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Dear      :

We have been advised       made an offer on       to purchase the above designated parcel of land, on which you reside, for highway right of way. The Texas Department of Transportation assists persons displaced by the purchase of land for transportation purposes through our Relocation Assistance Program. The payments and services to which you may be entitled are outlined in the enclosed brochure which is entitled *“Relocation Assistance.”* We believe that you will find that this brochure is very helpful.

Please take careful note of each and all of the following statements:

1. You will not be required to move from the property being acquired for at least 90 days from the date of this letter. At some later date you will be given a written notice and a date by which you must vacate the property. You will have at least 30 days after receipt of the written notice before you must move.
2. You may be entitled to a replacement housing supplement of $      to rent a replacement home that costs $      per month or more, including utilities in the cost of the rent. This supplement has been based on the cost to rent a      -room,      -bedroom replacement       located at      . You do not have to rent that particular dwelling to qualify for your rent supplement; however, to claim this supplement you must rent and occupy a replacement dwelling costing $      per month or more, including utilities in the cost of the rent, within one year as explained in our brochure. If your replacement dwelling rents for less than $      per month or if the rent includes the cost of furnishings or utilities, the supplement may have to be reduced. To avoid any loss of this benefit, you are encouraged to consult with this Department before making any kind of commitment to rent the unit.
3. If you wish to examine the possible replacement dwelling(s) previously mentioned, this agency will provide transportation to assist you to do so. If you wish to examine other possible replacement homes of like price and functional qualities, our relocation assistance personnel will be available to assist with each such visit you would like to make during any reasonable duty hour.      such dwellings are presently available for rent at       and       in your community.
4. If you elect to purchase rather than rent a replacement dwelling, you may be entitled to a down payment supplement not to exceed $      for loan financing and incidental expenses to purchase a residential home if the full amount is actually required and paid on the purchase of the replacement home. This is based on your purchase and occupancy within one year of a residential dwelling that meets the eligibility requirements outlined in our brochure. To avoid any possible loss of this benefit, you would do well to consult with this Department before making any binding obligation to purchase a replacement dwelling.
5. Additionally, you may be entitled to moving costs as explained in our brochure. These costs, however, are limited to personal property and will not include any costs for moving real property.
6. For you to be eligible for a supplemental housing payment, your replacement home must conform to State requirements for decent, safe and sanitary housing. To insure that your replacement home meets the required standards, we suggest that you have it inspected by this Department before entering into a contract for its purchase or rental. If this is not possible, we suggest that a provision be included in the earnest money contract for the replacement property that the contract is valid only if the property will pass a decent, safe and sanitary inspection by this Department.
7. Any person or entity who is not lawfully present in the United States is ineligible for relocation advisory services and relocation payments, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child.
8. Finally, if you are dissatisfied with a determination as to your eligibility for a payment or the amount of any relocation payment, you may request a review of your case by the Texas Department of Transportation’s Relocation Assistance Review Committee as explained in our brochure.

We request that you thoroughly read and examine our brochure for additional information and the requirements for payment eligibility. Assistance in preparing the necessary forms and with the filing of your claims for any benefits to which you may be entitled, as well as any additional information desired concerning our relocation assistance program, will be made available to you from this office. If any such help is desired, please contact       at       in       or visit the Texas Department of Transportation office at      . In the event you are unable to contact our office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., you may call       at       in       between      . Our contact person will cooperate with you in setting up an appointment at a time and place convenient for you.

Sincerely,

      District, Texas Department of Transportation

Enclosure