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Section

1 Use requirements. Adds wireless communications service provider to the statute that allows other utilities to be placed in public roadways as long as they do not interfere with the safety and convenience of ordinary travel.

2 Task force on deployment of small wireless telecommunications facilities.

Subd. 1. Purpose; task force established. Establishes the task force to determine how to insure orderly deployment of wireless facilities subject to consistent and fair local regulation and appropriate fee structures.

Subd. 2. Members. Provides for 11 members representing cities, counties, towns, wireless services, and the public. The commissioner of commerce appoints the chair.

Subd. 3. Authority; duties. Directs the task force to investigate the topics needed for understanding the needs of local governments and wireless providers.

Subd. 4. Open meeting; staff. Requires open meetings and directs the commissioner of commerce to provide meeting space and administrative support.

Subd. 5. Report. Requires a report to the legislature by January 15, 2017.

Subd. 6. No compensation.

Subd. 7. Expiration. The task force expires June 30, 2017.

Effective the day after enactment.