



NPS has indicated that the Section 6(f)(3) conversion process should take place subsequent to completion of the Section 4 (f) and EIS process. Coordination with the City of Dallas, TPWD and NPS continues.

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):