Dig Once Policy Summaries

County/City	Public Role	Summary	Excavator Role	Costs
City of Orland, CA	Dig once policyFacilitator role	 Joint build based on costs Standards developed for conduit	 City facilitates and excavator coordinates with other parties for multiple parties to join in 	 Joint build costs among opt- in parties
City of Santa Cruz, CA	Dig once policy Facilitator/owner role	 Joint build based on costs Optional bids for extra ducts City staff works to identify most cost-effective approach 	Excavator coordinates with city/other parties for multiple parties to join in	Joint build costs and/or City budget
City of San Francisco, CA	Dig once policyOwner role	 Public works approve excavation only if it includes conduit Shadow conduit installation and conduit available for leasing Project prioritization based on scoring mechanism (cost-benefit analysis) City (DT) covers incremental costs City (DT) provide conduit specifications 	 Excavator required to install conduit for the city City owns the conduit 	• Incremental costs paid by City, priced at \$20.07 per foot (shared trench) and \$29.14 per foot (offset trench)
City of Berkeley, CA	Municipal policiesFacilitator/ coordinator role	 Excess capacity required to be made available for leasing to third parties Prospective excavator coordinates with other interested parties 	Excavator owns the conduit and leases it	Determined by lessor of excess capacity
City of Gonzales, CA	Dig once policy Owner role	 Shadow conduit installation Standards developed for conduit Decision to install conduit only if the cost- benefit analysis is favorable 	Excavator required to install conduit for the cityCity owns the conduit	Public Works budget





San Benito County, CA	Dig once policyOwner role	 Conduit to be constructed as part of County road projects Coordination with County fiber build 	 County is partner in a municipal fiber network Excavator required to install conduit for the county to expand municipal network 	County capital program funds
Central Coast Broadband Consortium, CA (Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties)	Shadow conduit policyFacilitator/ coordinator role	 Consortium of local governments developed a model ordinance Shadow conduit installation 60-day notification window when permit application is received 	• Excavator (lead) coordinates and other providers would piggyback on the installation	Not determined, possibly shared construction costs or charges by lead company
City of Boston, MA	Dig once policyFacilitator/ coordinator role	 Shadow conduit installation Conduit system not standardized Expensive for potential users of conduit 	Excavator owns the conduit and leases it	One-time cost (value of construction) + \$5/foot/year
City of Bellevue, WA	No dig once requirementPublic project	 Additional conduit during some capital improvement and development projects Transportation projects required to install conduit 	 Excavator required to install conduit for the city City owns the conduit 	• Funded from City budget
Arlington County, VA	AgreementOwner role	 Obtained conduit and fiber as part of an agreement for an electric grid upgrade project in the PROW by investor-owned electric utility County developed specifications and inspected installation of conduit/fiber Fiber optics deployment for the county 	 Excavator required to install conduit for the county County owns the conduit/fiber 	•County funds, \$392,082 for 21,700 feet

Sources:

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Policies and ordinances from: City of Orland, City of Santa Cruz, CA, City of San Francisco, CA, City of Berkeley, CA, City of Gonzales, CA, San Benito County, CA,

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