City funds for the public improvements. The project as proposed consists of public road improvements to address two pinch points on the secondary route: 1) improve Corum Road & St. Louis Ave intersection to create a larger turning radius; and 2) regrade/create railroad approach crossings on S McCleary Road. These improvements will increase the safety, visibility, maneuverability, and efficiency of semi-truck traffic on the secondary route.

Location: 301 S. McCleary Rd., Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

Estimated Cost: \$413,919 in CDBG Funding; Total Project: \$5,986,965

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Excelsior Springs 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 at City of Excelsior Springs, 201 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs MO 64024 and may be examined or copied Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Mayor's Office, City of Excelsior Springs, 201 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024. All comments received by April 22, 2024 (posting date plus 18 days) will be considered by the City of Excelsior Springs prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Excelsior Springs certifies to the State of Missouri that Mark Spohn in his capacity as Mayor 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. The State of Missouri's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Excelsior Springs to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Missouri will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Excelsior Springs certification 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 Excelsior Springs; (b) the City of Excelsior Springs has 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 the State of Missouri; 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 addressed to State of Missouri Department of Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant at PO Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Potential objectors should contact the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark Spohn, Mayor

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