Broadband Infrastructure Coordination

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is responsible for supporting, facilitating, and permitting broadband installations in State Right-Of-Way. CTDOT is committed to continuing to work with telecommunication and broadband companies seeking to expand broadband deployment to communities throughout Connecticut. In accordance with FHWA's recently enacted Broadband Infrastructure Deployment rule (§ 645.307(a)), CTDOT is required to do the following:

(1) Identify a broadband utility coordinator who is responsible for facilitating the infrastructure ROW efforts within the State.

Any questions regarding the CTDOT broadband utility coordinator can be emailed to <u>DOT.Utilities.ct.gov</u>

(2) Establish a registration process for broadband infrastructure companies who may be interested in installing facilities in conjunction with roadway projects.

The CT Public Utilities Regulatory Authority under <u>Docket No. 23-02-03</u>, Application and Notification Implementation for Conduit Excavations for Telecommunications Service Provider and Broadband Internet Access Service Providers, has established a service list that broadband providers shall register with and which the CTDOT will utilize for broadband provider notification during its project planning outreach activities.

(3) Notify broadband infrastructure companies identified under (2), on an annual basis, of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and provide other notifications as necessary.

Broadband infrastructure companies may register to receive the STIP updates, and other CTDOT updates at the following website: <u>Get the latest from Department of Transportation</u> (confirmsubscription.com)

(4) Coordinate these initiatives with other statewide telecommunication and broadband plans, state and local transportation plans and land use plans.