U.S. Department of Energy
Categorical Exclusion Determination Form

Program or Field Office: EERE-RW/EECBG

Project Title: Preliminary "City Center" Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study

Location: Texas City of Cedar Hill

Proposed Action or Project Description: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: ☒

The primary objective of the City Center TOD study is to conduct a high-level planning effort to determine the City's vision for the area, define expected outcomes and constraints, and lay out an implementation plan for future efforts. The next phase will focus on future land use and zoning enhanced mobility and connectivity, and supportive infrastructure. Citizens and City staff will also be able to take part and give input on the next phase of this process. At the completion of the next phase, an implementation plan will be defined, including schedule, applicable regulatory issues, development of a capital improvements plan, funding sources, and a monitoring program. The end goal of the City Center initiative is to make the entire City Center area a sustainable destination within the City where residents, consumers, and visitors from neighboring communities can live, work, and "play" in an environmentally friendly atmosphere.

Categorical Exclusion(s) Applied:

X - B5.1 Actions to conserve energy

X- A9 - Information gathering/data analysis/document preparation/dissemination

X- A11 - Technical advice and assistance to organizations

*-For the complete DOE National Environmental Policy Act regulations regarding categorical exclusions, see Subpart D of 10 CFR10 21 Click Here

This action would not: threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including DOE and/or Executive Orders; require siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities, but may include such categorically excluded facilities; disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources (including but not limited to those listed in paragraph B.(4)) of Appendix B to Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021). Furthermore, there are no extraordinary circumstances related to this action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the action; this action is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1B), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class(es) of action, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA Compliance Officer: Othalene J. Lawrence Date Determined: Apr 30, 2010

Comments: Webmaster: Billie Newland Digitally signed by Billie Newland DN: cn=Billie Newland, o=U.S. Department of Energy, ou=EERE, email=Billie.Newland@hq.doe.gov, c=US Date: 2010.05.06 16:25:27 -04'00'

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