



April 19, 2012

12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

**EDC Exchange for Local and Tribal Agencies
Flexibility in Right of Way Webinar (FHWA)
and
Local Discussion for Right of Way Initiatives**

The right of way (ROW) process is currently a major part of the project development process. Significant time savings can be achieved by employing flexibilities that already exist in statutes and FHWA regulations. This initiative underlines opportunities for improved coordination of ROW activities with other key project development actions in preliminary design.

Excerpt:

"The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) has saved both time and money by sponsoring a Federal Land Transfer Right of Entry and implementing a Public Benefit Conveyance through the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission. In exchange for acquiring a much needed ROW from the Department of Defense, the RIDOT agreed to upgrade the defense highway known as the Burma Road corridor. Benefits of these upgrades include reduced congestion on the current Route 114; scenic access along Rhode Island's most significant natural resource, Narragansett Bay, and increased safety and better options for transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Along with the Federal land transfer, the U.S. Navy was able to provide several environmental and roadway studies to the RIDOT, which helped streamline the NEPA planning, and design processes."

Join the Federal Highway Administration, MassDOT, other municipalities, and the Baystate Roads Program (LTAP) for: lunch (from 12:00 to 12:45pm), a local discussion on Right of Way Initiatives (from 12:45 to 1:45pm), and an FHWA webinar, with discussion, on Flexibility in Right of Way (from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm). Delivery methods will include live presentations, webinar presentations, and several interactive webinar question and answer periods. The event will be held in the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) Training Room at Union Station in Worcester. There is no fee to attend this EDC Exchange session, and local municipal agencies are strongly encouraged to attend. Food will be provided. Space is limited, so please register early.

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