

Appendix L Resources Evaluated Relative to the Requirements of Section 4(f)

This section of the document discusses parks, recreational facilities, wildlife refuges and historic properties found within or adjacent to the project area that do not trigger Section 4(f) protection either because: 1) they are not publicly owned, 2) they are not open to the public, 3) they are not eligible historic properties, 4) the project does not permanently use the property and does not hinder the preservation of the property, or 5) the proximity impacts do not result in constructive use.

The Contra Costa Canal, which was determined to meet the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), is crossed at two locations by I-680 and SR-4 within the project limits. Minor work would be required at the existing crossings. No part of the Contra Costa Canal would be destroyed or damaged by the project. The two sections of the canal that pass beneath SR-4 and I-680 were already altered from their original condition by modernization of the two routes over the past 40 years. The proposed project would cause no additional change to the original condition of the canal at either location; rather, it would simply add modern sections to structures in the canal that have been previously altered and modernized. The proposed project activities do not rise to a level that substantially impairs the activities, features, or attributes that qualify the Contra Costa Canal for protection under Section 4(f).

The proposed project will not cause a constructive use of the Contra Costa Canal because any proximity impacts that may occur will not substantially impair the protected activities, features, or attributes of the canal.

