

# **City of Eugene Telecommunications Vision and Policies**

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## **Vision**

The City of Eugene's telecommunications vision is completion and operation of a coordinated regional information infrastructure that provides accessible and affordable high-speed connectivity for citizens, public institutions, and businesses and is constructed in a manner that best serves the public interest.

## **Policies**

1. All City residents, businesses and public institutions shall have access to the full range of telecommunications services at reasonable, affordable rates.
2. The City shall receive fair compensation, including but not limited to full recovery of all its costs for the use of public rights of way and other City property by telecommunications providers.
3. The public must be protected from adverse safety consequences stemming from the installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications facilities in the City.
4. Telecommunications facilities must be located, installed and maintained in a manner that minimizes visual impact, preserves views, and is consistent with City of Eugene adopted land use plans and policies.
5. Public inconvenience and disruption stemming from the installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications facilities shall be minimized and fully compensated.
6. The City shall ensure that telecommunications providers make use of the rights of way in as efficient a manner as possible.
7. The City shall have access to reliable, flexible telecommunications services.

8. Similarly situated telecommunications providers shall be treated in a similar manner.

9. The City shall use telecommunications along with other media, including an emphasis on the Internet, to communicate with and provide information and services to citizens, public institutions, and businesses.