

**Deprecation of BGP Path Attributes: DPA, ADVERTISER,  
and RCID\_PATH / CLUSTER\_ID**

**Abstract**

This document requests IANA to deprecate the following BGP path attributes: DPA, ADVERTISER, and RCID\_PATH / CLUSTER\_ID, associated with an abandoned Internet-Draft and a Historic RFC.

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## 1. Introduction

As of this writing, the BGP Path Attributes registry maintained by IANA contains entries for DPA, ADVERTISER, and RCID\_PATH / CLUSTER\_ID. The first of these is associated with [BGPDPA], an Internet-Draft that was abandoned in 1996. The latter are associated with [RFC1863], an RFC that was reclassified as Historic by [RFC4223] in 2005. Neither specification is currently in use, nor have they ever been.

Note that the deprecated CLUSTER\_ID is distinct from CLUSTER\_LIST [RFC4456]. CLUSTER\_LIST is not being deprecated.

## 2. IANA Considerations

Per this document, IANA has marked the BGP Path Attributes registry entries for DPA (Value 11), ADVERTISER (Value 12), and RCID\_PATH / CLUSTER\_ID (Value 13) as "deprecated".

## 3. Security Considerations

There are no meaningful security consequences arising from this registry update.

## 4. Informative References

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