

Prescriptive or statutory easements are to be shown on the plans but will not to be shown or labeled as existing fee right of way.^o A note will be placed in the survey file indicating which parcels are affected by the prescriptive easement. Property lines will be extended into the prescriptive easement to their terminus according to record data or the center of the traveled way. These lot lines will not be connected along the center of the traveled way, unless described by metes and bounds in the deed of record.

When a metes and bounds survey is required, the survey party will make sufficient ties of the existing corners to the survey baseline and will reference to the final construction centerline/baseline by station and right angle offset. When property belonging to any agency of the United States Government is crossed by the centerline, the distance from the centerline crossing to the nearest tract corner measured along the Government's property line will be obtained.

Complete metes and bounds descriptions are required for the acquisition of land owned by U.S. Government, State Agencies, National Forest Service, Railroad Companies* and Power Companies (Dominion VA Power). Metes and bounds descriptions will be provided to the Right of Way Division with plats on these parcels. Any legal description written will commence at the nearest offset point with the lowest stationing off the construction centerline thence clockwise around the parcel.

On all surveys where limited access right-of-way is proposed or anticipated, properties that will be landlocked due to the control of access are to be so noted at the time the location and width of the proposed right-of-way is determined. This should be addressed with the Survey Report.

Sec. 4.08.2 Right-of-Way & Easements

Courthouse and old project file research are critical to establishing the fee right of way and easements. Plans are available on microfilm in district offices and at Central Office. If old plans show existing right-of-way, the old data sheet can be checked as the research is performed. The local planning offices will be checked to determine if any right-of-way proffers exist or dedications to local governing bodies. Easements will be researched and shown on the plans.

All existing fee right of way will be shown on plans as established by all available research and field evidence. Label and show the existing right-of-way and easements. Right-of-way labels will include a reference to the old project.

Sec. 4.09 Procedures for Locating Existing Underground Utilities

Interstate, Primary and Urban projects, requiring surveys, will have subsurface utilities designated by a SUE Consultant. See Chapter 13 as well. A determination will be made and indicated on Form SR-1 on Secondary projects as to the need to secure the underground utility designating service.