

RIGHT OF WAY PROCESS

WHAT TAKES PLACE & WHO CAN HELP?



DESIGN

- Our designers create the initial layout of the project and affected property owners are identified.
- Changes are made to the design based on input from the public meeting.

~ 3 MONTHS

APPRAISAL

- To determine just compensation for land and buildings, an appraisal is typically conducted.
- An appraiser contacts the property owner and asks if they would like to be present during their inspection. The completed appraisal report is provided to the property owner before negotiations begin.
- If the proposed area is very minor, an appraisal may not be needed and just compensation can be determined through a more simplified process.

~ 3 MONTHS

NEGOTIATION & ACQUISITION

- An acquisition agent starts the negotiation process by contacting the property owner, discussing the project and its impacts, and presenting an offer of just compensation.
- The terms of the real estate transaction are determined and an agreement for purchase is signed by the property owner (seller) and the DOT.

~ 3 MONTHS

RELOCATION

- Relocation agents work with property owners throughout all stages of the right of way process, with the goal of having all personal property relocated prior to the project letting.
- Possession occurs after the property has been inspected by the property manager to ensure that all personal property (if any) located within the State's acquisition area has been removed.

~ 3-6 MONTHS

CLOSING, TRANSFER OF TITLE & PAYMENT

- The signed agreement between the seller and the DOT is approved, processed, and paid through the real estate closing process.
- If an agreement could not be reached, acquisition can occur through an eminent domain hearing, where a group of local commissioners review the State's acquisition and determine just compensation.
- All required title documentation and appropriate transfers of property are concluded and filed with the County Recorder.

~ 3-6 MONTHS

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Property management agents manage the right of way within the department's right of way inventory.
- Management of the real estate asset may include leasing property that is being held for future needs or maintaining and transferring property that is in the process of being sold.

ONGOING

RIGHT OF WAY BUREAU PROCESS TYPICALLY TAKES 15-21 MONTHS FROM DESIGN TO POSSESSION



DESIGN

APPRAISAL

NEGOTIATION & ACQUISITION

RELOCATION

CLOSING, TRANSFER OF TITLE & PAYMENT

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

DESIGN TEAM

Manager: **Eric Wright**
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Design and establish the required ROW needs for primary highway projects on a statewide basis.

Nikki Cuva
Production coordinator

Jeff Larson
Lead designer

Amelia Fredrickson
Designer

Charles Hughes
Designer

Amy Tinken
Designer

Tim Hinrichsen
Designer

APPRAISAL TEAM

Manager: **Mark Holm**
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The appraisal team is responsible for appraising property the Iowa DOT plans to purchase for highway right of way.

VACANT
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James Deppe
Appraiser

Joe Cuva
Consultant coordinator

ACQUISITION & RELOCATION TEAM

Manager: **Mark Holm**
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Responsible for negotiating the terms of the purchase and coordinating the relocation of property owners and their personal property from land purchased for right of way along interstate and primary highways in Iowa.

Jessica Birchmier
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Condemnation compliance officer

Bill Knudten
Condemnation compliance officer

Tom Herrick
Senior agent

Chad West
Senior agent

Julie Steinfeldt
Senior agent

Nicole Pett
Acquisition agent

Chris Ulrich
Acquisition agent

Matthew Sharp
Acquisition agent

Kelly Dunn
Acquisition agent

VACANT
Acquisition agent

VACANT
Relocation agent

TITLE & CLOSING TEAM

Manager: **Katie Johnson**
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Facilitates the documentation required to obtain property, helps with the Transfer of Jurisdictions between state agencies, and prepares materials for condemnation hearings.

Allyssa Myers
Production coordinator

Lisa Obrecht
Closing agent/
condemnation lead

Maura Miller
Closing agent/transfer
of jurisdiction lead

Carrie Crabtree
Closing agent

Jami Hill
Closing agent

Bradi Moore
Closing agent

VACANT
Closing agent

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Manager: **Katie Johnson**
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The property management team helps to manage the real estate that the department has acquired. This team also leases department property that has been acquired for future needs and disposes and transfers excess property that the department no longer needs.

Rick Skinner
Property management
coordinator

Matt Buttz
Property management agent

John Newell
Property management agent

Matt Gogerty
Property management agent

Stacia Turner
Property management agent

Vacant
Property management agent

UTILITIES TEAM

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Regional program
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ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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Lease coordinator and
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Jon Rees
GIS & data coordination

Dylan Nielsen
GIS data manager