

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

DATE OF NOTICE: May 15, 2025  
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: County of Washington  
ADDRESS: 95 West Beau Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
TELEPHONE: 724-228-6875

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the County of Washington (County).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 2, 2025, the County will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103), to be used for a project known as The City of Washington Roadway Project. The City of Washington, in partnership with the Washington Health System and Budd Baer Automotive, propose to create a new entrance to The Washington Hospital with the construction of a new road from Murtland Avenue to Leonard Avenue. This road would also provide a direct entrance to the WHS Outpatient Center - Neighbor Health Center, located at 95 Leonard Avenue. Safety is the primary reason we are constructing this road. Changes in the volume of traffic, including emergency vehicles' size and maneuverability, have made the use of residential streets to access The Washington Hospital and WHS Outpatient Center - Neighbor Health Center unsafe for those traveling. Also, drivers now use Sharp Avenue, off Murtland Avenue, to access the WHS Outpatient Center - Neighbor Health. This short residential street was not designed for the current volume of traffic. Current Hospital Service Signs on Interstate 70 and US Route 19/Murtland Avenue direct traffic to follow a route down the final steep hill of Murtland Avenue to make a 90 degree right turn onto Locust Avenue and then a left onto Leonard into The Washington Hospital Emergency Department. This multi-step route is confusing to those unfamiliar with the area. There is limited visibility at the Murtland-Locust intersection. The sharp turn onto the narrow two-lane Locust, with parking on the opposite side, is difficult for larger private and emergency vehicles to make without swinging widely into the intersection. All these factors create time delays and the possibility of accidents that put patients and first responders at risk in situations where seconds count in reaching the hospital. The new road would start on State Route 19/Murtland Avenue at the traffic light at Budd Baer Automotives/89 Murtland Avenue. Vehicles would make a righthand turn at that intersection and travel behind the dealership, through the parking lot of WHS Outpatient Center - Neighbor Health, continue and meet up with Locust Avenue, and then cross over to Leonard Avenue directly to The Washington Hospital. The Washington Health System has already acquired the needed land.

Estimated PY 2024 CPF funding: \$6,000,000

Estimated total project cost: \$7,200,000

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the above project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Austin McDaniel, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, 90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 700, Washington, PA 15301, or by email to [austin.mcdaniel@racw.net](mailto:austin.mcdaniel@racw.net). All comments received by May 30, 2025, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Washington certifies to HUD that Nick Sherman, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Washington 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 County to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Washington's 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 County of Washington; (b) the County of Washington 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 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Director of the Pittsburgh Field Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), [PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov](mailto:PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov), or by mail at: 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nick Sherman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners