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**Chapter 5 Federal Land Tracts**

**Effective immediately**, the Roadway Design Guidelines Chapter 5 has revised the following information:

**Added section on Federal Land Tracts in the Acquisition Table:**

**5-100.00 RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Right-of-Way phase of plans begins when Preliminary Plans have been distributed. During this phase, the project will progress and right-of-way impacts will be shown on the plans. The incidental funding is requested prior to requesting Right-of-Way funding so that R.O.W. personnel will be able to begin the task of researching incidentals, including title searches, and preparing the R.O.W. proposal. See Chapter 4-202.00, Incidentals Funding Request for more information. Once the Environmental Document is completed, Right-of-Way funding can be requested. After Right-of-Way funding is approved and final Right-of-Way plans are distributed, the Right-of-Way Division and Regional Right-of-Way Offices can begin activities including the appraisal and acquisition of land needed for state highway construction and relocation of displaced families and businesses, as well as utility and railroad coordination. For additional information, refer to the Right-of-Way Manual.

**5-100.01 Federal Tracts**

Federal tracts should be marked as permanent easements on federal tracts in the Right-of-Way acquisition table when obtaining land rights from the Tennessee Valley Authority, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, other U.S. Government Agencies. Railroads, Cities and Counties. (See TDOT Right-of-Way manual Chapter VIII-7) [https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/right-of-way-division/ROW\\_Procedures\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/right-of-way-division/ROW_Procedures_Manual.pdf)

Chapter 5 has been updated on the website at this link:

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/roadway-design/documents/design\\_guidelines/DG-C5.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tdot/roadway-design/documents/design_guidelines/DG-C5.pdf)



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