

Foreword

The purpose of this manual is to concentrate within a single document the policies adopted by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF), for the administration and accommodation of utilities within Department right of ways and lands. Produced with the guidance and input from each of the regional ROW sections, it is intended to serve as a reference and guide to the policies, procedures, and processes that affect utility issues encountered by DOT&PF in the execution of its duties and to assist other government entities, such as local governments involved in placing utilities in their respective right of ways. This is not intended to be an exhaustive desk manual but instead sets forth clear expectations under our agreement and with our funding partners. While great care has been taken to ensure all the relevant citations have been provided to the reader, the onus is on the ROW and Utilities professionals to know and keep current on the laws and regulations affecting this manual.

This current version supersedes all prior versions of the *Alaska Utilities Manual* as of June 2022. This version:

- updates the State’s accommodation policies in Chapter 3.2 to acknowledge the Making Opportunities for Broadband Investment and Limiting Excessive and Needless Obstacles to Wireless (MOBILE NOW) Act, enacted as [47 USC 1501-1504](#) and implemented through [23 CFR 645.301 – 23 CFR 645.309](#); and
- updates indemnification language on the Utility Permit template in Chapter 7.

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GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

AAC: Alaska Administrative Code
AAPM: Alaska Aviation Preconstruction Manual
AASHTO: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
AG: Attorney General
AGDC: Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
AAHP: Alaska Highway Preconstruction Manual
APWA: American Public Works Association
ARRC: Alaska Railroad Corporation
AS: Alaska Statute
ATA: Authority to Advertise
ATP: Authority to Proceed
ATR: Automated Traffic Recorder
AWWA: American Water Works Association
BMP: Best Management Practices
CE: Construction Engineering
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations
DCCED: Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
DEC: Department of Environmental Conservation
DF&G: Department of Fish and Game
DNR: Department of Natural Resources
DOLWD: Department of Labor Workforce Development
DOT&PF: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
FAA: Federal Aviation Administration
FAHP: Federal Aid Highway Program
FHWA: Federal Highway Administration
KABATA: Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority
LPA: Local Public Agency
MOU: Memorandum of Understanding
NOI: Notice of Intent
NOT: Notice of Termination
NTP: Notice to Proceed
PDA: Project Development Authorization
PE: Preliminary Engineering
PIH: Plans-In-Hand
PS&E: Plans, Specifications, and Estimate
RCA: Regulatory Commission of Alaska
RFP: Request for Proposal
ROW: Right-of-Way
SHPO: State Historical Preservation Office
SSB: Scope, Schedule and Budget
STIP: Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
SUE: Subsurface Utility Engineering
SWPPP: Storm Water Prevention Preservation Plan
WIM: Weigh-in-Motion

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