

Section 4(f) Process

Section 4(f) is a federal regulation set up to protect the use of public land in projects.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 stipulates that TxDOT cannot approve use of land from:

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

Unless the following conditions apply:

- 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.

US 80 and Spur 557

A total of approximately 17 acres of new right-of-way would be required to complete the proposed improvements. No displacements are anticipated.

- No public parks, recreational areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, churches, schools, or cemeteries would be displaced as a result of the construction of the proposed project.
- A programmatic Section 4(f) checklist was prepared for each of the two National Register of Historic Places-eligible historic bridges (Windmill Farms at US 80 and CR 217 at US 80) and a de minimis checklist for the Landmark Hill property.



CR 217 (Reeder Road) at US 80



Windmill Farms Blvd at US 80

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 recreation areas.