

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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RE: Broadband Access Policy

Dear Broadband Service Provider:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Indiana Division has approved the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Broadband Access Policy (BAP) and is now effective within our broadband corridors.

The Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) Broadband Access Policy (BAP) provides procedures pertaining to the placement of broadband facilities within the broadband corridors right of way.

The BAP addresses the applicability, procedural, state and federal guidelines responsible for permitting the installation of broadband facilities. The BAP will assist INDOT employees, local public agencies, contractors, and those interested in utilizing state Right-of-Way for installation of broadband facilities.

One significant change in relation to the depth of cover for a broadband transverse crossing of a designated broadband corridor (*Interstates, U.S. 30, U.S. 31, toll road, bridge or tollway*) has changed from the minimum of 48" to 120" depth of cover from the flow line of the ditch as dictated by FHWA.

Also, any broadband permit approved after Sept. 1, 2019, must include "As-Built" plans showing X, Y and Z (actual depth) coordinates on both plan and profile in .pdf format. As-Built drawings need to be uploaded to EPS within 90 days of completion of the project. Failure to do so or any non-compliant plans will result in executing on the bond.

The BAP can be found on the INDOT website under the following links:

https://www.in.gov/indot/2727.htm (Under Manuals & Handbooks Section)

https://www.in.gov/indot/3651.htm https://www.in.gov/indot/3685.htm

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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