

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – July 18, 2013

WASHINGTON COUNTY BRF-1-4(42,43)--38-92

To view information concerning these projects please access the following website:

<http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>

The Iowa Department of Transportation wishes to thank you for attending this Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed bridge replacements on Iowa 1 over the Skunk River, 1.4 miles north of the Iowa 1/Iowa 78 junction and over the West Fork Crooked Creek, 1.3 miles south of the south Iowa 1/Iowa 92 junction. The purpose of this meeting is to present to you details of the proposed improvement and to answer any questions that you may have. The Iowa DOT intends to construct both bridge projects at the same time and is requesting public input concerning the construction schedule.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed improvements include replacing the bridges, reconstructing the bridge approaches, installing guardrail, paving the shoulders at the guardrail and paving short segments of Portland cement concrete beyond the bridge approach pavement.

Iowa 1 is proposed to be closed to through traffic between Brighton and Washington during construction. The designated detour would use Iowa 92, Washington County roads W-55 and W-47 and Iowa 78.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Skunk River bridge replacement project will require the acquisition of right of way from Brighton Boat Access, a public recreational facility owned by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and managed by the Washington County Conservation Board. The entrance road to the access will be relocated as part of this project. During construction, a temporary entrance to the boat access will remain open.

The Brighton Boat Access has been determined to be a Section 4(f) resource and the acquisition of right of way and entrance road relocation is expected to have a “de minimis” impact to the Section 4(f) resource.

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 measures), do not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes of the Section 4(f) resource.

The public is invited to review the proposed impacts of the Skunk River bridge project on the Brighton Boat Access by:

- Visiting <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

- Mailing a request for information to Jorge Zamora, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa Department of Transportation, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.
- Calling 515-239-1251 to request information.
- Emailing a request for information to jorge.zamora@dot.iowa.gov.

The public comment period ends July 29, 2013. Comments may be submitted through the online comment form at the above website, via email to jorge.zamora@dot.iowa.gov, or by mail to the address listed above.

PRESENT FACILITY AND TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Existing Iowa 1 is a two-lane highway between Brighton and Washington. The 2012 traffic using this segment of Iowa 1 ranged between 2,200 and 3,100 vehicles per day (vpd) and is projected to increase to between 2,700 and 3,900 vpd by the year 2037.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND COSTS

The 2014 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program shows the following schedule and costs for the bridge replacement projects:

ACTIVITY	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Skunk River Bridge: Right of Way			30,000		
Bridge Replacement				5,355,000	
Wetland Mitigation				200,000	
Total Programmed: \$5,585,000					
West Fork Crooked Creek Bridge: Right of Way			15,000		
Bridge Replacement				2,029,000	
Total Programmed: \$2,044,000					

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have any comments on the proposed projects or their impacts or questions about their development, please make your comments known at this meeting or forward them on the attached self addressed Citizen Comment form. A comment form is also available at the following website: <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

Thank you for your participation in this meeting.

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HIGHWAY DIVISION, OFFICE OF LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENT, 515-239-1225

Citizen Comments

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<http://www.iowadot.gov/pim>.

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**Please return comments
by July 29, 2013.**

The information which you give may be printed and/or distributed. You are not required to provide any information, unless you request a response to your comments.

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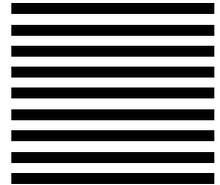
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