

- 1 • Work with utility providers to relocate utilities when protection in place is not feasible, with the goal of
2 relocating facilities only once to reduce service disruptions.

3 **Temporary Effects**

4 **Regulatory Requirements**

- 5 • Measures to maintain traffic flow and access during construction and to avoid and minimize temporary
6 utility service disruptions would be incorporated into contract specifications.
- 7 • The IBR Program would comply with current federal Dig Once laws (23 CFR 645.307) and associated state
8 regulations and guidelines, which require advanced coordination with the broadband/fiber industry to
9 invite these providers to participate in highway improvement projects.

10 **Project-Specific Mitigation**

11 Project-specific mitigation for temporary effects on public services and utilities would include:

- 12 • Develop a preconstruction communications plan with all affected emergency response agencies to detail
13 how detour and road closure information would be communicated.
- 14 • Provide advance notice of temporary access restrictions to highway on-ramps, off-ramps, and critical
15 emergency access routes, particularly for emergency responders.
- 16 • Before construction, evaluate the need for backup on-call emergency helicopter service to transport
17 patients across the river during bridge construction to mitigate highway delays, especially for
18 emergencies on Hayden Island during bridge construction.
- 19 • If unacceptable emergency response delays occurred due to construction, meet with emergency service
20 representatives to address their concerns and develop solutions.
- 21 • Conduct public outreach campaigns before construction to ensure that detours and traffic routing plans
22 during construction are available to public service providers and the communities they serve. In addition,
23 where construction activity requires detours on routes typically used by the public to access public service
24 locations (police and fire stations, hospitals, public schools, and post offices), detour signs would be
25 provided.
- 26 • Coordinate closely with utility owners during project design to identify temporary facility needs and
27 minimize temporary construction disruptions.