

# RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

- **Public Law 91-646**

**Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance for all Federal-Aid projects is governed by Public Law 91-646: *Title III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.***

- **Purpose of Acquisition Process**

**To encourage and expedite acquisition by agreement, to avoid litigation and to assure consistent treatment for property owners.**

- **Law Requires "Just Compensation"**

**Just Compensation is defined as payment of fair market value for the property taken, taking into account partial takings, damages and benefits to the remaining land. *Title III* also reimburses litigation expenses, relocation costs and incidental expenses.**

- **4 Step Acquisition Process**

- **Preparation of Plat of Survey and Legal Description of property to be acquired.**
- **Preparation of Property Appraisal by independent professional appraiser.**
- **Preparation of Review Appraisal by another independent appraiser.**
- **Negotiations and settlement.**

- **Acquisition Schedule**

- **Acquisition process cannot begin until Design Approval is received.**
- **Design Approval scheduled for December 2008.**