



U.S. DOT Act Section 4(f) Programmatic*

	Final Nationwide Section 4(f) Evaluation and Approval for Federally Aided Highway Projects with Minor Involvements with Public Parks, Recreation Lands and Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges	Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation and Approval for FHWA Projects that Necessitate the Use of Historic Bridges	Final Nationwide Section 4(f) Evaluation and Approval for Federally Aided Highway Projects with Minor Involvements with Historic Sites	Section 4(f) Statement and Determination for Independent Bikeway or Walkway Construction Projects	Section 4(f) Evaluation and Approval for Transportation Projects that Have a Net Benefit to a Section 4(f) Property
APPLICABILITY (USE)	<p>Applies only to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the operational characteristics, safety, and/or physical condition of existing highway facilities on essentially the same alignment, including 4R work Use a publicly owned public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge adjacent to the highway Use an amount of land at a location that does not impair, completely or in part, the use of the remaining land for its intended purpose. Use an amount of land that complies with the values listed in the programmatic Have written concurrence from the official with jurisdiction (OWJ) agreeing with the assessment of the impacts and proposed mitigation <p>Does not apply to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impair the resources qualifying the property for protection with proximity effects of the use Involve construction of a highway on a new location Require the preparation of an EIS, unless the use of Section 4(f) property is discovered after the approval of the use 	<p>Applies only to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use federal funds to replace or rehabilitate a historic bridge Require the use of a historic bridge listed on or eligible for listing on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Have a lack of objection from the ACHP to the Section 106 determination Have written agreement from the SHPO with the assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation <p>Does not apply to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require the use of a historic bridge that is not a National Historic Landmark (NHL) 	<p>Applies only to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the operational characteristics, safety, and/or physical condition of existing highway facilities on essentially the same alignment, including 4R work Involve a historic site located adjacent to the existing highway Have impacts considered minor to the resources that qualify the property for listing on the NRHP (a no effect or no adverse effect determination in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA) Have a lack of objection from the ACHP to the Section 106 determination Have written agreement from the SHPO with the assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation <p>Does not apply to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require removal or alteration of historic buildings, structures, or objects on the historic site Remove or disturb archaeological resources important for preservation in place Require the construction of a highway on a new location Require the preparation of an EIS, unless the use of Section 4(f) property is discovered after the approval of the use 	<p>Applies only to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide bicycle or pedestrian facilities in contrast to those with the primary purpose of serving motorized vehicles Have designs suitable to the site conditions and the anticipated extent of usage Have a public agency responsible for maintaining the federally funded bikeway or walkway Require the use of recreation and park areas established and maintained primarily for active recreation, open space, and similar purposes Have written approval from the OWJ that the project is acceptable and consistent with the designated use of the property and all possible planning to minimize harm has been incorporated into the location and design <p>Does not apply to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a significant effect upon the quality of the human environment Use publicly owned wildlife or waterfowl refuge land or any land from a historic site of national, state, or local significance Use critical habitat of endangered species Create unusual circumstances, including major impacts, adverse effects, or controversy 	<p>Applies only to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use any type of Section 4(f) protected property Include all appropriate measures to minimize harm and any mitigation necessary to preserve and enhance the Section 4(f) resources Have agreement among the SHPO/THPO and project sponsor on measures to minimize harm to historic sites Have written agreement from the OWJ that the impacts, minimization, and mitigation will result in a net benefit Have agreement from the FHWA that the project meets the criteria in the Applicability, Alternatives, Findings, Mitigation and Measures to Minimize Harm, Coordination, and Public Involvement Sections of the programmatic Require any level of NEPA document <p>Does not apply to projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require major alteration of the characteristics qualifying the historic property for the NRHP Remove or disturb archeological resources determined important for preservation in place
AVOIDANCE ALTERNATIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing Improve the highway without using the adjacent public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge Build an improved facility on new location without using the public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing Build on a new structure at a different location without affecting the historic integrity of the old bridge Rehabilitate the historic bridge without affecting the historic integrity of the structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing Improve the highway without using the adjacent historic site Build an improved facility on a new location without using the historic site 	None required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do nothing Improve the transportation facility in a manner that addresses the project's purpose and need without using Section 4(f) property Build a transportation facility at a location that does not require the use of Section 4(f) property
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	None required	None required	None required	None required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public involvement activities shall be consistent with the specific requirements of 23 CFR 771.111. Information on the proposed use of the Section 4(f) property shall be communicated at the hearings or public meetings.

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