



Route 180 Westside Expressway Route Adoption

Section 4(f)

Since the mid-1960s, federal transportation policy has reflected an effort to preserve the beauty and integrity of publicly owned public parks and recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and historic sites considered to have national, state or local significance. The Department of Transportation Act (DOT Act) of 1966 included a special provision to carry out this effort—Section 4(f).

Section 4(f) of the DOT Act stipulated that the Federal Highway Administration and other DOT agencies, such as Caltrans, cannot approve the use of land from a significant publicly owned public park, recreation area, wildlife or waterfowl refuge, or any significant historic site unless the following conditions apply:

- There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land.
- The action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property resulting from use.

A Section 4(f) evaluation was done for this study that identifies the Section 4(f) resources in the study area. The evaluation describes the nature and extent of the potential use of these properties, evaluates alternatives that would avoid the use of the properties, and describes measures to minimize harm to the potentially affected resources.