

Negotiations with landowners

Alberta Transportation respects the rights of the landowner by using accepted negotiation procedures and a compensation framework for provincial highways. Compensation is based on "market value plus related or applicable damages."

In Alberta, all highway right-of-way agreements are governed by the *Expropriation Act*. The compensation framework for acquisition of highway rights-of-way is described in the Act.

What about surveys?

Highway construction requires engineering and legal surveys to be taken.

It is Alberta Transportation's policy that engineering surveyors will contact all landowners before surveying on their property.

Who should we contact if we have questions?

Contact the property agent or Alberta Transportation regional property manager.



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Introduction

This brochure provides an overview of right-of-way land acquisition for highway construction projects undertaken by Alberta Transportation.

Right-of-way acquisition requires Alberta Transportation to communicate with landowners regarding:

- highway plans
- timing of highway construction
- right-of-way negotiations
- compensation
- land surveys

Right-of-way acquisition is a key activity prior to highway construction.

What is a highway right-of-way?

Right-of-way for highway construction refers to the land on which the highway and related structures are built.

What is a right-of-way agreement?

Highway land acquisition requires negotiation of an "offer to sell" or "offer of settlement" agreement. This is a legal document between a landowner and Alberta Transportation. The agreement will state the obligations of both Alberta Transportation and the landowner with respect to acquiring right-of-way.

When will I be contacted about the highway right-of-way requirements?

Alberta Transportation commences negotiations for the purchase of land generally one to two years before highway construction is scheduled to begin.

Who conducts the negotiations?

Alberta Transportation's regional property agents manage the right-of-way negotiations with individual landowners.

Alberta Transportation may retain the services of consulting property agents to negotiate the right-of-way purchase on Alberta Transportation's behalf.

Alberta Transportation and landowner negotiations

Alberta Transportation negotiates fairly and openly with landowners for the acquisition of needed highway right-of-way lands.

Negotiations are based on mutual respect and cooperation to create a partnership for future highway construction success.

Highway construction information

Alberta Transportation property agents or consulting property agents will:

- provide a general project description
- discuss how the highway construction may affect your land uses
- discuss how your access to the highway may be affected
- discuss right-of-way purchase plans and compensation
- ensure you understand the proposed construction schedule and method

How can you help?

Landowners are encouraged to work with Alberta Transportation property agents and/or consulting property agents to:

- review the highway construction plans
- discuss the highway right-of-way requirements
- identify and discuss your concerns

Your cooperation is appreciated!

Steps in the highway land acquisition and construction process

