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Hello,  
Please see our responses below:

For routine utility pole and conduit work: How do state and local officials assess and prioritize applications to conduct utility projects on public ROWs in relation to other projects on public ROWs? Are particular types of projects fast-tracked or given higher priority? If so, describe circumstances in which these scenarios would apply. **Upgrade for Capital Projects**

How do state and local officials communicate with pole and conduit owners on needs for larger or higher-priority projects requiring multiple pole replacements, e.g., intersection and/or roadway expansions, addition of bike lanes, etc.? **N/A**

2.

How do state and local officials review completed utility work for safety, including remediation of safety issues? Identify any common remediation work needed after utility work. **Replace any damaged poles**

What considerations and/or limitations apply to pole and conduit owners if utility work requires trenching on public ROWs, as well as trenching from poles to local residences and businesses? **Dig Safe**

1. How does non-routine utility pole and conduit work as a result of storm response and emergency events impact the safety of this infrastructure and affect schedules for routine work on public ROWs? **Staffing and timing**
2. As the Departments seek to coordinate and facilitate accelerated utility pole and conduit work for broadband deployment projects and clean energy projects, please identify any pertinent scheduling limitations or safety considerations. Additionally, discuss how utility pole and conduit owners can best coordinate with state and local officials. **NJUNS**

**Please reach out if you have any questions.**

**Kind Regards,**

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