

The Section 4(f) Process

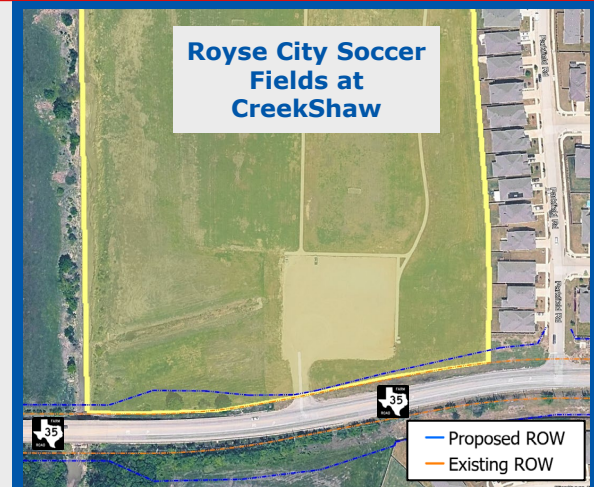
Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 provides for the consideration of:

- Publicly owned parks or recreational areas
- Wildlife and waterfowl refuges
- Public and private historic sites

during transportation project development.

Before approving a project that uses Section 4(f) property, TxDOT makes a determination that:

- There is no feasible and prudent avoidance alternative to the use of that land; and the action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property resulting from use, or
- TxDOT determines that the use of the property will have a de minimis, minimal impact



The proposed project is anticipated to affect a portion of the park. The park is located along the north side of FM 35, west of Parkfield Road.

The use of this land is considered minimal and TxDOT anticipates making a Section 4(f) de minimis determination for this use.

This federal regulation requires TxDOT to inform and gather input from the public. The public is encouraged to be involved with the Section 4(f) process by asking questions and expressing concerns about historic properties and public and recreation areas.