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## Quick Guide to INDOT's Broadband Permit Application Process

To expand broadband infrastructure within INDOT right-of-way, applicants must obtain a Broadband Access Permit through [INDOT's Electronic Permit System \(EPS\)](#). Ensure all information is complete and accurate to avoid potential delays or application denials.

### Required Submittals

- Completed EPS Application
- Liability Coverage (Performance/Blanket Bond)
  - Note: Blanket bonds may already be on file with INDOT
- PDF Plan Set of Sufficient Detail, including:
  - Project map including all roadways in the proposed work area
  - North arrow and vicinity map (on every page)
  - Legend for all symbols and color codes
  - Typical construction notes
  - Local utility contact information
  - Section views for any potential conflict areas (e.g. highway crossings, asset intersection, etc.)
- PDF As-Built Plans (submitted following completion of permitted work)

### Crossing Requirements

#### *Underground Crossings:*

- Minimum 48-inch bore depth
- Include bore depth, conduit composition/diameter/quantity, fiber composition/count, etc.
- Include dimensions and locations for pits, manholes, and handholds
- Identify potential conflict areas
- Depict perpendicular crossing(s) or explanation of deviation

#### *Overhead Crossings:*

- Maintain a minimum 18-foot clearance above pavement
- Identify pole type, location, and owner(s)
- Note lateral distances to pavement and other structures
- Indicate clear zones

### Longitudinal Installations

#### *Underground Along Roadway:*

- See requirements for Underground Crossings
- Mark start and end points using Road Reference Points
- Maintain a maximum 2-foot distance from right-of-way boundary (or provide explanation of deviation)
- No placement within ditch line or fore slope of the roadway

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#### *Aerial Along Roadway:*

- Maintain a minimum 18-foot clearance
- Identify pole type, location, and owner(s)
- Include clear zones and construction details
- Avoid conflict with traffic signals or INDOT assets

#### **Right-of-Way Considerations**

- Traffic Maintenance Plan (TMP) with detour/flagging details
- Site Management Plan, including:
  - Erosion and sediment control
  - Drainage and restoration approach
- Indiana 811 notification
  - Must be confirmed prior to work commencing
- Ensure perpendicular roadway crossings where feasible
- Provide section views for conflict areas (e.g. storm pipes, water lines, etc.)
- Manholes and handholds must be safely located, flush with grade, and have visible markers

#### **Additional Notes**

- Projects under the INDOT Broadband Access Policy are intended to support statewide broadband expansion under IC 8-1-32.5
- Permits issued under this process do not grant access to bridges, culverts, or structural assets
  - Additional approval is required for such access
- All construction and restoration must comply with INDOT specifications and any applicable federal funding provisions

*⚠ Note: additional requirements and more information can be found on the [INDOT Permits Website](#). Installations on Interstates and US-31 (Broadband Corridors) are not covered in this guide.*

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