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The following memo was drafted after a Community Solutions Team meeting on a fiber right-of-way issue on the north coast.

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The attached memo was drafted by the Community Solutions Office - Steven Santos (OECDD) and Sam Johnston (ODOT) - and has been approved by the Directors of those two agencies. The memo is being distributed via email to staff that may be involved in a fiber optic cable installation project.

As noted in the attachment, this memo is the result of a strategy meeting held last month. It is intended to highlight the community solutions framework as a coordination resource for resolving these types of issues.

June 11, 2002

To: Staff

From: Bruce Warner, ODOT Director

William Scott, OECDD Director

Re: Resolution of Fiber Optic Installation Issues

Fiber optic cable installation is a very important investment in Oregon's future. The primary agency responsible for overseeing the installation of telecommunications infrastructure on the public right-of-way is the Oregon Department of Transportation. The installation of fiber optic cables on public rights-of-way often involves technical permitting issues because the Department of Transportation is constitutionally obligated to preserve the state highway for transportation functionality. Sometimes this obligation creates the perception of unnecessary delays or added expense to an installation project.

The need to install fiber optic cable as quickly and inexpensively as possible, while maintaining the transportation functionality of the roadway, prompted Economic and Community Development Department (Economic Development), Department of Transportation (Transportation) and Community Solutions Office staff to meet on May 6, 2002 and develop a process for timely and effective resolution of permitting issues. The following is the consensus of that group:

Resolution Process

1. Local Transportation and Economic Development Telecommunications Team staff will gather information, define issue, and develop an appropriate solution. Key players, such as Economic Development's Regional Development Officers and Transportation's Area Manager, will be notified and given the opportunity to participate in the discussion. Other agencies and private players will be included as needed.
2. If no solution is reached, the Regional Community Solutions Team will then participate in the resolution process.
3. If the issue still cannot be resolved, the ODOT Maintenance Engineer (currently Doug Tindall) will participate in the resolution process.
4. If the issue still cannot be resolved, the issue will be elevated to the Community Solutions Team Directors.

It is expected that the majority of issues can be resolved at the first step. Coordination and communication at the local staff level is critical to the success of this process.

This process will help maintain the level of quality service delivered by our agencies.

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