

Open House

Greenway Trail Closure Due to Flood Control Project – Fact Sheet

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Share the Road with Bicyclists assembly
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Why is the Greenway Trail Closing? The greenway trail is closing for a US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Control project. This project is necessary to provide flood control protection for existing homes and businesses in Sioux Falls. The project is important to better ensure flood protection for all within that flood plain area to ensure major flood events do not harm or even destroy residential and business structures. Without this project, over 1,500 existing homeowners will be added into a new floodplain map and would then be required to add flood insurance with any mortgage.

Where will the Greenway Trail be closed? Between 41st Street and the Zoo.

When is this project scheduled to begin? July 2009

How long is the project scheduled to take? Through November of 2010

Why will the project take so long? There are several projects going on with the Flood Control project in this area. First the levees will be raised from 49th Street to Marion Road on the west side of the Big Sioux River and on north and south sides of Skunk Creek. The levees will be raised from 41st Street to the Zoo on the east side of the Big Sioux River. Second, a dam to further control water flows will be constructed at the confluence of the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek. Third, the 41st Street Bridge will be raised and reconstructed in 2010.

What is the goal of this meeting? To inform citizens about the timing and reasons of the Greenway Trail closure and to take input on proposed alternative pedestrian and on-street bicycle routes.

How will the city of Sioux Falls help trail users during the construction? We are looking for comments and input to help the city in providing assistance during the construction. Currently, the city will provide the following during construction

- On-Street alternative route for bicyclists
- Sidewalk alternative route for pedestrians
- Directional signage
- Advance Notice on Trail to Closure
- Advance Notice to when trail will close
- Possible On-Street Bicycle Facility Options
- Updates on city website to project progress

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