

Mediator's Letter to Property Owner

Dear _____:

The Missouri Department of Transportation has requested that you be contacted for the purpose of scheduling non-binding mediation in connection with the acquisition of your property located at _____.

Mediation is an informal process that is completely voluntary on your part; however, it is an effective method of resolving differences between parties without incurring the cost of going to court.

The mediator is a neutral person whose purpose is to assist the parties in working out their differences. He or she has no authority to make rulings or judgments and cannot advise either party on legal matters.

You may have an attorney present at the mediation if you wish. The Department of Transportation will not have an attorney present if you do not. You may talk with an attorney, or any other party you choose, by telephone during mediation.

Mediations are confidential in that no one may later testify in court or be forced to testify about what was said during mediation.

The Department of Transportation will pay the cost of mediation; however, this will not have an influence on the outcome since the mediator is a neutral party and will not give an opinion or ruling in this matter. The issue will only be settled if you are in agreement with the proposed terms.

Most mediation sessions last one to three hours but you may stop the mediation at any time. It will be scheduled at a date, time and location agreeable to both parties with consideration given to your preference for time and location.

Please fill out the information below and return by the enclosed self-addressed envelope or fax it to me at _____.

Sincerely,

Mediator

_____ I agree to mediate. _____ I do not wish to mediate.
_____ I have some questions. Please call me at _____.

Please Print Your Name

Telephone Number