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The Office of Environmental Analysis has reviewed the Miner Slough Bridge Replacement Project for possible Section 4(f) impacts. The anticipated level of document is a Initial Study/Environmental Assessment.

The build alternative is to build a replacement at a new alignment and demolish the existing bridge. The existing bridge, no. 23-0035 on State Route 84 in Solano County about 30 miles southwest of Sacramento, CA at PM 12.1/12.2, is a swing bridge with nonstandard geometry and very low AADT (336 in 2011) connecting Ryer Island in the Sacramento River delta to the mainland over Miner Slough.

As part of the NEPA process, the Department is required to prepare documentation required by Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act, referred to herein as the *Section 4(f) evaluation*. Section 4(f), codified in federal law in the United States Code, Title 14, Section 303, declares that “[i]t is the policy of the United States Government that special effort should be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside and public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites.”

There are no public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites that provide opportunities for both active and passive outdoor recreation considered a Section 4(f) resource within the project area.

The build alternative would not result in permanent or temporary impacts to or constructive use of any park or recreation facilities requiring protection under Section 4(f). There are no wildlife refuges on or near the project. The build alternative would not alter the qualities, features, or attributes of a park, recreational facility, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, or historic sites.