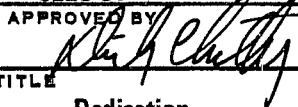


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SUBJECT SECTION LINE ROADS Attorney General's Opinion No. 11, 1962		SUPERSEDES S.O.P. NO 8220-01	DATED 1/1/70
		APPROVED BY 	
DIVISION Right of Way	SECTION Title and Plans	CHAPTER TITLE Dedication	

Purpose:

Determination of title along Section Lines.

Distribution:

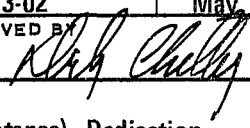
All Right of Way Manual Holders and All Right of Way Personnel.

On July 26, 1962, the Attorney General issued Opinion No. 11 of 1962, concerning section line statutes.

The opinion declared in effect that Ch. 19, SLA 1923, Ch. 123, SLA 1951, and Ch. 35, SLA 1953 are of no effect insofar as private lands and United States lands are concerned. In other words, when the statutes were passed, they did not encumber lands owned privately or by the United States.

The opinion did state, however, that land owned by the Territory or the State was so encumbered. For all intents and purposes, this means land selected by the State under State Selection. Accordingly, all such State selected land is subject to a dedicated highway of fifty (50) feet on each side of the section line.

It is understood by this office that some highways were constructed by the State over private property on the basis of the section line statutes. During periods of relative inactivity, the field offices should ascertain which property owners were so affected. This information should be submitted to this Headquarters for determination of whether the former owner is entitled to additional compensation.

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		EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 1970	
SUBJECT SECTION AND HALF-SECTION LINE ACCEPTANCE		SUPERSEDES S.O.P. NO 2333-02	DATED May 24, 1963
		APPROVED BY 	
DIVISION Right of Way	SECTION Title and Plans	CHAPTER TITLE (Acceptance) Dedication	

Purpose:
 Acceptance of Unreserved Federal Lands for Highway Purposes

Distribution:
 All Right of Way Manual Holders and all Right of Way Personnel

On October 2, 1962, the Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioner of Department of Public Works affirmatively accepted lands for highways as follows:

“The State of Alaska accepts unreserved public lands for highway purposes as authorized in 14 Stat. 253, 43 USCA 932. It is declared that all section and half-section lines in the State of Alaska are public highways. The width of these highways is 50 feet on each side of the section lines and half-section lines. It is further declared that all officially proposed and existing highways on the public domain are 100 feet wide.

The authority to accept this grant is vested in these Departments by Sec. 2, Art. III, Title I, Ch. 152, SLA 1957 and Sec. 19, Ch. 64, SLA 1959.

DATED at Juneau, Alaska, October 2, 1962.”

This acceptance is of record in each of the recording districts in the State of Alaska.