

Dear

Re: Project No.
Description
Tract No.
County

Our records indicate you own property that is needed as right of way for the above referenced project as shown on the attached sketch. If you are not the owner of the property, please notify us at your earliest convenience.

The project will require approximately ____ acre(s) of your property as indicated on the attached sketch. This letter is to inform you of your right to an appraisal and to receive just compensation for your property. However, due to the public benefit of the project, we are requesting that you consider donating the necessary right of way. Please indicate on the following page whether you are willing to donate the needed right of way or you wish to receive just compensation based on an estimate of fair market value determined by an appraisal or a waiver valuation.

You will be contacted concerning the donation process and/or to schedule an inspection of the property should you select to have an appraisal or wavier valuation prepared upon receipt of your response.

If you have any questions concerning the right of way before you are contacted, please contact _____.

Yours Very Truly,

cc: File
Attachment

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- _____ **YES**, I agree to donate what is required for right of way and release the government agency responsible for the project from its obligation to appraise the property and to pay just compensation. *(If this is checked, the Waiver Acknowledgement below is not applicable.)*

- _____ **YES**, I agree to donate what is required for right of way but require the government agency responsible for the project to appraise the property and provide a written statement and summary of its estimate of fair market value.

- _____ **NO**, I do not wish to donate and wish to receive just compensation for the property acquisition.

WAIVER OF APPRAISAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Code of Alabama requires an appraisal to be prepared to determine an estimate of just compensation in cases of property acquisitions involving eminent domain. However, Section 18-1A-22 of the Code as amended by Act 2019-234 allows government agencies to utilize waiver valuations to establish this value with the consent of the property owner. A waiver valuation is not an appraisal, but a valuation method that allows a qualified government employee to review area sales data to determine an estimate of value of minor acquisitions in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations.

YES, I hereby authorize the government agency to prepare a waiver valuation to estimate the fair market value of the property if applicable under State and Federal law.

- _____ **NO**, I require the government agency to obtain an appraisal to estimate the fair market value of the property.

Property Owner Signature

Date

Print Name