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Mrs. Kathy Heistand  
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Dear Mrs. Heistand:

In fulfillment of requirements of 23 CFR 710.201(c), the Federal Highway Administration Indiana Division (FHWA) approves the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Right of Way Operations (ROW) Manual for August 23, 2018 through December 31, 2023. The major changes include incorporating MAP-21 real property acquisition changes; adding new real property acquisition authorities and flexibilities; clarifies new Federal-aid eligibilities for real property interests that constitute less than full fee ownership; streamlines program requirements such as funding differences between Right-of-way versus Preliminary Engineering; clarifies Federal-State partnership; changes to Federal-State Partnership and Compliance Responsibilities, adds new Terminology, direct Eligible Cost for Reimbursement, ROW Use Agreements for Broadband Corridors and Cell Tower and Real Estate Acquisition Management Plan.

Please note that should any changes in the policies and procedures occur during the period for which this Manual is viable, they must first be forwarded to FHWA for approval prior to implementation. Further, FHWA encourages INDOT to conduct periodic reviews and internal audits of its ROW procedures and operations to ensure they are consistent with the ROW Manual and its intent.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Smith, ROW Program Manager, at (317) 226-5234 or [Colleen.Smith@dot.gov](mailto:Colleen.Smith@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

**For:** Mayela Sosa  
Division Administrator