

According to Title 17, Chapter 1, § 137 of the Delaware Code, Delaware Department of Transportation is authorized to acquire private or public property and property rights needed to provide public thoroughfares such as pathways, roads, streets, highways, sidewalks, bus shelters, parking areas in support of public transit, maintenance yards and similar public transportation related facilities or to preserve the traffic capacity in existing thoroughfares. No acquisition of real property or property rights shall be made without Department approved final right-of-way plans or by parcel, depicting the proposed acquisitions and that approval coming only after the project has been developed and plans prepared in accordance with all applicable governing laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the development of transportation projects.

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AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ALTA/ACSM	American Land Title Association/American Congress on Surveying and Mapping
AOEE	Area Occupied by Existing Easement
CL	Centerline
CP	Commencement Point
DA	Denial of Access
DelDOT	Delaware Department of Transportation
DGM	Design Guidance Memorandum
DND	Do Not Disturb
DNREC	Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
DR	Deed of Record, including Instrument Number
DRC	DelDOT's Design Resource Center
EI	Engineering Instruction
FEE	Right-of-Way Acquired in FEE Simple
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
HAZMAT	Hazardous Material
Instr. No.	Instrument Number, now referred to as DR
IS	Intestate (dying without a will)
MF	Microfilm, now referred to as PB
PB	Plot Book
PE	Permanent Easement
PI	Policy Implement
POB	Point of Beginning
POC	Point of Commencement
Practitioner	Developer, Consultant, or DelDOT Staff Preparing Plans
R/W	Right-of-Way
R/W - DA	Right-of-Way and Denial of Access
RW/PE	Existing Right-of-Way by Permanent Easement
RTE	Right To Enter
TB	Tax Book
TCE	Temporary Construction Easement
TM#	Tax Map Parcel Number
TS	Team Support
WB	Will Book, now referred to as WR
WR	Will Record

REFERENCES

All Existing Rights-of-Way modified, and Proposed Acquisitions designed in the State of Delaware shall comply with the following policies, guidelines, and standards. Due to the design flexibility inherent with many of these references, the DeIDOT Right-of-Way Engineering Manual has been developed to provide additional guidance regarding preferred design practices in Delaware.

- AASHTO – A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
- AASHTO – Roadside Design Guide
- DeIDOT – Bridge Design Manual
- DeIDOT – CADD Standards
- DeIDOT – Development Coordination Manual
- DeIDOT – Plan Development Checklist
- DeIDOT – Right-of-Way Checklist
- DeIDOT – Road Design Manual
- DeIDOT – Development Coordination Manual
- DeIDOT – Survey Guidebook
- DeIDOT – Utilities Manual