

This project includes preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA), a form of documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when federal funds are involved. An EA analyzes a number of environmental resources to determine whether the project would result in significant impacts. Resources to be evaluated include:

Vehicle, Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility and Safety

Construction (Disruption, Delay and Conflicts) and Operational Changes (Travel Patterns, Congestion and Safety Conditions)



Air Quality

Construction and Operation (Motor Vehicle Emissions and Dust)



Biological Resources

Vegetation, Wildlife, Protected Species, and Sensitive Habitats



Waterways /Water Quality¹

River Corridors involving Stormwater and Flooding, and from Earthwork, Erosion and Sedimentation



Noise

Construction and Operation



Wetlands and Waters of the U.S.¹

Sensitive Wetland Resources and Waters in the River Corridors



¹ - Section 404/401 of the Clean Water Act: Special Requirements and Permitting for Effects on the river corridors and associated wetland habitat

Cultural Resources²

Historic Sites and Buildings



Open Space, Parks and Recreation^{2,3}

River Corridor
Greenways & Public Parks



Visual Quality

Community Aesthetics and Urban Design



Socioeconomics

Social and Economic Conditions (Downtown, Tourism, etc.)



Community Planning

Land Use Planning and Development



Hazardous Materials

Lead-Based Paint and/or Asbestos (Bridges), Underground Storage Tanks, and/or other Potential Sources of Contamination



Cumulative Effects

Effects of past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects added to project effects

Disproportional Effects

Inequitable effects on low-income, minority and other potentially underrepresented individuals and populations

2 - Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act: Special Requirements, Documentation and Measures to Avoid, Minimize and Mitigate Effects on Public Parks and Historic Buildings on or Eligible for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Section 4(f) is applicable to the park land along the Big Thompson River, Fall River and various buildings in the Estes Park Downtown Area.

3 - Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act: Special Requirements for Addressing Impacts that Convert Lands and/or Facilities Funded by the Act to Non-Recreation Uses. Section 6(f) is applicable to the park land along the Big Thompson River.