Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form

May 29, 2015

Project Name	Project Number
McCook to Indianola	NH-6-2(120)
Control Number	**Date Completed**
70879	02/09/2016
Project Location *(Town, County)*	**Name of Preparer**
McCook and Indianola, Red Willow County United States Highway 6 (US-6)	Caleb Pharris

The following form was developed as an initial assessment of potential Section 4(f) properties within a project area. The number of each question block corresponds directly to the NDOR Section 4(f) Guidance section with the same number. **One Initial Assessment Form per PROJECT must be included as an attachment to the CE Form or incorporated into the appropriate chapter in the EA/EIS.**

NOTE: At the time the Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form is filled out, the Section 106 process must be sufficiently complete that historic properties have been identified. A Section 106 Finding of Effect *(No Adverse Effect, Adverse Effect)* must be completed prior to determining whether the project results in a 'use' of an historic property. All Section 106 determinations and findings must be made and documented by NDOR Professionally Qualified Staff (PQS).

1. Identification of Section 4(f) Properties

A. *For historic properties*, based on the NDOR Section 106 Tier Review Form, are there properties that are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A (Section 106 Tier I)

If Yes, provide the name, Finding of Effect, and any other pertinent information from the Section 106 review for each identified property.

Two properties were identified within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). St. Catherine Catholic Church and Rectory (RW03-081) is present along United States Highway 6 (US-6) at Mile Marker (MM) 97.80 in Indianola and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Work at this location would consist of resurfacing and all work would be confined to the existing right-of-way. The Detroit-Lincoln-Denver (DLD) Highway (RW00-159) is eligible under Criterion A. No work would be completed on the historic alignment. The Tier II memo, dated 8/26/2015, found that no historic properties would be affected. The memo was updated on 2/4/2016 to include the DLD Highway. The finding remains "No Historic Properties Affected".

B. Are there existing or planned parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges present within a ¼ mile of the project area?

☒ Yes ☐ No

C. In consultation with the online resources identified in the Section 4(f) Guidance, list the **resources** used to determine if parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present.

Nebraska Water Trails Guide, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) Interactive Map, NGPC Nebraska State Parks map, NGPC Owned or Managed Sites, US Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Refuges, US Fish and Wildlife Service Wilderness Areas, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Waterfowl Production Areas, and the comprehensive plans for McCook and Red Willow County.

D. Identify all potential Section 4(f) parks, recreation areas, and wildlife/waterfowl refuges *(include property name(s)*, *location(s) along project, etc.)*.

If No parks, recreation areas, or wildlife/waterfowl refuges are present, AND no historic properties need consideration from 1.A., indicate in the box below that no potential Section 4(f) properties are present. DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

Karrer Park - This park is located in the southeast portion of McCook to the south of US-6 near MM 87.52.

Republican River Valley Rest Area - This property is located on the south side of US-6 near MM 89.52.

Southwest Elementary - This school is located at 719 East Street, Indianola, NE.

Indianola City Park - This park is located on the north side of US-6/D Street in Indianola near MM 97.88.

Indianola School District #2 Baseball Fields - This ball field is located in Indianola to the north of US-6 near MM 87.71.

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2. Applicability Criteria for Section 4(f) Parks, Recreation Areas, and Wildlife/Waterfowl Refuges (not Historic Properties)

A. List all properties from 1.D. that are (1) NOT publicly owned, or (2) NOT privately owned and leased to a public entity, for a Section 4(f) protected purpose, and how this was determined.

NA

B. List all properties from 1.D. that are NOT open to the public, and how this was determined. (This does NOT apply to wildlife/waterfowl refuges.)

NA

C. List all properties from 1.D. that are considered multiple-use properties, and what those uses are.

NA

D. List all properties from 1.D. that were NOT called-out in 2.A. or 2.B.; **these properties will be carried forward in the Section 4(f) process. Also be sure to carry forward any multiple-use properties from 2.C. or historic properties from 1.A. that have temporary or permanent right-of-way acquisition or vibratory effects.** If no properties are carried forward, note below and DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE.

Karrer Park, Indianola City Park, Indianola School District #2 Baseball Fields, St. Catherine Catholic Church and Rectory, DLD Highway, Southwest Elementary, Republican River Valley Rest Area

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3. Determination of Section 4(f) Use

A. Is there a potential *use* of the Section 4(f) applicable properties from 2.D. above? Will the properties be impacted by the project, including access restrictions? (See Guidance Section 3 for definition of *use*.)

☒ Yes ☐ No Is there a potential *permanent* use?

☒ Yes ☐ No Is there a potential *temporary* use (including exceptions)?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is there a potential *constructive* use?

Any Yes: complete the appropriate Section 4(f) analysis for each impacted property

No: state impact avoidance measures below, then DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE

B. List impact avoidance measures (for “No” answer only). If justification is needed to support a “No” answer in 3.A., describe below.

Karrer Park - This park is located to the west of the project alignment and there would be no use of park property. Access to the park would remain open throughout construction.

Indianola City Park - There would be a temporary use of 0.002 acre {93 square feet (sf)} and a permanent use of 0.0008 acre (35.35 sf). There would be no constructive use of this property because this project only involves resurfacing US-6 and the construction of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps. The permanent and temporary use of the park would qualify as a de minimis impact and NDOR would send out a targeted mailer.

Indianola School District #2 Baseball Fields - This property is located approximately 300 feet to the north of the project alignment, however, the access to the baseball field is located on US-6. Access to the baseball field would remain open during construction.

St. Catherine Catholic Church and Rectory - There would be no use of this property which is located on the north side of US-6 and access to the property would remain open throughout construction.

The DLD Highway - This property would not be affected as no work would be completed on the historic alignment.

Republican River Valley Rest Area - This property is part of the transportation system and not a 4(f) property.

Southwest Elementary - This school is located one block north of the project alignment and there will be no use of the school property or its accesses.

NDOR Reviewer Approval Signature: Date:

Digitally signed by Carmen Pellish
DN: cn=Carmen Pellish, o=NDOR Environmental, ou=NEPA Specialist, email=carmen.pellish@nebraska.gov, c=US
Date: 2016.02.10 11:01:16 -06'00'

FHWA Environmental Signature: Date:

FHWA signature is only required in the following circumstances:

- If the property is leased
- If the property is considered multiple-use
- If the Official(s) with Jurisdiction claims that the property is NOT significant