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## Media Release

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### **Austroads and Communications Alliance Limited have released a new, updated version of Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations**

***Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations (AP-G72/07)***

***Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Administrative Guidelines for Road Authorities (AP-R303/07)***

Austroads, the association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities, has worked with Communications Alliance, representing telecommunications carriers, to produce a revised and updated publication relating to telecommunications in road reserves.

The guidelines have been developed to establish ways the road authorities and telecommunications carriers can safely, effectively and efficiently manage their respective facilities in road reserves.

In conjunction with the Communications Alliance, Austroads has published an updated version of *Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations*. Communications Alliance was formed in 2006 to provide a unified voice for the Australian communications industry and to lead it into the next generation of converging networks, technologies and services. In parallel, Communications Alliance has also published *CA G591:2006 Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations* which has provisions that are identical to the Austroads guidelines.

*Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations* was first published in 2002. Jointly reviewed by Communications Alliance Limited and Austroads, the publication has been improved to assist both road authorities and telecommunications carriers achieve collaboration when working in road reserves. There are more than 20 updates in the guidelines compared to the previous document.

Some of the updates and improvements include:

- an expansion of bi-lateral agreements between road authorities and telecommunications carriers
- emphasis on the exchange of information and discussion of future projects at the earliest possible stage
- new sections on road authority considerations when planning roadworks; risk management plans; redundant telecommunications infrastructure; and examples of how to protect telecommunications assets on road projects
- additional information about the management of traffic and processes for dealing with alterations to facilities due to roadworks

*Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations* has an accompanying document for use by road authorities; *Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Administrative Guidelines for Road Authorities*.

Both publications are available to download as a PDF from the [Austroads website](http://www.austroads.com.au)

*Telecommunications in Road Reserves – Operational Guidelines for Installations* is also available from the [Communications Alliance website](#)

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