

PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT
PROPOSED *DE MINIMIS* SECTION 4(F) FINDING
Onondaga Creekwalk Phase 2 Project – PIN 3755.14
Jefferson Street to Colvin Street, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, NY
Date: August 5, 2017

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with NYSDOT, and the City of Syracuse, proposes to construct Phase 2 of the Onondaga Creekwalk in the City of Syracuse to create a link between various City neighborhoods and the existing Phase 1 Onondaga Creekwalk. The proposed project parallels Onondaga Creek from Colvin Street to Walton Street in the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County.

In accordance with federal law the City of Syracuse is soliciting comments on the effects that a portion of this project would have on Lower Onondaga Park and Kirk Park, which are owned and maintained by the City of Syracuse for recreational use. Lower Onondaga Park is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed trail would generally consist of a new 13 foot wide asphalt or concrete path, or utilize and upgrade existing sidewalks and roadways, and would accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists. Both Lower Onondaga and Kirk Park facilities would remain available during construction to maintain their recreational use.

FHWA is anticipating a determination that the trail construction meets the definition of a *de minimis* impact, as defined in 23 CFR 774.17(5). A *de minimis* finding may be made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected resources.

Starting August 7, 2017, information on this proposed action and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures will be available for public inspection, review and copying during business hours (8 AM to 5 PM) at the City of Syracuse, Dept. of Engineering (address below).

Written comments pertaining to this Proposed *de minimis* Section 4(F) Finding will be accepted by the City of Syracuse at the address below on or before **August 15, 2017**:

City of Syracuse, Dept. of Engineering, City Hall Room 401
233 East Washington Street, Syracuse, NY 13202
Attn: Mr. Russell Houck, PE.

Comments may also be submitted via email on or before **August 15, 2017** to comments@onondagacreekwalk.com. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project related decisions. The Creekwalk Phase II Project Draft Design Report is also available for review on the Project website: <http://www.syr.gov.net/cw2>