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Subject: Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation – Mobility Improvements to Support the
South Lakefront Framework Plan, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Smalley:

Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(d), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) hereby requests the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers comments on the Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation – Mobility Improvements to Support the South Lakefront Framework Plan, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is available at the following web address:

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/jackson-park-improvements.html

The proposed transportation improvements will require converting land from Jackson Park to a transportation use. Jackson Park is subject to a Federal encumbrance under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes Fishery and Ecosystem Restoration Program. Therefore, we are seeking the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' position on the proposed impact, as well as to determine if any other Federal requirements may apply to converting the Section 4(f) land to a different function.

Comments should be sent to Matt Fuller at FHWA (Matt.Fuller@dot.gov) and to the project manager for the applicant, Nathan Roseberry at the City of Chicago (Nathan.Roseberry@cityofchicago.org). Please provide your comments on the document no later than June 8, 2020. If comments are not received within 15-days after the comment deadline, the FHWA will assume a lack of objection and proceed with the action.

Sincerely,

Matt Fuller
Environmental Programs Engineer