



# DelDOT – Development Coordination

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**Subject:**

DelDOT Public Works: Utility Regulation Guidance

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**Notice**

1. Utility Regulation Guidance: Placement of Valves for Underground Utilities Along Highways

A. Regulation: 2 Del. Admin C. §2401

- i. 4.6.4.3.2 Valves. *Isolation valves shall be placed at or near the ends of regulated bridge structures. Automatic shut-off valves shall be preferred. Valves and valve access points shall be placed outside of existing pedestrian access routes, existing shared use paths, and shall not be located within the curb line. Isolation valves are not required at other structures maintained by DelDOT including above-ground structures like sign structures, streetlights, and camera poles and underground facilities such as drainage pipes, inlets, junction boxes, and manholes.*

**B. Guidance: Valves to be placed within the limits of a proposed shared-use path must be offset from the center of the path, with the edges of the valve located 2' to 4' from the edge of path, varying according to the path width (e.g., an 8-foot-wide path requires a 2-foot offset from the edge of the path to the edge of the valve, a 10-foot-wide path requires a 4-foot offset). Valve boxes should not be placed within curb ramps or crosswalks. Each valve box must include a concrete collar, adjusted to match the finished surface of the path, and fitted with an ADA-compliant lid.**

Should you have any questions, please contact the local Public Works office:

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