

PROPERTY ACQUISITION

AN OVERVIEW

Major public transportation projects like Project Connect sometimes require the acquisition of private property. When such acquisitions are necessary, Austin Transit Partnership (ATP) will follow all local, state and federal regulations while working with property owners to address their unique needs, minimize hardships and answer questions.

The primary objective is to negotiate a mutually agreeable acquisition. The timeline and details may be different for each property owner as certain acquisition milestones must be met.

PLANNING

Initial plans are developed for the light rail route as well as preliminary station locations and needed roadway improvements.

ATP gathers information about properties along the corridor and obtains right-of-entry from necessary property owners to inform preliminary design.

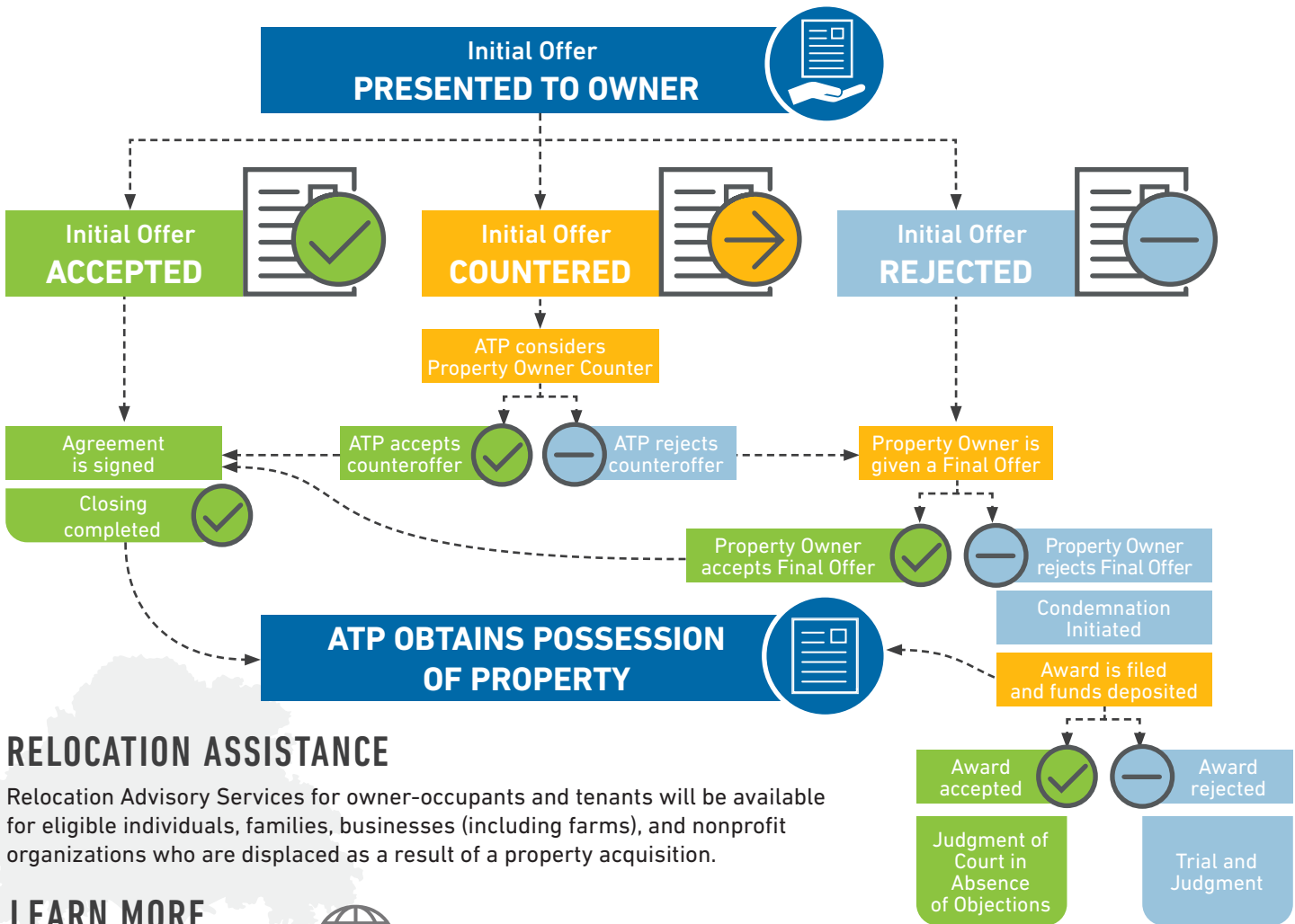
DESIGN

During the formal design process, more advanced design and engineering will identify the real estate needs. Public Hearings will be held as part of the design and environmental process.

After the project is approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the ATP board must approve the acquisition of properties and affected property owners will be notified.

ACQUISITION PROCESS

Each property will be surveyed, and will then be appraised by an independent appraiser. ATP will approve the appraisal, subject to FTA concurrence, and an offer will be presented to the property owner.



RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

Relocation Advisory Services for owner-occupants and tenants will be available for eligible individuals, families, businesses (including farms), and nonprofit organizations who are displaced as a result of a property acquisition.

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