

PERMITTING AGENCY SNAPSHOT: ADOT

Overview

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) manages extensive state infrastructure, including **30,327 lane miles of highways and multimodal transportation systems**.

The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) has developed resources to support the Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD) program and its subgrantees successfully deployment broadband infrastructure across Arizona. **ADOT plays a key part in coordinating and permitting broadband infrastructure**. The below provides a snapshot of relevant ADOT permits, how to engage with ADOT, and the permit application process.

Encroachment Permits

- **Encroachment Permit:** For general work within state ROW
- **Simple 21 Permit:** Fast-track for low-complexity utility work
- **Special Case Request Encroachment Permit:** For utility work that doesn't meet standard guidelines

Right of Way Access

- **Highway Right of Way Permit:** For temporary or short-term access
- **Highway Right of Way Lease Utility:** For long term or permanent installations

Utility Type - Specific

- **Overhead Utility:** Aerial crossings or installations
- **Underground Utility:** Trenching, boring, or tunneling

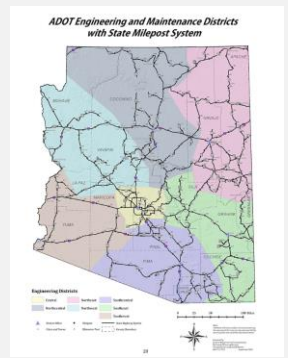
Encroachment Permits Guideline & Procedures 2024 manual provides a concise reference of ADOT's policies

ADOT District Permit Offices and Regional Oversight Structure

Arizona is divided into seven ADOT districts, each responsible for reviewing and issuing permits based on project location. Applications and inquiries must be directed to the appropriate district office listed on the [ADOT District Contacts Map](#). This structure ensures region-specific oversight and compliance with ADOT standards.

Arizona is divided into the following districts:

[Central](#) [Northcentral](#) [Northeast](#) [Northwest](#) [Southcentral](#) [Southeast](#) [Southwest](#)



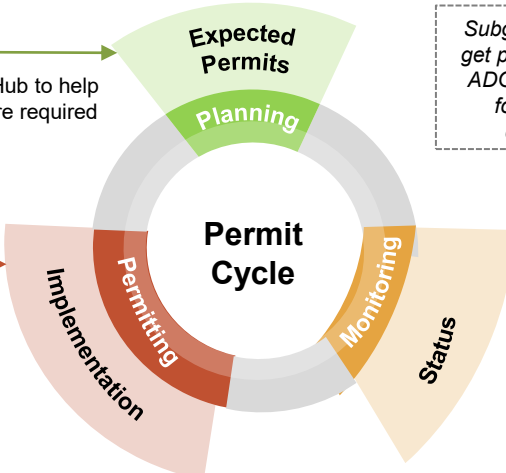
ADOT Permit Application Process

Step 1: Permit Identification

- Leverage the Permitting Resource Hub to help determine whether ADOT permits are required and the types of applicable permits.

Step 2: Permit Preparation & Submission

- Review the application instructions and gather supporting materials such as maps, plans, insurance certificates, and checklists
- Meet with regional ADOT staff and submit the permit application to the proper district office



Subgrantees must confirm land ownership and get permits from landowners before applying to ADOT. Multiple permits may be needed, even for public rights-of-way. Missing ADOT's coordination steps can delay projects.

Step 3: Permit Tracking & Reporting

- Report permit updates and approval to ACA
- Report any deployment deviations from the permit application to ADOT