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 7 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION LAW;
 8 PROVIDING FOR COLLABORATIVE BROADBAND INSTALLATION; AND PROVIDING RULEMAKING
 9 AUTHORITY."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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 13 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Broadband deployment. (1) The department shall maintain a list of
 14 entities working on broadband deployment in the state.

15 (2) When the department plans a highway construction project involving construction methods
 16 suitable for installing broadband conduit in the highway right-of-way or conducive to accessing the utility right-
 17 of-way, the department shall notify entities working on broadband deployment of the project to encourage
 18 collaborative broadband installation.

19 (3) The department may adopt administrative rules to implement this section.

20 (4) As used in this section, "entities working on broadband deployment" includes but is not limited to
 21 local governments, nonprofit organizations, cable television companies, and telephone companies.

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 23 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
 24 integral part of Title 60, chapter 4, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 4, apply to [section 1].

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