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Appendix G: Reading Level Improvements & Consolidated Questions

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Module 08: Use of Public Assets

This section of the assessment explores four themes:

- **Broadband & Mobile Access:** What wired broadband services are available in your area? What mobile service is available in your area?
- **Provider Engagement:** Are there opportunities to strengthen partnerships with service providers?
- **Public Assets:** How do policies support the public interest and the use of public assets?
- **Policy Environment:** Are there regulations that impact local planning and investment?

Asset inventory – scale

Does the local government have an inventory of public assets? This is a list of available resources or property and often refers to infrastructure.

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Asset inventory – scope

Does the local government have an inventory of public assets? This is a list of available resources or property and often refers to infrastructure.

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ We have identified the types of public assets that could be used for telecommunications.
- ☐ Our community maintains an asset inventory (a directory of public assets that could be used for telecommunications).
- ☐ The asset inventory includes information about type, geo-location, and ownership of the assets.
- ☐ The asset inventory includes information on readiness or fitness for use and capacity.
- ☐ The asset inventory includes references to regulations about the use of those assets.
- ☐ We have a process to maintain the accuracy of the asset data, including a process to regularly update the data.
- ☐ The inventory is electronic and can be accessed or downloaded by prospective infrastructure builders.
- ☐ Our community has information on related tribal, county, state, federal or other assets.
- ☐ Our community has information on assets maintained by utility companies or private entities.
- ☐ I don't know.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Policies for use of public assets – scale

Do government agencies develop and manage policies to facilitate the use of public assets?

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Policies for use of public assets – scope

Do government agencies develop and manage policies to facilitate the use of public assets?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Our community has identified the regulatory jurisdictions for each asset type in the inventory.
- ☐ Our agency has well-defined policies that regulate the use of public assets.
- ☐ Our agency uses practices to streamline permitting and deployment.
- ☐ Our agency provides a single point-of-contact for providers that do network deployments and upgrades.
- ☐ Permitting policies and procedures are available online.
- ☐ Permit applications can be completed and submitted online.
- ☐ Inspection requests can be completed and submitted online.
- ☐ Applicants can track permit requests and inspections online throughout the process.
- ☐ Permitting and inspection responses are specified; agency performance is measured.

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- ☐ Asset leasing and pricing costs are based on financial models that are reviewed regularly.
 - ☐ Pole attachment leasing models and regulations are consistent with the FCC's pole attachment rules.
 - ☐ Policies and procedures for asset use are updated regularly. Stakeholder input is used when updates are made.
 - ☐ Policies have been updated to include considerations for wireless infrastructure such as antennas, towers, small cells and outdoor distributed antenna systems.
 - ☐ I don't know.
 - ☐ Other (please specify)

Policies about rights-of-ways – scale

Do policies about public rights-of-way support the public interest?

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Policies about rights-of-ways – scope

Do policies about public rights-of-way support the public interest?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Our community has identified the policy jurisdictions for rights-of-way where we live.
- ☐ Our agency has identified the state, county, federal, tribal, commercial, and other regulations that apply to rights-of-way in our community.
- ☐ For rights-of-way within our management scope, our agency has well-defined policies and procedures.
- ☐ Our jurisdiction has implemented a “dig once” policy that requires public notice for all trenching or major construction.
- ☐ Our government works to coordinate construction to facilitate telecommunications infrastructure deployment as part of construction projects.
- ☐ Our policies say that conduit must be laid as part of major road and construction projects.
- ☐ We are aware of the rights-of-way regulations on county and state roads and lands in our jurisdiction. Information is accessible in our offices and websites.
- ☐ We are aware of the rights-of-way regulations on federal roads and lands in our jurisdiction. Information is accessible in our offices and websites.
- ☐ Policies and procedures that regulate rights-of-way consider requirements for advanced wireless in communities.
- ☐ Our government is aware of the wireless spectrum loads and interference in our geography and takes proactive steps to ensure good wireless service
- ☐ Policies that regulate rights-of-way are reviewed and updated regularly with input from stakeholders.
- ☐ I don't know.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Contract management – scale

Do government leaders manage contracts to ensure those agreements continue to meet the needs of the community?

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Contract management – scope

Do government leaders manage contracts to ensure those agreements continue to meet the needs of the community?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Leases and agreements with providers are in the public record.
- ☐ Leases and agreements with providers include clearly-defined public benefits.
- ☐ When reaching new agreements or renewing existing agreements, public input is requested and included in the process.
- ☐ Our department allocates staff time to support the execution of telecommunications agreements that involve public assets or public rights of way.
- ☐ Our agency monitors the agreements and holds providers accountable.
- ☐ I don't know.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Use of government infrastructure – scale

Do policies and regulations use government telecommunication infrastructure to improve broadband services to government agencies, institutions, businesses, and consumers?

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Use of government infrastructure – scope

Do policies and regulations use government telecommunication infrastructure to improve broadband services to government agencies, institutions, businesses, and consumers?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Government agencies manage agreements that govern access to telecommunications networks and assets to ensure that those agreements continue to meet the public interest.
- ☐ Government telecommunications infrastructure investment is built to a plan -- with a focus on building networked assets.

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- ☐ Government network infrastructure is accessible, such as through manholes.
 - ☐ Government policies promote and support carrier-neutral colocation facilities.
 - ☐ When capacity is available, government networks are open and available for lease by other entities.
 - ☐ I don't know.
 - ☐ Other (please specify.)

Public Wi-Fi – scale

Does your community provide access to free public Wi-Fi?

1 = Not at all 5 = To a large extent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Public Wi-Fi – scope

Does your community provide access to free public Wi-Fi?

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access at public libraries.
- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access at government buildings.
- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access at public parks and community centers.
- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access in public housing.
- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access in business zones.
- ☐ Our community offers free wireless access in residential areas.
- ☐ Our community conducts regular evaluations of Wi-Fi networks to ensure that networks can accommodate demand.
- ☐ We have a directory of Wi-Fi coverage in our community.
- ☐ I don't know.
- ☐ Other (please specify.)

Local assessment of public asset use

How would you describe the efficacy of local policies that promote the use of public assets, enhance telecommunications competition, and serve the public good?

1 = Poor 5 = Excellent N/A or Don't Know

1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Aspirations for changes in public asset use

What changes would you like to see in the next one to two years in the way that your community manages public assets as related to broadband?

Please describe:

Links to local resources

Links to resources that you'd like to record in your plan.

Resource name and URL
