CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) PROCESS

In Accordance with Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (Uniform Act)

DESIGN/SURVEY
- Engineering Develops ROW Requirements
- Surveyor Prepares Boundary Survey
- Legal Descriptions
- Appraisal Maps

ACQUISITION*
- May Only Begin After Approval of the Notice of Determination (NOD)/ Record of Decision (ROD)
- Property Owner Negotiations
- Consideration of New Information
- Required Final Approval Process

RELOCATION*
- Eligibility at Time of Initial Offer
- Minimum 90 Days Notice
- Advisory Assistance
- May be Eligible for Other Benefits
  - Moving and Related Expenses
  - Cost Differentials

DESIGN/SURVEY → APPRAISAL* → ACQUISITION* → RELOCATION*

APPRAISAL*
- May Only Begin After Approval of Preferred Alternative
- Appraisal Inspection with Owner
- Surveyor May Stake Area
- Valuation May Include Mitigation to Re-Establish Remainder
- Appraisal Review
- Required Final Approval Process
- Up to $5,000 for Owner Appraisal

LOSS OF BUSINESS GOODWILL
- Burden of Proof on Owner
  - Files Claim
  - Includes Tax Returns
- Authority may Complete Appraisal after Claim Review

* Please refer to "Your Property, Your High-Speed Rail Project" and "Relocation Assistance Program Information" pamphlets located at: www.hsr.ca.gov/Programs/private_property.html