

# Foreword

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This manual provides guidance on statewide policies and standards for real estate transactions to both internal and external customers.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) follows the federal regulations found in the *Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970*, as amended, and is guided by [Chapters 8.04, 8.25, 8.26, and 47.12 RCW](#) which are the state laws that control the appraisal, acquisition, condemnation, relocation, and property management processes. The intent of these laws is to assure fair and equitable treatment of displaced persons, to encourage and expedite acquisitions by negotiations, and provide direction on properly managing properties once acquired by the department.

[Chapters 468-30 and 468-100 WAC](#) contain the administrative regulations pertaining to the appraisal, acquisition, condemnation, relocation, and property management processes. WSDOT publicizes the regulations to assure implementation of state and federal laws.

Updating the *Right of Way Manual M 26-01* is an ongoing process and revisions are issued on an annual basis. This is an **electronic only** manual and no printed copies will be provided. The manual can be accessed through the Publications Services Web page at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/manuals/index.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/manuals/index.htm) or the Real Estate Services Web page at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/realestate](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/realestate).

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