

To discuss  
proposed  
improvements  
along I-35 in  
Polk County

# PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Best Western Metro North, 133 SE Delaware Ave., Ankeny



The Iowa Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed improvements along Interstate 35 from First Street to 36th Street and the First Street interchange near Ankeny, in Polk County. The completed environmental assessment will also be available.

The hearing will be conducted utilizing a combined open forum and formal format. Iowa DOT staff will be available to informally discuss the proposed improvement between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

A formal presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a question-and-answer session. There will be a three-minute limit per speaker during the question-and-answer session. Persons wishing to make a formal presentation will need to note that at the time of registration. Oral and written statements will be accepted during the open forum and the formal sessions.

This project is part of the proposed reconstruction of the I-35 and East First Street interchange in Polk County and will affect Heritage Park. The Iowa DOT will acquire approximately 0.89 acre of temporary easement and approximately 0.065 acre of permanent easement. Information about the impact on Heritage Park is on the Iowa DOT's website: [www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html](http://www.iowadot.gov/ole/otherprojectinfo.html).

Heritage Park 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 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 meeting space is accessible for persons with disabilities. However, if you require special accommodations at the meeting, please notify the Iowa DOT contact listed to the left by Dec. 10.

More information will  
be posted as it becomes  
available at:  
[www.iowadot.gov/pim](http://www.iowadot.gov/pim).

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