

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Collier County's Chokoloskee Bridge repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 05070). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain.

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: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Collier County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-05070; 39199 - Chokoloskee Bridge Washout

Location of Proposed Work: (25.83931, -82.38158)

Floodplain: Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Collier County FIRM Panel #12021C1085 H, dated 05/16/2012.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Collier County repaired the Chokoloskee Bridge by removing debris from the roadway, replacing fill, base material, asphalt surface, flowable fill underneath an approach, and rip-rap. While performing repairs, the applicant placed jersey barriers and detour signs near the work location.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the bridge is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility is also the sole bridge connecting the Chokoloskee, FL community to evacuation and emergency service access.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA 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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-05070, Collier County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.