



State Connections

The broadband working group for state legislators

Third Friday of Every Month

12:00 ET / 11:00 CT / 10:00 MT / 9:00 PT

WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY!

January 2026

Agenda

Recording meeting

- **Legislation Spotlight MO House Bill 2882**
Rep. Louis Riggs (MO-06)
- **BEAD Progress Update**
- **AI Executive Order + BEAD Non-Deployment**
- **New BEAD Terms and Conditions for States and ISPs**

State Legislation Spotlight

Rep. Louis Riggs (MO-05)

Missouri HB 2886

Main provisions

- Extend sunset date for the MO Office of Broadband Development to June 30, 2030
- Raises minimum speed requirements to 750/750 Mbps for underserved and 500/500 Mbps for unserved
- Clarifies that LEO satellites, fixed wireless or cable will not be considered broadband
- Introduces a right of first refusal where second placed finishers in previous federal broadband funding applications to accept defaulted funds recovered by the state.

BEAD Progress Update

NTIA > NIST > Contract with ISP > Begin Implementation

<u>Waiting on NTIA</u>	<u>NTIA Approved</u>
1 Alaska California Illinois Mississippi New Mexico Oklahoma	2 Oregon Pennsylvania Tennessee Vermont Washington 39 States
<u>NTIA + NIST Approved*</u>	<u>NTIA + NIST Approved + signed contracts with ISPs*</u>
3 Colorado North Dakota Texas Wyoming (many more)	4 Louisiana

**Based on public information. Actual number likely higher.*

AI Executive Order & Non-Deployment Funds

Policy: create “minimally burdensome national policy framework” to promote innovation and US leadership in AI

Timeline

- January 10 - Attorney General task force to challenge state laws
- March 11 - Dept. Commerce publishes report on “onerous” state laws
 - w/in 90 days of report, FCC consider federal reporting and disclosure standard for AI
- March 11 - Dept. Commerce guidance on BEAD non-deployment & AI
- March 11 - FTC statement on preemption of state laws that alter AI outputs

AI Executive Order & Non-Deployment Funds

Impact

- Funding — States could lose non-deployment and other funding
- Preemption — State laws may be challenged or preempted (except child safety, AI infrastructure, state procurement, and TBD)

Pushback

- Bipartisan state AG [letter](#) (Nov 2025)
- CA, FL questioned legality (Dec 2025)
- Senate and House have rejected similar measures
- [Lawfare analysis](#) questions legality

AI Executive Order & Non-Deployment Funds

Statements

- Roth: "operating under the assumption" non-deployment will be available
- Roth: considering non-deployment for key outcomes like permitting reform

Positions on Non-Deployment

- SUCCESS for BEAD Act – Sen. Wicker (R-MS), Sen. Capito (R-WV)
- Bipartisan Senate letter – Sen. Fischer (R-NE), Sen. Lujan (D-NM)
- Nebraska Delegation letter
- House E&C Democrats letter
- Bipartisan State Legislators letter
- Governor letters – Gov. Stein (D-NC), Gov. Landry letter (R-LA)

New BEAD General Terms and Conditions (GTCs)

The Big Changes

- Preempts state rate regulation and net neutrality laws for BEAD subgrantees.
- Prohibits use of future federal funding to support BEAD networks.
- Requires state permitting reform:
 - Ensure permitting applications are approved or denied within 90 days.
 - Minimize permitting costs.
 - **Organize roundtables to facilitate efficient permitting processes and escalate unresolved permitting issues. Legislators can help here!**

[Read a full summary of the new GTCs here.](#)

New BEAD General Terms and Conditions (GTCs)

How will states and broadband offices react and what might be their concerns?

- Some awardees may not proceed with signing agreements due to no further support for BEAD locations.
- More work for broadband offices in every area.
- 90-day permitting requirements are going to be difficult especially when states do not have authority over all of the permitting entities (e.g. railroads, federal lands, etc.)
- States have to pull together Permitting Roundtables consisting of federal, state, local, and industry reps to handle delays, complaints, issues, etc. Again, trying to manage areas when they have no authority.
 - State legislators could help here helping with coordination of other agencies you work with.

NEED

- Broadband offices to stay staffed and funded.
- Each state to have a broadband permitting specialist to coordinate this process.
- State legislators – stay in the know of what is happening and required in your state.

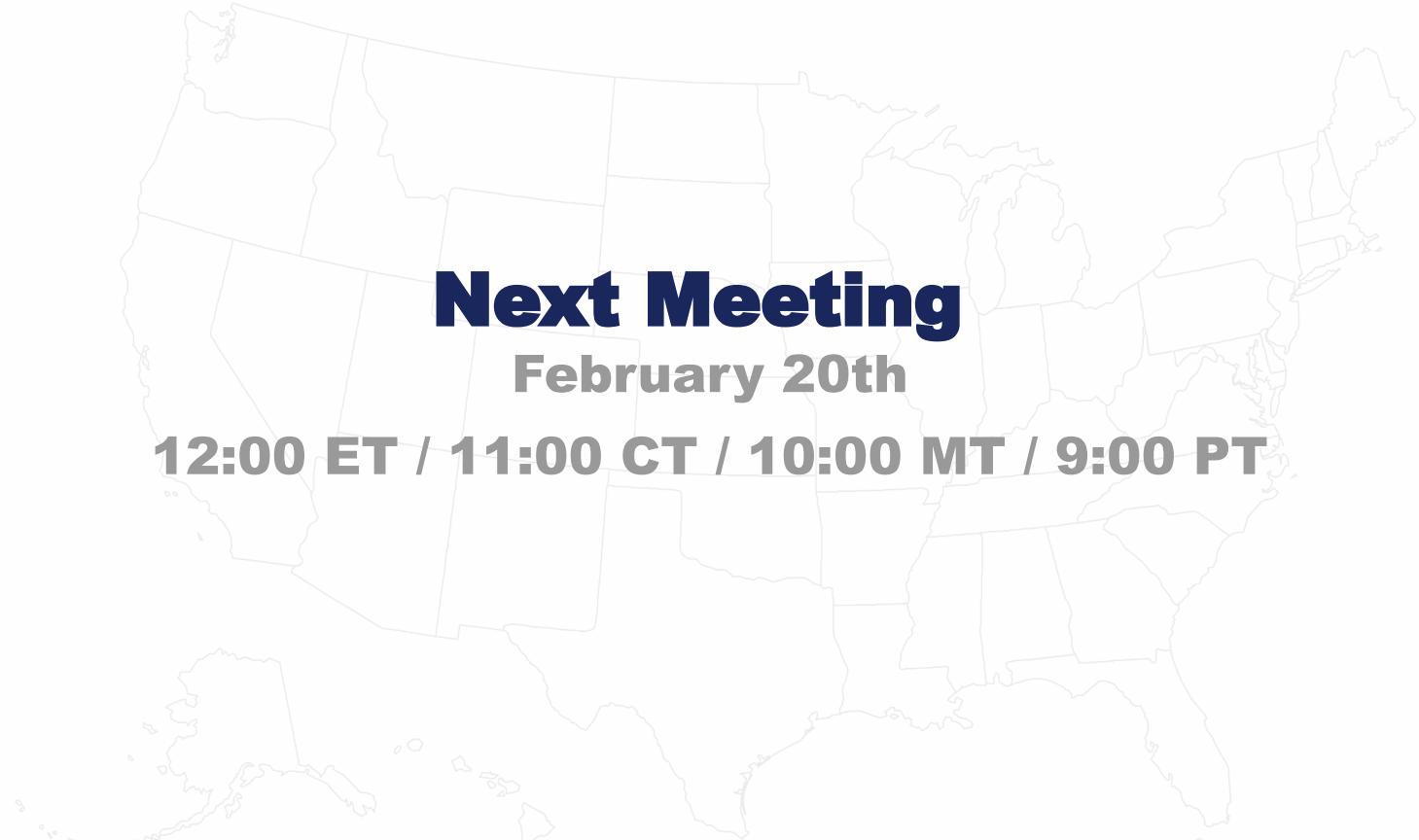
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Next Meeting

February 20th

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