

# **LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS**

# 1) Pre-Appraisal

- The land is surveyed and proposed right of way lines are laid out
- Number of appraisals along the corridor is determined
- Property owners are contacted to explain the acquisition process

### 2) Appraisal



- The appraiser and review appraiser walk through the property at the same time to assure consistency
- Review appraiser reviews the appraisal to assure just compensation for the property

# 3) Negotiations



- A negotiation team is created to work on behalf of the property owner and answer their questions
- Reasonable time is given for good faith discussion
- Settlement is reached

### 4) Closing



- Appraisers, Review Appraisers, Negotiator, and Relocation Agents work with the property owner to discuss the land acquisition process
- Owner receives a 90 day notice of earliest required move out date followed by a 30 day specific date notice to vacate

### 5) Relocation



- Relocation assistance is provided to persons, businesses, farm operations and non-profit
  organizations displaced as a result of the acquisition of right of way for state highway construction
  projects
- Those who are relocated are treated fairly, consistently, are equitably and do not suffer disproportionate injuries as a result of programs designed for the benefit of the public as a whole

# **QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND INFORMATION**

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# Types of Acquisitions

### Fee Simple

Acquisition of all rights and interests

### Permanent Easement

- Ownership retained by property owner
- DOT allowed permanent use of property to construct and maintain facilities

# **Temporary Easement**

- Ownership retained by property owner
- Temporary use to construct minor improvements



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