



PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

The City of Saint Paul proposes to improve the trail network within Indian Mounds Regional Park. The majority of the proposed work involves replacement of existing pavement with no change to the trail location. Some segments of the trail will be slightly realigned in order to meet the design standards according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Some portions of the internal trail network will be removed and restored to natural ground cover as a measure to demonstrate greater sensitivity to the historic resources that are within Indian Mounds Regional Park while also taking care to preserve circulation needs for park users. Other project elements include trail lighting, benches, clearing of overgrown vegetation, installation of ADA-compliant sidewalk curbs at road intersections, and drinking fountain improvements.

In accordance with Section 6009 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Public Law 109-59, enacted August 10, 2005, the City of Saint Paul is soliciting comments on the effects this project would have on Indian Mounds Regional Park. The project will impact approximately five acres of the 135-acre park. Impacts will largely consist of removal of existing pavement, re-setting of existing aggregate base material, and placement of new pavement. Portions of the trail that are realigned will result in disturbance of currently vegetated park space. The construction activity is expected to result in temporary closure or re-routing of trail segments. Based on previous similar projects, such closures are typically less than 14 days.

Due to the historic features that are part of Indian Mounds Regional Park, the City of Saint Paul has worked with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and associated historic resource agencies including Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in developing this project. Consultation with SHPO and other agencies will continue through the construction process.

It is anticipated that the City of Saint Paul will request the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to determine that the proposed action at Indian Mounds Regional Park is a Section 4(f) *de minimis* action in accordance with Section 6009(a) of SAFETEA-LU. A *de minimis* finding may be made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected resources.

Information on this impact and avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures is available at the following website
www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/design-construction/current-projects/indian-mounds-regional-park-trail

or at the following locations:

Parks and Recreation – Design and Construction
400 City Hall Annex, 25 West Fourth Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Comments must be submitted on or before **June 13, 2019**, to Brett Hussong, Project Manager, at the City of Saint Paul office address presented above. Brett may be reached by email at brett.hussong@ci.st.paul.mn.us. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project related decisions.