



Legislation Text

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Department of Transportation, recommending the Board adopt Board of Supervisors Policy, J-4, Broadband Infrastructure Installation Policy, extending the sunset date to April 2028, regarding the installation of infrastructure to accommodate broadband in County right of way and facilities.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On September 18, 2018 (Legistar# 18-1289, Item 23), the Broadband Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study was presented to and discussed by the Board. One of the items discussed by the Board was that the County should pursue installing conduits and pull boxes, where feasible, in conjunction with the construction of County capital improvement projects. The Board directed the Department of Transportation (Transportation) to proceed with developing a broadband policy.

On December 4, 2018 (Legistar# 18-1612, Item 24), the Board adopted Policy J-4, Broadband Infrastructure Installation, to implement this directive.

Today, after review by the Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Facilities, and Parks and Trails, Transportation is requesting the Board extend the sunset date to April 18, 2028.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Board may choose not to approve the sunset date extension or provide an alternative sunset date; however, the County would not have an active Broadband Policy; or
2. The Board could direct staff to make revisions to the proposed Policy J-4 and return for approval; or
3. The Board could direct staff to abolish Policy J-4 policy at this time.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION

See Discussion/Background section above.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Chief Administrative Office, Facilities, Parks & Trails, Planning and Building - Economic Development

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

Approve staff recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact or change to net County cost associated with this agenda item. There may be a fiscal impact when a project proceeds with construction associated with the cost of the installation and the materials being installed. The Board will be asked to approve each project and any additional funding for broadband needs when a project proceeds.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

The Clerk of the Board will publish the adopted policy on the Board of Supervisors Policy Manual webpage.

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