

Real Estate Services Research Highlights

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The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) research program funds projects that strengthen transportation planning and environmental decisionmaking. This document highlights recent research projects focused on real estate services that were conducted to achieve this goal. To learn more about FHWA's research efforts, visit: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/>.

- Researchers completed the **Realty Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Incentive Payments: The Flexibility Put to Practice** report and "How-To" guide in the fall of 2012. These resources are available online at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/index.htm>.
- Researchers completed the **Identification of Best Practices and Implementation Processes for Voluntary Acquisitions** research project in the fall of 2012. The final report is available at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/index.htm>.
- Researchers completed the **Property Management Tools and Techniques - Models for the Effective Management of Real Property Assets at State Departments of Transportation** report in the fall of 2012. The final report is available at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/index.htm>.
- The **Visualization for ROW Acquisition** report was completed in June 2012. The report was available for review at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/publications/visualization_for_row_acquisition/.
- The **Alternative Uses of Right of Way (ROW) report** was released in January 2012. The final report is available at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real_estate/publications/alternative_uses_of_highway_right-of-way/.
- Researchers completed the **Business Relocation Assistance Retrospective Study** in the summer of 2012. The final report is available at http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/business_relocation_assistance/final_report/index.cfm.

Research and MAP-21:

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) authorized funding for a new FHWA research program that strengthens transportation planning and environmental decision-making. Realty plays an important part in ensuring the planning and environmental processes are successful.

The research program's key components include projects and programs that:

- Minimize the cost of transportation planning and environmental decisionmaking processes, highway infrastructure, and operations.
- Improve transportation planning and environmental decisionmaking coordination and processes.
- Minimize and reduce the potential impact of highway infrastructure, operations, and surface transportation on the environment.
- Improve construction techniques and reducing congestion and related emissions.
- Reduce the impact of highway runoff on the environment.

The details of the program are being finalized. Please visit <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/step/> to find the latest information about this program and FHWA's research efforts.

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