UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 18, 2016

Citi Trends, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-51315 (Commission File Number)

52-2150697

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

104 Coleman Boulevard, Savannah, Georgia

31408 (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(912) 236-1561**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: **Not applicable**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2 below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre- commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 18, 2016, Citi Trends, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release reporting its financial results for its first quarter ended April 30, 2016 (the "Earnings Release"). A copy of the Earnings Release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K ("Current Report") as Exhibit 99.1, the contents of which are incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 2.02 disclosure.

The information in this Item 2.02, including the Earnings Release attached to this Current Report, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in this Item 2.02, including the Earnings Release, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Earnings Release dated May 18, 2016

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 18, 2016

By: Name:

/s/ Bruce D. Smith
Bruce D. Smith
Chief Operating Officer and Chief
Financial Officer Title:

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99.1	Earnings Release dated May 18, 2016	
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CITI TRENDS ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2016 RESULTS AND DECLARES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

First quarter 2016 diluted earnings per share of \$0.60 compared with \$0.74 last year

Comparable store sales decreased 2.7% in first quarter

SAVANNAH, GA (May 18, 2016) — Citi Trends, Inc. (NASDAQ: CTRN) today reported results for the first quarter of fiscal 2016.

<u>Financial Highlights — First quarter ended April 30, 2016</u>

Total sales in the first quarter ended April 30, 2016 decreased 0.6% to \$193.7 million compared with \$194.9 million in the first quarter ended May 2, 2015. Comparable store sales decreased 2.7% in the quarter.

The Company had net income of \$8.7 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2016 compared with \$11.3 million, or \$0.74 per diluted share, in last year's first quarter.

During the first quarter, the Company opened five new stores and relocated or expanded six other stores.

In addition, the Company announced that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.06 per common share, payable on June 14, 2016, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 31, 2016.

Investor Conference Call and Webcast

Citi Trends will host a conference call today at 9:00 a.m. ET. The number to call for the live interactive teleconference is (212) 231-2903. A replay of the conference call will be available until May 25, 2016, by dialing (402) 977-9140 and entering the passcode, 21809052.

The live broadcast of Citi Trends' conference call will be available online at the Company's website, www.cititrends.com, under the Investor Relations section, beginning today at 9:00 a.m. ET. The online replay will follow shortly after the call and will be available for replay for one year.

During the conference call, the Company may discuss and answer questions concerning business and financial developments and trends that have occurred after quarter-end. The Company's responses to questions, as well as other matters discussed during the

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conference call, may contain or constitute information that has not been disclosed previously.

About Citi Trends

Citi Trends, Inc. is an off-price retailer of urban fashion apparel and accessories for the entire family. The Company operates 526 stores located in 31 states. Citi Trends' website address is www.cititrends.com. *CTRN-G*

Forward-Looking Statements

All statements other than historical facts contained in this news release, including statements regarding our future financial results and position, business policy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements that are subject to material risks and uncertainties. The words "believe," "may," "could," "plans," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to Citi Trends, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Statements with respect to earnings guidance are forward-looking statements. Investors are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements are subject to the finalization of the Company's quarterly financial and accounting procedures, are not guarantees of future performance or results and are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified. Actual results or developments may differ materially from those included in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors which are discussed in Citi Trends, Inc. filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, uncertainties relating to economic conditions, growth risks, consumer spending patterns, competition within the industry, competition in our markets and the ability to anticipate and respond to fashion trends. Any forward-looking statements by the Company, with respect to earnings guidance, the declaration and payment of dividends, the Company's share repurchase program, or otherwise, are intended to speak only as of the date such statements are made. Except as required by applicable law, including the securities laws of the United States and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Citi Trends does not undertake to publicly update any forward-looking statements in this news release or with respect to matters described herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwi

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CITI TRENDS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(unaudited) (in thousands, except per share data)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended April 30, 2016 (unaudited)			Thirteen Weeks Ended May 2, 2015 (unaudited)	
Net sales	\$	193,672	\$	194,913	
Cost of sales (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below)		(117,809)		(117,509)	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		(58,331)		(55,812)	
Depreciation		(4,444)		(4,813)	
Asset impairment		(221)		_	
Income from operations		12,867		16,779	
Interest income		127		56	
Interest expense		(40)		(47)	
Income before income taxes		12,954		16,788	
Income tax expense		(4,217)		(5,509)	
Net income	\$	8,737	\$	11,279	
Basic net income per common share	\$	0.60	\$	0.75	
Diluted net income per common share	\$	0.60	\$	0.74	
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Weighted average shares used to compute basic net income per share		14,594		15,096	
Weighted average shares used to compute diluted net income per share		14,603		15,181	

CITI TRENDS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited) (in thousands)

	April 30, 2016 (unaudited)		May 2, 2015 (unaudited)	
Assets:		,		`
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	53,032	\$	86,808
Short-term investment securities		40,215		20,707
Inventory		123,330		116,152
Prepaid and other current assets (1)		13,536		14,091
Property and equipment, net		49,816		44,945
Long-term investment securities		24,327		21,328
Other noncurrent assets (1)		9,223		9,890
Total assets	\$	313,479	\$	313,921
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity:				
Accounts payable	\$	60,128	\$	56,954
Accrued liabilities		24,316		25,744
Other current liabilities		2,528		3,522
Noncurrent liabilities		6,661		5,554
Total liabilities		93,633		91,774
Total stockholders' equity		219,846		222,147
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	313,479	\$	313,921
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⁽¹⁾ May 2, 2015 deferred tax asset balances reflect a reclassification between current and noncurrent assets totaling \$3,874 in connection with the retrospective adoption of ASU 2015-17 in 2016.