

**New Jersey Department of Transportation
CORRECTIVE ACTION NOTICE**

CAPITAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

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Subject: Broadband Initiative

Bureau(s) Affected: All Divisions of CPM, Transportation Operations System and Support, Transportation Systems Management, and Design Consultants.

Description of Issue(s): On December 3, 2021, The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) enacted a new Broadband Infrastructure Deployment rule. There are four new requirements to Section 607 of the MOBILE NOW Act affecting the Department. The Department must identify a broadband utility coordinator, implement registration, notification, and coordination efforts to facilitate broadband infrastructure deployment in the State's R.O.W. of applicable Federal-Aid highway projects. In addition, the Department will carry out appropriate measures to correct any inequities between an existing broadband entity in the Department's R.O.W. as compared to a broadband entity newly entering the Department's R.O.W. on a case-by-case basis.

Corrective Action Plan: Broadband efforts have been developed. New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Broadband Utility Coordinator has performed a search to determine which broadband entities are doing business with the State using the broadband mapping efforts of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the Federal Communication Commission and other government resources. A list has been established, and a letter from the NJDOT will be sent to the broadband entities directing them to register with the NJDOT Broadband Utility Coordinator (NJDOTBUC). The NJDOTBUC email address, Broadband website, registration weblink and registration form are specifically designed for broadband entities to register. NJDOT's broadband link, [NJDOT Broadband Office - Doing Business](#), is where the registration form is located. The registration form will be used to identify the broadband entity and contact information. The information will be stored in a database for notification use. A yearly State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) notice will be sent to the broadband entities registered. In addition, notification of any future federally funded NJDOT projects, not included in the STIP, will be sent to the registered broadband entity. Any future federally funded NJDOT projects that identifies broadband entities during the design phase will be notified by the Designer to go to the NJDOT Broadband Website and complete a registration form. Any broadband entity requesting to enter the NJDOT's Right of Way (ROW) through a permit process, will be directed to complete a registration form and submit the form via the NJDOT's broadband website.

Implementation: Immediate