



A Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS), of which this report is a part, has been prepared for the project. DART will coordinate with NPS to grant NPS cooperating agency status such that the NEPA documentation for the project will also serve as the NEPA compliance vehicle for NPS.

8. State Intergovernmental Review: The project proponents must comply with any required state intergovernmental clearinghouse review necessitated by the proposed property conversion.

The project will comply with any required state intergovernmental clearinghouse review requirements.

9. Statewide Outdoor Recreation Plan Consistency: The project proponents must document how the proposed conversion is in accordance with any applicable statewide recreation plans.

DART will consult TPWD and NPS regarding the adequacy of the replacement property such that it complies with State's Outdoor Recreation Plan Policies.

It is anticipated that Section 6(f)(3) conversion issues will be resolved as part of the Final EIS and Final Section 4(f)/6(f) evaluation, prior to the Record of Decision being issued.

6.6 TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE, CHAPTER 26

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code was established to protect parks, recreational and scientific areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites from being used or taken by the state or local agencies for public projects. Chapter 26 is similar to Section 4(f) of the **Department of Transportation Act of 1966** in its requirements, except that Texas law requires a public hearing for any use or taking of protected land. As indicated in Section 6.3.7 of this document, the recommended FTA determination is that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the parkland and a process to incorporate all possible planning to minimize harm has been established.

Since the project would result in acquisition of parkland, the project will comply with provisions of Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. DART has initiated the coordination process with the City of Dallas to advertise and hold a public hearing.

6.7 SECTION 4(F) AND SECTION 6(F) CORRESPONDENCE

The following pages in Chapter 6 include all correspondence regarding Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) evaluation (also in Appendix D):