

## S 16th Street Widening Project | Section 4(f) Public Notice

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTING PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED S 16th Street Widening Project IMPACTING THE S 16th STREET TRAIL IN STORY COUNTY, IOWA.

The S 16th Street Trail will be impacted along the southern side of the road between University Boulevard and the Vet Med Trail and along the northern side between Riverside Drive and the Vet Med Trail. The trail serves as pedestrian access to Jack Trice Stadium, Iowa State University Veterinary College, and the Southeast Recreation Complex.

The S 16th Street Widening Public Improvement Project includes widening of S 16th Street from two-lane to a four-lane roadway, storm sewer improvements, and two 10' pedestrian trails from University Boulevard to the Vet Med Trail. The existing S 16th Street Trail will be closed for the duration of construction due to the area being utilized for temporary traffic lanes. The construction will be completed in two phases with the east side of the project occurring in the 2025 construction season and the west of the project occurring in the 2026 construction season. The contractor will be required to be substantially complete with each phase's construction activities prior to the lowa State University football season.

The S 16th Street Trail has been determined to be a Section 4(f) resource and the reconstruction of the trail, including temporary closure, is expected to have a de minimis impact on the area. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 was enacted as a means of protecting publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife/waterfowl refuges, as well as historic sites of local, state, or national significance from conversion to transportation uses. De minimis impacts are defined as those that, after consideration of any measure(s) to minimize harm such as avoidance, minimization, mitigation, or enhancement measure(s), do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes of the Section 4(f) resource.

The public is invited to review the impacts of the proposed project on the protected activities, features, and attributes of the S 16th Street Trail by doing any of the following:

- Call: 515.657.4061 to request information
- Send an email request for information to: vwatts@shive-hattery.com

The public comment period ends October 04, 2024



