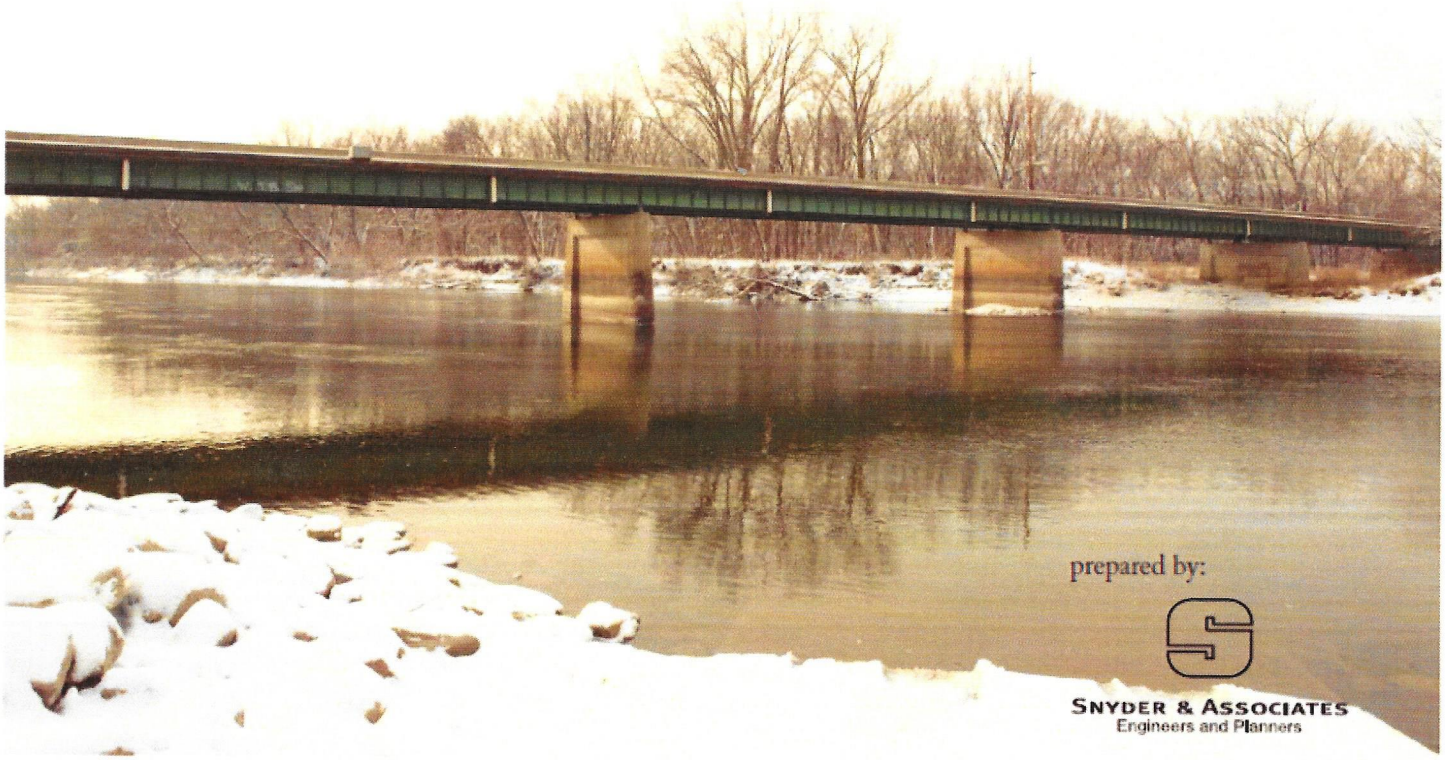
PROJECT INFORMATION

REGARDING

Impacts to the Neal Smith Trail during Phase 1 of the NW 66th Avenue Reconstruction and Kempton Bridge Replacement Project



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OVERVIEW OF NEAL SMITH TRAIL IMPACTS

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Phase 1: The proposed improvement is to replace the existing 2-lane bridge with a 4-lane bridge and include a multi-purpose trail on the bridge to connect the trail systems on the east and west sides of the Des Moines River.

IMPACTS TO NEAL SMITH TRAIL

During construction, the portion of the Neal Smith Trail under the existing bridge will have to be closed to maintain safety of the users and allow construction of the improvements.

A temporary detour trail will be constructed to take riders from the existing trail south of the bridge, east along the south side of the existing Neal Smith Trail parking lot, and continue east to connect to NW 66 Ave. opposite the intersection of NW Toni Drive.

To cross NW 66 Ave., a push button activated traffic signal will be installed. Bike lanes will be constructed along NW Toni Drive from NW 66 Ave. to the intersection of the Oralabor Gateway Trail which will then take riders back west to the Neal Smith Trail, or east on the Oralabor Gateway Trail towards Ankeny. See the Neal Smith Trail Detour Display on this website for a graphical view of this detour.

SCHEDULE

Construction of the detour is planned to begin in June of 2015, with the detour implemented in late October 2015, weather permitting. The detour will remain in place throughout the construction of the project which will likely continue until the spring of 2017.

If you have additional questions or comments regarding the proposed improvements, please contact:

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