STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF MASON

In the Matter of:	
)
Establishing Right of Way Acquisition)
Procedures and appointing staff personnel)
responsible for the various elements of the)
Right of Way Acquisition process.)

Resolution No. <u>146A-02</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mason County Commissioners that:

WHEREAS, Mason County, desiring to acquire Real Property in accordance with the state Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (Ch. 8.26 RCW) and state regulations (Ch. 468-100 WAC) and applicable federal regulations, hereby adopts the following procedures to implement the above statutes and Washington Administrative Code. The Mason County Department of Public Works is responsible for the real property acquisition and relocation activities on projects administered by Mason County. To fulfill the above requirements, the Mason County Department of Public Works will acquire right of way in accordance with the policies set forth in the Washington State Department of Transportation Right of Way Manual (M26-01) and Local Agency Guidelines Manual (M 36-6). Mason County has the following expertise and personnel capabilities to accomplish these functions:

1.	A.	Program Administration - Public Works Director / County Engineer Project Managers
	В.	Appraisal - Contract Fee Appraiser approved by WSDOT
	C.	Appraisal Review - Right of Way Agent (staff) approved by WSDOT or Contract Fee Review Appraiser approved by WSDOT
	D.	Acquisition Negotiator - Project Managers Right of way Representative Contract Fee Negotiator approved by W SDOT
	E.	Relocation - Contract with WSDOT

F. Property Management -Right of Way Agent (staff) approved By WSDOT Contract with WSDOT

- 2. Administrative Settlements are occasionally required in addition to Just Compensation in order to acquire needed Right of Way through negotiation. These Administrative Settlements can help eliminate costly condemnation litigation and project construction schedule delays. The Project Parcel Negotiation Diary shall contain rationale, justification and or documentation for the Settlement Offer. The level of authority to offer Administrative Settlements will be as follows and final approval will rest with the Board of Mason County Commissioners:
 - A. Acquisition Negotiator Just compensation plus \$500.00 Administrative Settlement.
 - B. Project Manager.Just compensation plus \$1,000.00 Administrative Settlement.
 - C. Public Works Director/County Engineer Just Compensation plus \$5,000.00 Administrative Settlement.
 - D. Mason County Board of County Commissioners Just Compensation plus any counter offer in excess of or \$5,000.00.

- 3. All projects shall be available for review by the FHWA and the state at any time, and all project documents shall be retained and available for inspection during the plan development, right of way and construction stages and for a three (3) year period following acceptance of the projects by WSDOT.
- 4. Approval of Mason County's procedures by WSDOT may be rescinded at any time Mason County is found to no longer have qualified staff or is found to be in non-compliance with the regulations. The rescission may be applied to all or part of the functions approved.

APPROVED this <u>5th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2002.

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WESLEY JOHNSON, Chairperson

HERB BAZE, Commissioner

BOB HOLTER, Commissioner

MASON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JERRY W. HAUTH, PE Director/County Engineer

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ATTEST:

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REBECCA S. ROGERS Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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WAIVER OF APPRAISAL

The Mason County Department of Public Works desiring to acquire Real Property according to 23 CFR, Part 635, Subpart C and State directives and desiring to take advantage of the appraisal waiver process approved by the Federal Highway Administration for Washington State, hereby agrees to follow the procedure approved for the Washington State Department of Transportation, as follows:

Rules:

- A. Mason County may elect to waive the requirement for an appraisal if the valuation problem is uncomplicated and the compensation estimate indicated on the PFE (Project Funding Estimate) is \$10,000.00 or less inclusive of cost-to-cure items.
- B. Mason County must make the property owner(s) aware that an appraisal has not been done on the property and that one will be completed if they desire.
- C. Special care should be taken in the preparation of the waiver. As no review is mandated, the preparer needs to assure that the compensation is fair and that all the calculations are correct.

Procedures:

- A. An Administrative Offer Summary (AOS) is prepared using data from the PFE.
- B. The AOS is submitted to the Public Works Director/County Engineer for approval.
- C. The Public Works Director/County Engineer signs the AOS authorizing a first offer to the property owner(s).

APPROVED:

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIRECTOR, REAL ESTATE SERVICES

DATE:

MASON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

JERRY W. HAUTH, PE Public Works Director/County Engineer

DATE: 10/30