

1. What funding sources are being used to complete this project?
Iowa West Foundation, DOT Federal and State Recreation Trail Funds, REAP, Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, MAPA Regional Transportation funds, other grants, donations and fundraisers.
2. What is the timeline for completion from Council Bluffs to Neola? What is the timeline for the remaining trail extensions?
Tentatively Council Bluffs to Weston 2016, Weston to Underwood 2017, Underwood to Neola 2018,
3. Will there be a fee to use the trail?
Yes but amount has not been determined yet
4. How will equestrian/soft trails be incorporated into the design?
If there is room in the right of way or if additional adjacent land can be acquired through purchase, donation or easement a soft trail will be identified
5. At the meeting, there were three models of how the trail will be laid out. What determines the model used?
The location of the trail will be determined by engineer survey, available room in the right of way and additional adjacent land that can be acquired by purchase, donation or easement
6. Who maintains the trail after construction? Who will maintain the surrounding grass?
The trail will be maintained by Conservation, surrounding grass and vegetation will be maintained by a combination of Secondary Roads, County Roadside Dept. and Conservation through mowing and Rx fire
7. Will bicyclists now be required to ride on the trail instead of the road?
Although we can encourage bicyclists to utilize the trails, the state of Iowa has a 'share the road' law for bicycles, so we can't make them use the trails
8. Semi trucks often need to get in fields. How are field entrances going to be able to withstand the wear?
Field access will be designed to support legal loads on county and state roads. Width of the crossing will be identified so those accessing their fields across the trail will know where to cross
9. What barriers will be in place to protect the trail from farm equipment? What happens if my farm equipment damages the adjacent trail?
They should be an adequate buffer between agricultural ground and trails that farm equipment should not come in contact with the trail except at field access
10. How will businesses be affected by the trail construction?
Developed trails across the state and country have had a positive impact on businesses with the increased recreational opportunity. The economic impact of trails in many cases have allowed for new businesses to be formed and in a few instances have resurrected dying towns