Section 4(f) Initial Assessment Form

May 29, 2015

Project Name	Project Number
Elm Creek - Alda	ITS-NH-80-5(79)
Control Number	**Date Completed**
42772	10/16/15
Project Location *(Town, County)*	**Name of Preparer**
Interchanges at Elm Creek, Odessa, West Kearney, East Kearney, Minden, Gibbon, Shelton, Wood River, and Alda, within Buffalo and Hall Counties, Nebraska.	Luke Pitts

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.

Kilgor Bridge (Structure Number S010 04436R) is a historic bridge identified near this project. No impacts are anticipated.

A prehistoric site (25BF24) with possible Dismal River affiliation was previously recorded on the NCRGIS as being located near the project. No evidence of the site was observed during the archeological pedestrian survey. Information recorded on the original survey indicates the site is located along the north banks of the Platte River. Any intact deposits that exist are likely south/east of the current APE, outside the disturbed fill.

The recommendation of 'No Historic Properties Affected' has been made for the project.

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 Game and Parks Commission Interactive Map:
http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/gisapps/fishing.asp

Buffalo County Comprehensive Plan-Update - 2022:
http://www.buffalogov.org/files/Zoning/2022ComprehensivePlan.pdf

Generalized Zoning Map of Hall County Ne.:
http://www.hcgi.org/links/Planning/Zoning/hc_Small_Zoning_9_27_05.pdf?-session=hcv:A47733EE18cef16E68RUxk393B1C

Google Earth Pro: https://www.google.com/work/mapsearth/products/earthpro.html

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.

Blue Hole State Wildlife Management Area

Union Pacific State Recreation Area

Kea Lake State Wildlife Management Area

The Archway in Kearney

Bassway Strip State Wildlife Management Area

Windmill State Recreation Area

War Axe State Recreation Area

Cheyenne State Recreation Area

Alda DOR

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.

The Archway in Kearney

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.)

None

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

None

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.

Blue Hole State Wildlife Management Area Union Pacific State Recreation Area Kea Lake State Wildlife Management Area Bassway Strip State Wildlife Management Area Windmill State Recreation Area War Axe State Recreation Area Cheyenne State Recreation Area Alda DOR

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.

The project would have no use of any of the listed potential 4(f) properties because the project would be contained entirely within NDOR right-of-way, and access to adjacent land would be not be impeded.

NDOR Reviewer Approval Signature: Date:

Ryan Walkowiak

Digitally signed by Ryan Walkowiak
DN: cn=Ryan Walkowiak, o=Nebraska Department of Roads, ou=Environmental Documents Unit, email=ryan.walkowiak@nebraska.gov, c=US
Date: 2016.01.26 10:44:48 -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