

APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Facilitate broadband expansion by allowing the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to install conduit and fiber systems in the rights-of-way that support telecommunication facilities, and allow NDOT to enter into public-private partnership for cooperative fiber and conduit trades.
2. Promote “Dig Once/Joint Trenching” policies at the local levels through the creation of local model policy guidelines.
3. Establish a state broadband in education consortium and recurring funding to provide a state match to school district funds to more effectively leverage federal E-rate money, thereby creating an organized process for improving broadband connectivity to, and within E-rate eligible entities.
4. Adopt specific broadband goals for the state and create a state strategic five-year broadband development plan for Nevada.
5. Continue the Broadband Task Force through executive order beyond June 2017, or otherwise establish an ongoing broadband body to coordinate and collaborate on broadband adoption and deployment efforts, review and develop broadband policies, and assist in efforts to implement strategic planning goals.
6. Develop model policies and incentives for deployment of broadband in certain commercial and residential developments (e.g. create “certified” broadband or “fiber-ready” residential or commercial sites).
7. Assign one agency to house all Indefeasible Right of Use (IRUs) and/or Trade Agreements executed by state agencies and higher education regarding the state’s broadband and fiber assets, and initiate legal review of state IRUs and/or trade agreements by counsel at least three years prior to the expiration of same.
8. Include certain broadband fiber assets on the list of critical infrastructure documents that could potentially be deemed confidential at the Governor’s discretion pursuant to NRS 239C.210.
9. Establish a state funding source to provide matching funds required to enable Nevada’s non-profit rural health clinics and hospitals to competitively pursue annual federal grants to help expand the use and delivery of telemedicine and distance learning.