COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about 1/29/2025 the City of Manton will request the Michigan Strategic Fund to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Project Title: Manton Railroad Park Improvements

Purpose of the MEDC CDBG Public Gathering Spaces Initiative Project: The City would like to improve their public spaces to encourage residents of all social classes and accessibility ranges to enjoy the outdoors. This space is intended to be used as a public gathering space, an area of recreation for children, and a green space to relax, as well as a location for the City to host community gatherings/events. The scope of the project is to provide a new playground structure, a large splash pad with water features, and a common area. The intent of the playground structure is to create a universally accessible environment for ages 3 years and up to accommodate all physical limitations.

Location of Project: Rose and State St, Manton, MI 49663

Estimated Cost of Project: \$1,171,160

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Manton, MI has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

The proposed project was not determined to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. No extraordinary circumstances were identified.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the City of Manton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at 306 W. Main Street, regular business days, between the hours of 9 and 5.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Manton to the Office of the Mayor on or before 1/28/2025. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Manton will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Manton will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Michigan Strategic Fund under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Manton is certifying to the Michigan Strategic Fund that the City of Manton and Joseph Grzybowski in his official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval City of Manton may use the Block Grant funds and the Michigan Strategic Fund will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

OBJECTIONS TO MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Michigan Strategic Fund will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases:

- a) The certification was not in fact executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer
- b) The responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to 58.40 or to make the written determination required by 58.35, 58.47 or 58.53 for the project, as applicable.
- c) The responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of this part for the preparation, publication and completion of an EA.
- d) The responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of this part for the conduct, preparation, publication and completion of an EIS.
- e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by this part before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by HUD (or the state).
- f) 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 to the Michigan Strategic Fund, c/o Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 North Washington Square, 4th Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Michigan Strategic Fund. No objection received after <u>2/14/2025</u> will be considered by the Michigan Strategic Fund.

Signature of Certifying Officer

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