

Chapter 6 Final Section 4(f) Evaluation

The purpose of this Section 4(f) evaluation is to provide the information required to make a 4(f) determination on various parks, recreational sites, and historical sites that may be affected by construction of a new NSC facility as identified in Chapter 1 of this Supplemental EIS.

Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act states that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will not approve the use of land from a significant publicly owned park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or any significant historic site, unless a determination is made that: (1) there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of such land, and (2) the proposed action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property.

Recreational 4(f) properties along the NSC corridor from the Spokane River to US 395 at Wandermere are evaluated in Chapter 4 of this document. No portion of these properties is proposed to be taken or used for this project. In comparison to the FEIS Alignment, the Preferred Alternative is in closer proximity to two recreation sites; the Hillyard public swimming pool and the Sharpley-Harmon Park. While the Preferred Alignment is closer to both of these recreational sites than is the FEIS Alignment, the distance is still more than 152 m (500 ft), and Market Street is located between the sites and the proposed alignment. Market Street is and will remain the primary noise and visual impact to these two sites. Neither these or any other 4(f) properties along the corridor were found to be impacted by the project's proximity such that the protected activities, attributes, or features of the property are substantially impaired. Consequently, no take, use, nor constructive use is projected for any of the recreational properties in the project study area.

Eastern Washington University Archaeological and Historical Services determined that no sites investigated within the proposed corridor are likely to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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There are no properties subject to the provisions of Section 6(f) located within the project study area.