

**PRELIMINARY RIGHT OF WAY ACTIVITIES**  
**(That can be performed prior to Environmental Clearance)**

Surveying

Preliminary Engineering

Order Title Reports\*

Identify who owns what  
-find out if any easements are on any parcels-

Prepare base maps

Prepare preliminary appraisal maps

Right of Way Consultant Selection (Requests For Proposals)

Comparative Sales Research

Cost Estimates for: types of properties, size & number of residential, commercials,  
displacements

Develop a realistic timeline and work-plan for appraisals, acquisitions, relocations and utility  
relocations (Data Sheet)

Estimate Fair Market Values, Relocation Payments, Sponsor's liability for utility relocations

Certificate of Sufficiency (for Projects on the State Highway System only)

PE studies include: limits, location scope, costs, new r/w parcel list, all factors to be used in  
the Field Review, PES and eventually the PS&E

Verification of existing utilities (e.g. secure as-built maps from Owners) and preparation of  
preliminary utility mapping

Utility positive location (Potholing)

Expenditures for the preparation of preliminary utility plans by Owners in support of the  
environmental document (e.g. sufficient detail to establish the APE)

\*Not eligible for reimbursement on federalized STIP dollars processed through Caltrans