

Iowa DOT requesting public comments on the proposed reconstruction of U.S. 20 impacting Sioux Bend Wildlife Management Area

The Iowa Department of Transportation proposes to reconstruct U.S. 20 in Correctionville as part of the overall U.S. 20 improvement project in Woodbury, Ida, and Sac counties. The project will affect the Sioux Bend Wildlife Management Area. The property is considered a wildlife/waterfowl refuge. The Iowa DOT will acquire approximately 5.85 acres.

The wildlife area has been determined to be a Section 4(f) resource and the acquisition of right of way is expected to have "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 measures), 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 reconstruction project on the protected activities, features, and attributes of the area by:

- Visiting www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.htm.
- Mailing a request for information to: DeeAnn Newell, Office of Location and Environment, Iowa DOT, 800 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010.
- Calling 515-239-1364 to request information.
- Sending an email request for information to: deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov

The public comment period ends Sept. 30, 2014. Comments may be submitted through the online comment form at the above website, via email to: deeann.newell@dot.iowa.gov, or by mail to the address listed above.