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Permitting Needs Assessment

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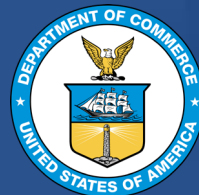
Checklist: Right-of-Way (ROW)

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There are four main categories related to permitting that state and local governments must prepare to address, including accessing rights-of-way.

Right of Way

Pole Attachments

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Policy
- ❑ What are the relevant state and local ROW policies?
- ❑ Where are there ROW considerations in my area?
- ❑ Who are the experts to contact to learn more about ROW policies?

Stakeholder Engagement
- ❑ Which stakeholders should be engaged to review ROW regulations?
- ❑ Which state and federal agencies do I need to contact regarding ROW?

Streamlining Permitting
- ❑ Have there been any attempts in the past to streamline permitting in my state – if so, what were the outcomes?
- ❑ What have other states done that should be replicated?
- ❑ How am I planning to coordinate with state and local permitting agencies to offer expedited permitting for minimally invasive construction practices?

Safety & Service Continuity
- ❑ What measures should be enforced during broadband deployments to ensure worker safety and avoid service disruptions?
- ❑ How should project owners be engaged to take corrective or restorative actions to ensure worker safety and continuous service?

Checklist: Pole Attachments

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There are four main categories related to permitting that state and local governments must prepare to address, including pole attachments.

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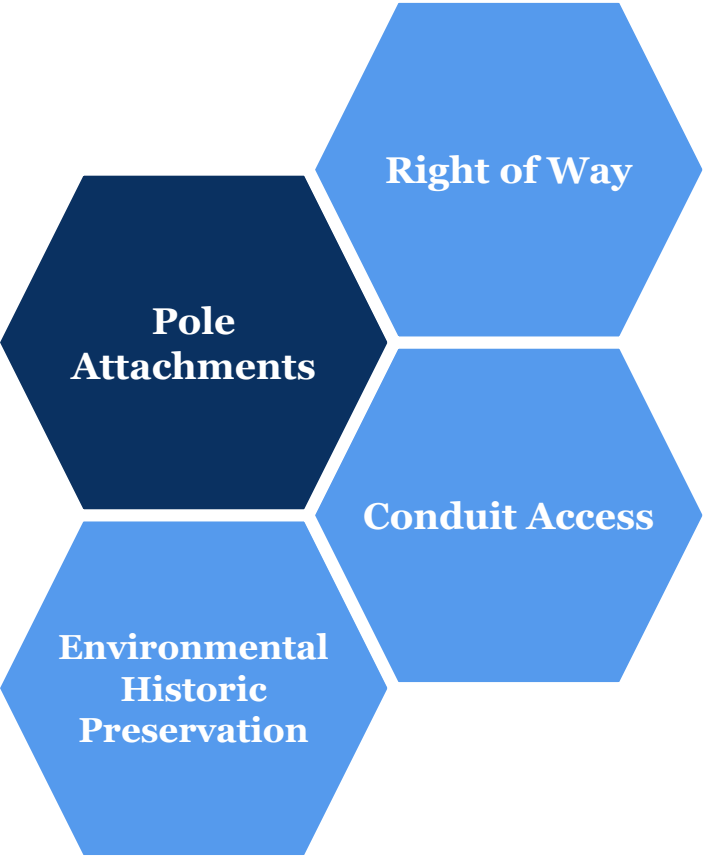
Policy
- ❑ Does the FCC or a regional, state, or local authority regulate pole attachments in my state?
- ❑ What are the pole attachment and make-ready policies in my state?
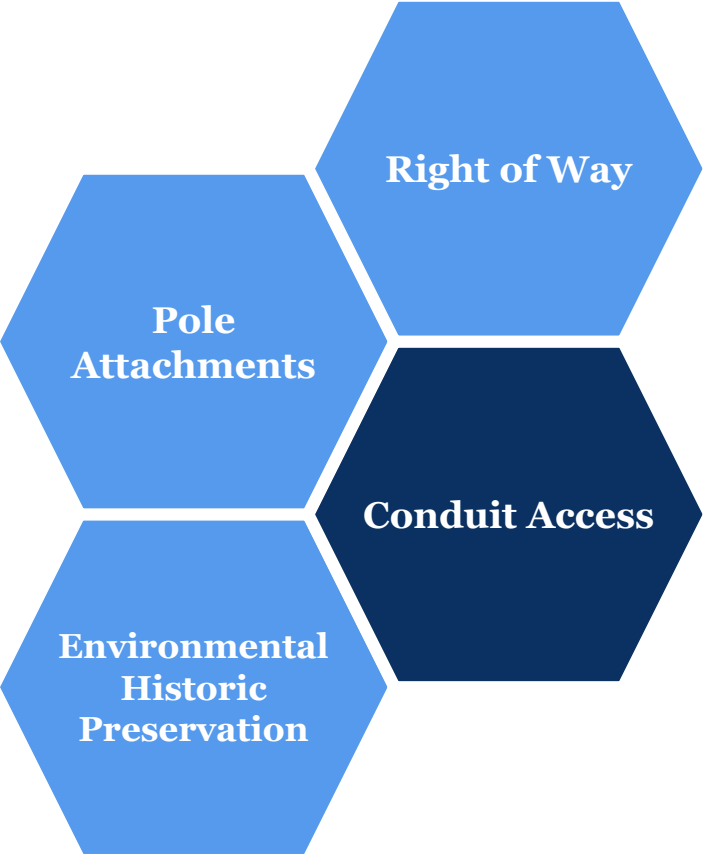- ❑ What are the unique pole attachment considerations in my area?

Stakeholder Engagement
- ❑ Which stakeholders should be engaged to review permitting regulations and proposed reforms?
- ❑ What are the industry perspectives on pole attachments?

Streamlining Permitting
- ❑ How will I promote constructive pole attachment policies ?
- ❑ Does my state need rules or reforms that address the cost of pole replacements?

Safety & Service Continuity
- ❑ What measures should be enforced during broadband deployments to ensure worker safety and avoid service disruptions?
- ❑ How should project owners be engaged to take corrective or restorative actions to ensure worker safety and continuous service?

Checklist: Conduit Access

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There are four main categories related to permitting that state and local governments must prepare to address, including conduit access.

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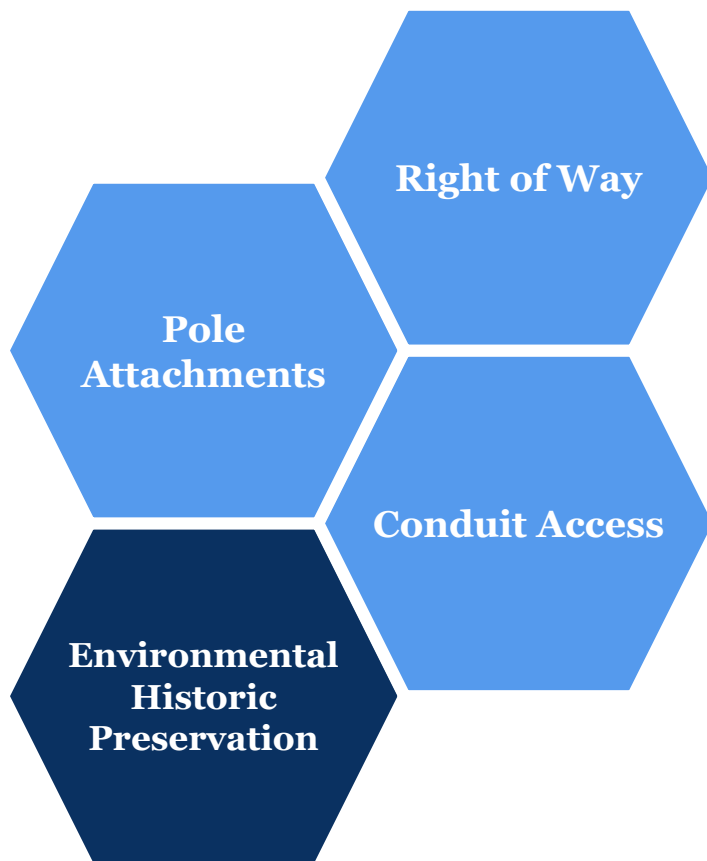**Environmental Historic Preservation**

Policy
- ❑ What are the relevant state and local conduit access policies?
- ❑ What are the specific conduit access policies related to railroads, bridges, and overpasses?

Stakeholder Engagement
- ❑ Which stakeholders should be engaged to review permitting regulations and proposed reforms?
- ❑ Which entity has regulatory authority for conduit access?
- ❑ What are the industry perspectives on conduit access?

Streamlining Permitting
- ❑ How will I promote dig once policies and encourage/require project owners to install multiple conduits or micro-ducts for future use?
- ❑ What other measures are in place to reduce constructions costs?

Safety & Service Continuity
- ❑ What measures should be enforced during broadband deployments to ensure worker safety and avoid service disruptions?
- ❑ How should project owners be engaged to take corrective or restorative actions to ensure worker safety and continuous service?

Checklist: Environmental Planning/Historic Preservation

There are four main categories related to permitting that state and local governments must prepare to address, including environmental planning and historic preservation.

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Environmental Historic Preservation

Policy
- ❑ Where does the federal government own land in my state and what are the EHP requirements and policies used by those federal agencies?
- ❑ What are the state and local requirements regarding environment planning and historic preservation?

Stakeholder Engagement
- ❑ Which stakeholders should be engaged to review state EHP regulations?
- ❑ Which other state agencies are involved in EHP permitting?
- ❑ Which federal agencies own land in my state?

Streamlining Permitting
- ❑ How to engage state historic preservation officers (SHPOs) on guiding the streamlining of environmental/historic preservation permitting?

Safety & Service Continuity
- ❑ How to tackle the potentially lengthy timeline for securing both state and federal environmental/historic preservation permits?
- ❑ Will state agencies cross-coordinate to reduce application processing time?