# **Broadband Executive Order N-73-20**

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### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**WHEREAS** deploying affordable and reliable broadband networks throughout California will accelerate continuous improvements in economic and workforce development, infrastructure, public safety, education, economy, and an engaged citizenry; and

**WHEREAS** broadband access, adoption, and training are essential components of digital equity for California's diverse populations; and

**WHEREAS** over 2,000,000 Californians do not have access to high-speed broadband service at benchmark speeds of 100 megabits per second download, including 50 percent of rural housing units; and

**WHEREAS** as of December 2018, 23 percent of California housing units, housing 8.4 million residents, do not have broadband subscriptions; and

- This EO was developed as part of the Governor's announcement last November of a state Broadband for All initiative.
- Directs certain state agencies and departments, including CalSTA, Caltrans, and CTC, to work together to help facilitate deployment and adoption of broadband services throughout the state.
- All state agencies and departments are directed to examine their processes and implement improvements in order to close the digital divide.
- Transportation will focus on fiber and fiber conduit deployment of the "middle mile" along the state highway system.

## Caltrans Broadband Facilitation

### **Caltrans Broadband Efforts**

- Establishing Broadband Coordinator Position
- Facilitating Standalone and Partnership Projects
- Developing and Maintaining Broadband Website
- Holding Collaboration Meetings
- Hosting Outreach Meetings

https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/wired-broadband



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### Order #2 – State Broadband Action Plan

 Caltrans is supporting CalSTA, as a member of the CBC, in the development of this Action Plan

### Order #3, Data and Mapping

 Caltrans to provide state-owned infrastructure and rights of way data to the CPUC for mapping

### Order #9, Deployment – DGS State Property Inventory

This effort is being kicked-off next week

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### **Order #7, Deployment**

CalSTA and Caltrans are to work with the CTC to identify and incorporate the installation of conduit and/or fiber into all appropriate and feasible transportation projects along strategic corridors

- Investigate strategies and develop policies
- Review projects for feasibility of broadband installation
- Identify funding opportunities for conduit and/or fiber deployment

# Questions