

# 2018 Final Draft Telecommunications Plan

## What does the 10 Year Telecommunication Plan do?

1. An overview, looking 10 years ahead, of future requirements for telecommunications services ...
2. Includes Survey information
3. An assessment of current state of Vermont telecommunications infrastructure
4. Assessment of current state telecommunications systems
5. Assessment of state telecommunications networks relative to other states  
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The 2018 Final Draft Telecommunications Plan makes sensible recommendations that, if followed, will improve access to broadband and telecommunications services for Vermonters.

## What does this Plan Recommend?

1. Communications Union Districts: Planning, financing,
2. Improve efficiency and fairness of Connectivity Fund distribution
3. Poles: Make Ready and resolution to pole attachment fees
4. Wireless: 248a changes, small cell, wireless resiliency, streamline state licensing
5. E911 – improve location accuracy for POTS and VoIP, Ensuring compliance for Enterprise Comm. Systems, implementation of 911 authority report
6. SOV communications – improving and continuing the path toward convergence, improving redundancy and security.
7. Cable TV – recognition of PEG TV long-term funding problem
8. Improving process for licensing of state lands for wireless

## What the Telecom Plan Does not do.

1. The Plan cannot require that state contracts be consistent with the telecommunications plan
2. The Plan cannot mandate any rules or policies, especially rules or policies preempted or otherwise prohibited by federal law. The plan makes policy recommendations
3. Provide an “infrastructure based” or engineering level plan. The cost of cataloging telecommunications infrastructure in Vermont would be enormous and would likely provide no corresponding benefit. Implementing a turnkey solution for cataloging each pole at \$40/pole would cost nearly \$9 Million.