





# Wildlands

## Demystifying Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure Projects Webinar Series

Our webinar series was designed to help potential applicants understand why crossings are valuable, why good data and proper siting techniques are crucial, and which infrastructure bill programs are now available to them. The goal was to empower others to more easily implement projects that protect wildlife connectivity and make roadways safer for wildlife and motorists alike.

#### **Topics & Expertise**

Our speakers included representatives from federal and state agencies, partner organizations and universities who conveyed insights and best practices from their own experiences collecting data, acquiring funding, and implementing projects.



The <u>first webinar</u> took a big picture look at the problem, solutions, and benefits of reducing motorist crashes involving wildlife and reconnecting habitat across roadways.

### You Can't Fix What You Can't Measure:

The Fundamental Role of Good Data in Successful Wildlife Crossing Projects

The <u>second webinar</u> looked at the role of data collection tools, "hotspot" analyses, and public-private partnerships in identifying where to invest in wildlife infrastructure.



Funding Opportunities within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The <u>third webinar</u> provided an overview of new, expanded, and existing programs that can be used to pay for animal road crossing structures and other mitigation measures for wildlife.





U.S. states & territories and countries represented Canada, Mexico, Belize, Guam, Israel, Costa Rica, Kenya, and Austria



Sectors engaged federal, state and local agencies, tribal nations, NGOs, universities, and private businesses



#### Next Steps

Wildlands Network has been surveying webinar attendees to determine what wildlife crossing topics remain mystifying to those interested in implementing these infrastructure projects. This survey may give rise to future webinars on those topics. Additionally, Wildlands Network plans to use these webinar recordings and other helpful materials to help educate policymakers and agency staff on how they can incorporate connectivity planning and wildlife crossings into their upcoming infrastructure projects.