

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SECTION 4(f) *DE MINIMIS*
DETERMINATION FOR U.S. 101 STORM DAMAGE REPAIR PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve drainage east of United State (U.S.) 101 within an easement and adjacent National Park Service (NPS) parklands (Golden Gate National Recreation Area [GGNRA]) on Fort Baker in Marin County, California for the U.S. 101 Storm Damage Repair Project (Project). The Project would restore the permanent function of the northern and southern downdrains, as well as result in the temporary occupancy of a portion of Vista Point Path.

WHY THIS AD?

This public notice is to tell you of Caltrans' intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) *De Minimis* finding and of its availability for you to review and provide comments.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 seeks to protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Provisions to carry out this evaluation are recorded in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 774.17, Section 4(f). As part of the Safe, Accountable and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU ACT) of 2005, the legislature established the *de minimis* finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effects would occur. *De minimis* impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

Caltrans has determined that the Project would require temporary partial closures of Vista Point Path, a Section 4(f) property. During Project-related construction closures, Caltrans would provide public notification, including signage and flaggers, as necessary. To maintain access for pedestrians and bicyclists, the Project would require the temporary realignment of Vista Point Path west of construction staging areas, east of U.S. 101. Caltrans has also determined that the Project would require a Special Use Permit (SUP) from NPS to carry out the following Project construction-related activities on GGNRA and Fort Baker, Section 4(f) properties: install a bioswale; reestablish the earthen berm; and access 0.712 acres of land within the three temporary construction easements (TCEs) per the terms and conditions of the Project-specific SUP. No existing public trails or roads are located within the Bunker Road staging area or the temporary access road, and therefore there would be no restriction of recreation uses of GGNRA or of historical uses of Fort Baker. Caltrans has analyzed the use that the Project would have on these Section 4(f) properties and has determined that Project construction-related activities on GGNRA and Fort Baker to have a *de minimis* use on these Section 4(f) properties.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is available to download at [the Caltrans environmental document website](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs) (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>).

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Comments concerning the use of the Section 4(f) properties are welcomed during the 30-day public comment period from May 13, 2020 to June 11, 2020. Please send comments to:

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CONTACT

For individuals with sensory disabilities, the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk by writing to the above address or email or by calling **California Relay Service** at (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735-2922 (Voice), or 711.

For more information about the determination of a *de minimis* determination or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the Project, please contact Sam Schoevaars, Environmental Planner, at sam.schoevaars@jacobs.com.

