

Right-of-Way & Easement Procurement

The Real Estate Division is responsible for the procurement of real estate interests necessary to accommodate public infrastructure. A narrow, two-lane road cannot become an improved street with curb, gutter, sidewalk and center-turn lanes until the existing right-of-way has been determined and additional land upon which those improvements will be located is obtained. The same holds true for other forms of infrastructure, including walking paths, bridge replacements, water mains, sewer lines, and all other utilities using the right-of-way and easements.

The level of real estate interests required varies, depending on the type of infrastructure to be installed. Typical interests include Entry Permits, Temporary Construction Easements, Permanent Easements, and Rights-of-Way.

The Real Estate Manager also aides other City agencies in their real estate management and leasing needs by using accepted methods to value property, negotiate real estate sales, and prepare and record documents related to the purchase or sale of property.

The Real Estate Division's Right-of-Way & Easement Acquisition procedures are based upon principals of fundamental fairness to achieve two objectives:

- 1) ensuring property owners receive just compensation for the interest to be acquired, and
- 2) accommodating the City's schedule for installing the infrastructure.