



# Right-of-Way & Property Access Considerations



## WHAT IS RIGHT-OF-WAY?

Right-of-way in the context of a road is a strip of land reserved for transportation and transportation improvements. A road's right-of-way typically extends beyond the edge of the pavement or sidewalk.

A property owner may have an easement for right-of-way on their property. An easement is a dominant real property right that enables an entity, or owner, use of a specific area for a specific purpose. Real property rights can be temporary or permanent in nature.

## WHAT DOES RIGHT-OF-WAY HAVE TO DO WITH THIS PROJECT?

The right-of-way along Tongass Avenue and Water Street is very narrow. That means DOT&PF's right-of-way team may need to purchase temporary and/or permanent real property rights from property owners along the corridor in order to construct this project and operate the transportation corridor. Such construction and operation activities include active construction workspace, access needs, and the installation/placement of infrastructure.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IS KEY

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Property owners can help us by sharing information! You are most familiar with your property—how it is used, how you access it, how construction may impact you, and other special considerations.

DOT&PF aims to minimize impacts to property owners.

## IDENTIFYING IMPACTED PROPERTIES

The design and right-of-way teams identify which properties may be impacted by the project. They work together to minimize the impacts on property owners while meeting the needs of the project.

Examples of things we may be able to do to minimize impacts to property owners:

- Shifting the time of year the project is constructed to avoid tourism-related population increases or certain weather conditions
- Constructing the project in phases that either consolidate impacts or spread them out over time
- Finding alternative ways to maintain access to properties during construction

## WE COMPLY WITH THE LAW

State agencies must comply with the **Uniform Act**, which provides a set of rules, policies, and procedures for the acquisition of property for federally funded projects. The goal of the Uniform Act (codified in 49 CFR Part 24) is to establish consistent land acquisition policies so that property owners are treated fairly and equitably.

## YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT US ANY TIME

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