

**SURVEY MANUAL REVISIONS**  
**August, 2019**

**CHAPTER 4**

- Page 4-1 – Added the following language between the second and third paragraph: *“Always be good neighbors!”*

Added the following language after the first paragraph: *“The Commissioner of Highways, through his duly authorized officers, agents, or employees, may enter upon any land in the Commonwealth for the purposes of making examination and survey thereof, including photographing; testing, including soil borings or testing for contamination; making appraisals; and taking such actions as may be necessary or desirable to determine its suitability for highway and other transportation purposes or for any other purpose incidental thereto.”*

Revised the following language after the third paragraph from: *“VDOT the authority to enter property to gather the necessary information for highway related purposes, but requires VDOT give notice as outlined hereafter.”* To: VDOT *“must”* give notice as outlined hereafter *“per the Code of Virginia”*.

- Page 4-2 – Added the following language at the bottom of the page:  
*“Right of Entry Letters are NOT required for the following:  
Operations on existing VDOT easements (including prescriptive, permanent, drainage, utility and slope) or within fee right-of-way. Be Good Neighbors inform and communicate!  
Emergency Operations  
Donated – Rural Rustic – if agreements are signed.”*
- Page 4-8 – Added Section 4.03 Prescriptive Easements – Guidance and renumbered Metes and Bounds Survey to Section 4.04.