

# Utilities Section Update

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# Agenda

- Small Wireless Permitting
- FHWA Utilities Assessment
- Utility Manual Update

# Small Wireless Permitting

- Process established in 2018 due to legislation.
- Administered through utility section via JMT as opposed to PW offices.
- 98 permits authorized statewide & just over 62 are constructed, most are co-locate on existing poles.
- Focus is on areas of high volume.
- Currently only seeing 4G build out NOT 5G.
- Challenges in municipalities. May mean changes.

	Number of Permits
Total in Review Process (Anything Active)	10
Total Permits in Review Process in Municipal Limits (Anything Active)	10
Total Authorized Statewide	98
Total Authorized in Municipal Limits	51
Total Constructed (i.e. Substantially complete but may not be activated)	62
Total Constructed in Municipal Limits (i.e. Substantially complete but may not be activated)	26



# FHWA Utility Program Review

- DE review started in 2020 in response to a nationwide study conducted by headquarters.
- Focus areas:
  - Utility Investigations
  - Utility Agreements
  - Utility Relocations
  - Utility Estimates
  - Utility Relocation Schedules
  - Construction Bid Package (Utility Information)
  - Final Voucher & Utility Oversight/Inspection
  - Cost/Time Increases

# FHWA Utility Program Review

- DE specific objectives
  - Verify current processes are consistent with 23 CFR 635 and 23 CFR 645 requirements
  - Identify challenges with respect to utility relocations and how they are affecting Federal Aid projects
  - Track utility “delays” and opportunities to improve remediation of “delays” during design/coordination
  - Track utility “delays” and opportunities to improve remediation of “delays” during construction
  - Identify additional costs and/or delays associated with utility work/relocations on Federal Aid projects
  - Provide examples of best practices for Federal Aid projects from other states for the various elements of the process review
- Anticipate final report/findings will be issued this year.
- Areas of improvement will be identified.

# Utility Manual Update



- Expect to send draft revision out for review over the next few months.
- Will set stakeholder meetings once revisions sent.
- Hope to finalize this year.

# Questions??

Can't get enough utilities?

Join us at the Virtual Utility Summit

Feb. 23, 9:00 to 12:30

Registration:

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