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## ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS

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**SUBJECT: LADOTD'S POLICY ON APPROVAL OF EXPROPRIATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY**

- 1. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this directive is to establish a uniform policy for the decision making and approval of expropriation of right-of-way.
- 2. POLICY:** It will be the policy of DOTD to explore all possible avenues of purchasing right-of-way through negotiation. If this is impossible and the Real Estate Administrator determines that further negotiations are useless and impractical and that there is no indication that a settlement can be reached, he will make a recommendation for expropriation to the Chief Engineer. This will be processed as follows:
  - a. The Real Estate Administrator will compile all the necessary information, including appropriate sheets of plans showing the parcel(s) in question, related sheets of construction plans, Certificate on Location and Design and Certificate of the Chief Engineer.
  - b. This package will be routed, for approval, through the Road and/or Bridge Design Engineers, and the Chief Engineer.
  - c. When this package is reviewed by the Design Engineers (Bridge and/or Road), a determination will be made on the feasibility of modification of design to avoid expropriation. This will be done with due consideration to all existing Standards. If this is not possible, the Certificate of Location and Design will be approved and sent to the Chief Engineer.
- 3. OTHER ISSUANCES AFFECTED:** All directives, memoranda, or instructions issued heretofore in conflict with this directive are hereby rescinded.
- 4. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy will become effective upon signature of the Chief Engineer.

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