



## Information Sheet Property Acquisition Process

### I-710 Study

Launched in February 2001, the I-710 Major Corridor Study seeks ways to improve traffic conditions on the freeway and adjacent streets from State Route 60 to the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The study is funded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

### Your Rights and Property Acquisition

The I-710 Major Corridor Study is just that – a study. Property acquisitions would not occur until the project planning and government approval processes are complete – **which is still several years away**. An Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) still needs to be completed and engineering design and plans still need to be undertaken before property acquisition can proceed.

Property rights are protected under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantee just compensation and due process. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, commonly called the Uniform Act, requires that services and payments be provided for any person displaced by a federally supported project. A displaced person is an individual, family, business, farm, or non-profit group.

### Relocation Assistance Programs

**Residential** - Caltrans will provide to displaced persons information on the availability and prices of houses for sale, and rental units that are comparable, decent, safe, and sanitary. Relocation advisory assistance includes money and information about federal- and state-assisted housing programs, and other services offered by public and private agencies.

**Business/Farm** - The Business and Farm Relocation Assistance Program provides assistance in locating replacement property and reimbursement for relocation costs. The Relocation Advisory Assistance Program provides a list of properties for sale or rent.

### Additional Information

After completion of future environmental studies and engineering design of an I-710 expansion, every affected property owner will be contacted by the right of way branch of Caltrans. The process will begin with a notice of an appraisal, followed by contact by an acquisition agent and finally a relocation assistance agent. Any person, business, farm, or non-profit organization, which has been refused a relocation payment by Caltrans, or believes that the payments are inadequate, may appeal the state's decision. The appeal does not require an attorney. Information about the appeal procedure is available from Caltrans relocation advisors (see contact information below).

This information is not intended to be a complete statement of all laws and regulations governing Caltrans and its obligations with regard to property acquisition.

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