

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Webster County Secondary Road Department has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: Webster County Secondary Road Department

Project Title: 103525-Riverside Trail Road Slide, PA-07-IA-4421-PW-00359

Location of Proposed Work:

- On Riverside Trail (42.43548, -94.14063), approximately 0.80 miles south of the junction with Iowa Highway 20, southwest of the town of Coalville.
- Work area is on the west side of the Des Moines River.

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project will perform work in the A Zone, the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per Webster County FIRM panel 19187C0325C, dated 12.04.2012.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Webster County Secondary Road Dept proposes to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to complete repairs to Riverside Trail. Project reshapes the foot of the road embankment by seating a section of riprap into the exposed hole and leaving a 15-foot wide bench at the top of the riprap installation, which will backstop future slides. Further mitigation is provided by reshaping the replaced fill on the hillside, reducing the angle from a 2:1 to a 2.5:1 slope. Leftover funds will be used to acquire 10 Mack trucks.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The no-action alternative would not be appropriate because it would leave Riverside Trail unsafe for regular vehicular traffic and could be further undermined in the event of flooding.

Alternative #2 (Repair In-Kind): Work could restore road by replacing lost fill with a shallow layer of riprap. This option would not be appropriate as it would leave Riverside Trail susceptible to future flooding from both the river and runoff from the nearby hills.

Alternative #3 (Rebuild with improved slope): This is the option being pursued by this grant. Work will affix Class E riprap into exposed scour at riverbank to lock in uphill slope in event of future flooding. Riprap will be installed with 15-foot bench to catch sloughing fill from above. Uphill embankment will be shaped with a shallower slope to reduce runoff. Leftover funds will be applied to equipment purchases.

Comment Period:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. All comments received can be submitted online, via email, to FEMA at kate.stojsavljevic@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: **“IA-4421-PW-359, Webster County Secondary Road Dept, Riverside Trail.”**

Interested persons may also submit comments and questions in writing, or request a map of this specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 7, 11224 Holmes Road; Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments should be sent with the subject line **“IA-4421-PW-359, Webster County Secondary Road Dept, Riverside Trail,”** to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

POSTED ON (insert date):

End of Notice