

# RIGHT OF WAY: RELOCATION INCENTIVES

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# Incentive Payments: Relocation & Acquisition

- ▶ FHWA: “Everyday Counts” Initiative
  - ▶ 1) Appraisal Waiver Valuation
  - ▶ 2) Conflict of Interest Waiver
  - ▶ 3) Right of Entry (for Fed. Land Transfer)
  - ▶ 4) Conditional Certifications
  - ▶ 5) Incentive Payments\*\*
  - ▶ 6) Functional Replacement



# Relocation Incentive Payments Policy

## 1. GDOT/FHWA Pilot Program

- A. Develop Procedures
- B. Identify Pilot Projects
- C. Submit Procedures to FHWA
- D. FHWA Approval of Pilot Projects & Procedures
- E. Implementation of Pilot Program (In-Progress)
- F. Evaluation & Measurement of Effectiveness-TBD
- G. Adoption as Permanent Practice, or Not Adopt



# Relocation Incentive Payments Policy

## 2. Written Policy for Relocation Incentive Payments

- A. Right of Way Brochure Insert (Pilot Program Projects)
- B. Eligible Relocation Displacements
- C. Predetermined Amounts/Term Periods
  - 1) Residential Occupants
  - 2) Business/Farm/Non-Profit Org.s

## 3. FHWA Pilot Program Approval: Select Projects

- A. Federal-aid Projects
- B. Recommended by State DOT/Approved by FHWA



# Relocation Incentives: Brochure Insert

## Georgia Department of Transportation

### Right of Way Brochure Insert: Relocation Incentives

A pilot program for Relocation Incentive Benefits is being used on a trial basis for select projects. The purpose is to determine if incentive payments for relocations will provide efficiencies in meeting project schedules. Eligibility will be established in writing by an "Availability of Relocation Assistance Letter" which describes all relocation benefits and any relocation incentive offer. This brochure insert is intended as an outline of the above program. In the Right of Way phase, you may contact your assigned Right of Way Agent for more detailed information regarding your eligibility.

A brief description of the type of relocations that may be eligible for a relocation move incentive payment includes the following occupant or operating displacees that are located within the required right of way at the initiation of formal negotiations for the parcel/property. Consequential relocations of the types below may also qualify for the relocation move incentive benefits. Please be advised that Non-resident owners (NROs) are not considered eligible.

#### Eligible Relocation Displacements

#### <30-Day Move

#### 31-60 Day Move

180 Day Residential Owner Occupants

\$4,000.

\$2,000.

Less Than 180 Day Residential Owner Occupants

\$4,000.

\$2,000.

Residential Tenant Occupants

\$4,000.

\$2,000.

Business/Farm/Nonprofit Org.s (Owners/Tenants)

\$8,000.

\$4,000.

Please note that your decision to relocate prior to required dates is voluntary. The Georgia Department of Transportation assures that the Relocation Move Incentives Program will be administered in compliance with the Uniform Act of 1970, as amended.

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# Relocation Incentive Payments Program

## Eligible Relocation Displacements:      <30 Day;    <60 Day;

- |    |                                 |         |          |
|----|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| 1. | 180-Day Res. Owner Occupants    | \$4,000 | \$2,000. |
| 2. | Less Than 180-Day Owner Occup.  | \$4,000 | \$2,000. |
| 3. | Residential Tenant Occupants    | \$4,000 | \$2,000. |
| 4. | Business/Farm/Non-Profits (R/T) | \$8,000 | \$4,000. |

1. \*Also eligible, consequential situations for the above.



# Relocation Incentive Payments Program

## Ineligible Relocations:

### 1. NRO's, or Non-resident Owners

NRO-moving payment only

NRO-landlord (with rental property)

### 2. Eligible Displacements who fail to “notify ROW Rep of move (verify move date).



## Relocation Incentive Claims

### Relocation Incentive Claims Documentation:

1. Availability of Relocation Assistance Letter -  
“Dated”
2. Move Claim Form (date of move certified)





# Relocation Incentive Pilot Program Results

## Relocations Claiming Incentives:

1. 22 Relocations

2. 4 Relocation Incentive Claims:

Two, <30 Day, Res. Claims (\$4,000)

Two, <60 Day, Res. Claims (\$2,000)

\*# Relocations were reduced due to plan changes; also, relocations were no longer the critical path due to other delays.



## Relocation Incentives: Pros & Cons

### PROS:

1. Clear Critical Path Faster
2. Free up ROW Acquisition Resources

### CONS:

1. Not Always Certify ROW Quicker
  2. Commits to Additional Budget
  3. FHWA Requirement to Utilize Across Program\*
- \*(Not intended as schedule recovery tool)



# Right of Way: Relocation Incentives

*Questions  
Or  
Discussion*

