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Abstract

Segment Routing (SR) allows for a flexible definition of end-to-end paths within IGP topologies by encoding paths as sequences of topological sub-paths, called "segments". These segments are advertised by the link-state routing protocols (IS-IS, OSPF and OSPFv3).

This draft defines extensions to the BGP Link-state address-family in order to carry segment information via BGP.

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[1.](#) Introduction

Segment Routing (SR) allows for a flexible definition of end-to-end paths by combining sub-paths called "segments". A segment can represent any instruction, topological or service-based. A segment can have a local semantic to an SR node or global within a domain. Within IGP topologies an SR path is encoded as a sequence of topological sub-paths, called "IGP segments". These segments are advertised by the link-state routing protocols (IS-IS, OSPF and OSPFv3).

Two types of IGP segments are defined, Prefix segments and Adjacency segments. Prefix segments, by default, represent an ECMP-aware shortest-path to a prefix, as per the state of the IGP topology. Adjacency segments represent a hop over a specific adjacency between two nodes in the IGP. A prefix segment is typically a multi-hop path while an adjacency segment, in most of the cases, is a one-hop path. [[I-D.ietf-spring-segment-routing](#)].

When Segment Routing is enabled in a IGP domain, segments are advertised in the form of Segment Identifiers (SIDs). The IGP link-state routing protocols have been extended to advertise SIDs and other SR-related information. IGP extensions are described in: IS-IS [[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions](#)], OSPFv2 [[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions](#)] and OSPFv3 [[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions](#)]. Using these extensions, Segment Routing can be enabled within an IGP domain.

In order to address the need for applications that require topological visibility across IGP areas, or even across Autonomous Systems (AS), the BGP-LS address-family/sub-address-family have been defined to allow BGP to carry Link-State information. The BGP Network Layer Reachability Information (NLRI) encoding format for BGP-LS and a new BGP Path Attribute called the BGP-LS attribute are defined in [RFC7752]. The identifying key of each Link-State object, namely a node, link, or prefix, is encoded in the NLRI and the properties of the object are encoded in the BGP-LS attribute. Figure 1 describes a typical deployment scenario. In each IGP area, one or more nodes are configured with BGP-LS. These BGP speakers form an IBGP mesh by connecting to one or more route-reflectors. This way, all BGP speakers (specifically the route-reflectors) obtain Link-State information from all IGP areas (and from other ASes from EBGP peers). An external component connects to the route-reflector to obtain this information (perhaps moderated by

a policy regarding what information is or isn't advertised to the external component).

This document describes extensions to BGP-LS to advertise the SR information. An external component (e.g., a controller) then can collect SR information in the "northbound" direction across IGP areas or ASes and construct the end-to-end path (with its associated SIDs) that need to be applied to an incoming packet to achieve the desired end-to-end forwarding.

2. BGP-LS Extensions for Segment Routing

This document defines IGP SR extensions BGP-LS TLVs and sub-TLVs. [Section 2.4](#) and [Section 2.5](#) illustrates the equivalent TLVs and sub-TLVs in IS-IS, OSPF and OSPFv3 protocols.

BGP-LS [[RFC7752](#)] defines the BGP-LS NLRI that can be a Node NLRI, a Link NLRI or a Prefix NLRI. The corresponding BGP-LS attribute is a Node Attribute, a Link Attribute or a Prefix Attribute. BGP-LS [[RFC7752](#)] defines the TLVs that map link-state information to BGP-LS NLRI and the BGP-LS attribute. This document adds additional BGP-LS attribute TLVs in order to encode SR information.

2.1. Node Attributes TLVs

The following Node Attribute TLVs are defined:

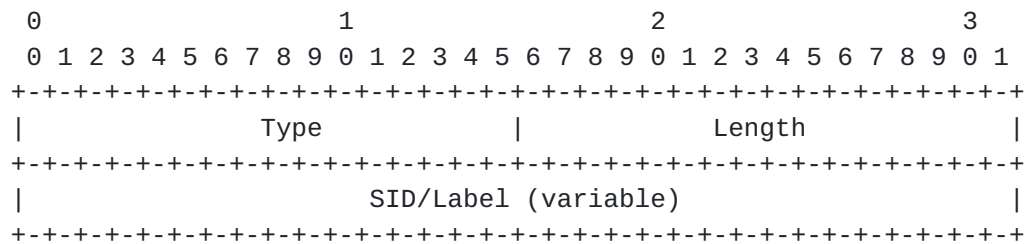
Description	Length	Section
SID/Label	variable	Section 2.1.1
SR Capabilities	variable	Section 2.1.2
SR Algorithm	variable	Section 2.1.3
SR Local Block	variable	Section 2.1.4
SRMS Preference	variable	Section 2.1.5

Table 1: Node Attribute TLVs

These TLVs can ONLY be added to the Node Attribute associated with the Node NLRI that originates the corresponding SR TLV.

2.1.1. SID/Label Sub-TLV

The SID/Label TLV is used as sub-TLV by the SR-Capabilities ([Section 2.1.2](#)) and SRLB ([Section 2.1.4](#)) TLVs and has following format:



where:

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: Variable, 3 or 4 bytes

SID/Label: If length is set to 3, then the 20 rightmost bits represent a label. If length is set to 4, then the value represents a 32 bit SID.

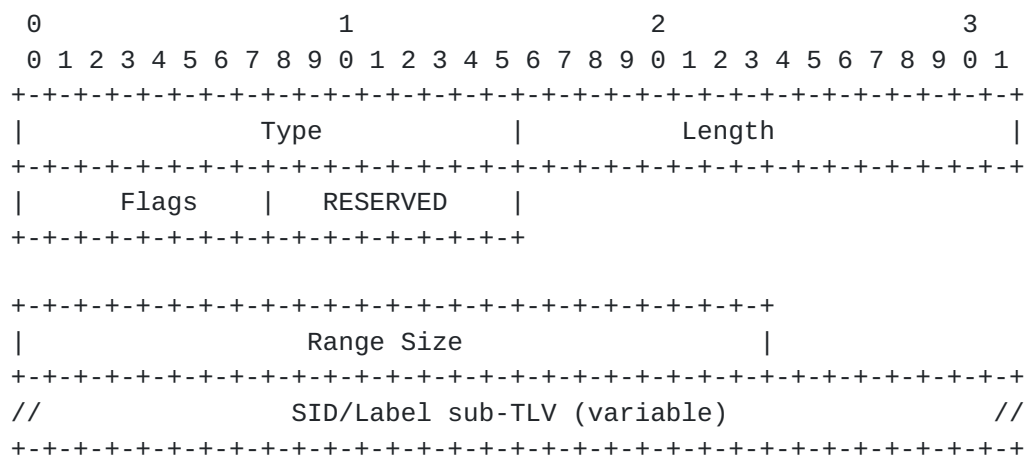
The receiving router **MUST** ignore the SID/Label sub-TLV if the length is other than 3 or 4.

2.1.2. SR-Capabilities TLV

The SR-Capabilities TLV is used in order to advertise the node's Segment Routing Global Base (SRGB) as originated in:

- o IS-IS, as defined by the SR-Capabilities TLV in [\[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions\]](#).
- o OSPF/OSPFv3, as defined by the SID/Label Range TLV in [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions\]](#) and [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions\]](#).

The SR Capabilities TLV has following format:



range of local SIDs available, it is required that the node advertises its SRLB.

The SRLB TLV has the following format:

```

      0                   1                   2                   3
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               Type                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|      Flags      |  RESERVED  |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               Range Size                       |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
//                               SID/Label sub-TLV (variable)      //
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: Variable.

Flags: 1 octet of flags. None are defined at this stage.

One or more entries, each of which have the following format:

Range Size: 3 octet value indicating the number of labels in the range.

SID/Label sub-TLV (as defined in [Section 2.1.1](#)).

Multiple SRLB entries are encoded within the same SRLB TLV.

[2.1.5](#). SRMS Preference TLV

The Segment Routing Mapping Server (SRMS) Preference TLV is used in order to associate a preference with SRMS advertisements from a particular source.

The SRMS Preference TLV has following format:


```

      0                   1                   2                   3
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                                     |                                     |
|           Type                     |           Length                 |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| Preference                         |                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: 1.

Preference: 1 octet. Unsigned 8 bit SRMS preference.

The use of the SRMS Preference TLV is defined in
[\[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions\]](#),
[\[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions\]](#) and
[\[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions\]](#).

2.2. Link Attribute TLVs

The following Link Attribute TLVs are defined:

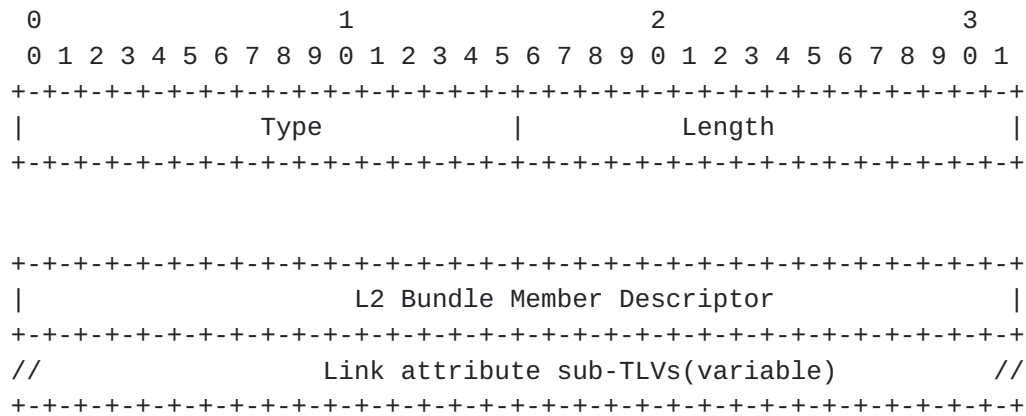
Description	Length	Section
Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	Section 2.2.1
LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	Section 2.2.2
L2 Bundle Member TLV	variable	Section 2.2.3

Table 2: Link Attribute TLVs

These TLVs can ONLY be added to the Link Attribute associated with the link whose local node originates the corresponding TLV.

For a LAN, normally a node only announces its adjacency to the IS-IS pseudo-node (or the equivalent OSPF Designated and Backup Designated Routers) [\[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions\]](#). The LAN Adjacency Segment TLV allows a node to announce adjacencies to all other nodes attached to the LAN in a single instance of the BGP-LS Link NLRI. Without this TLV, the corresponding BGP-LS link NLRI would need to be originated for each additional adjacency in order to advertise the SR TLVs for these neighbor adjacencies.

The L2 Bundle Member Attribute TLV has the following format:



where:

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: Variable.

L2 Bundle Member Descriptor: A Link Local Identifier as defined in [\[RFC4202\]](#).

Link attributes for L2 Bundle Member Links are advertised as sub-TLVs of the L2Bundle Member Attribute TLV. The sub-TLVs are identical to existing BGP-LS TLVs as identified in the table below.

TLV Code Point	Description	Reference Document
1088	Administrative group (color)	[RFC7752]
1089	Maximum link bandwidth	[RFC7752]
1090	Max. reservable link bandwidth	[RFC7752]
1091	Unreserved bandwidth	[RFC7752]
1092	TE default metric	[RFC7752]
1093	Link protection type	[RFC7752]
1099	Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	Section 2.2.1
1100	LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	Section 2.2.2
1104	Unidirectional link delay	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1105	Min/Max Unidirectional link delay	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1106	Min/Max Unidirectional link delay	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1107	Unidirectional packet loss	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1108	Unidirectional residual bandwidth	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1109	Unidirectional available bandwidth	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]
1110	Unidirectional bandwidth utilization	[I-D.ietf-idr-te-pm-bgp]

Table 3: L2 Bundle Member Link Attribute TLVs

2.3. Prefix Attribute TLVs

The following Prefix Attribute TLVs and sub-TLVs are defined:

Description	Length	Section
Prefix SID	variable	Section 2.3.1
Range	variable	Section 2.3.4
IGP Prefix Attributes	variable	Section 2.3.2
Source Router-ID	variable	Section 2.3.3

Table 4: Prefix Attribute TLVs

The Prefix-SID TLV includes a Flags field. In the context of BGP-LS, the Flags field format and the semantic of each individual flag MUST be taken from the corresponding source protocol (i.e.: the protocol of origin of the Prefix-SID being advertised in BGP-LS).

IS-IS Prefix-SID flags are defined in [\[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions\]](#) [section 2.1](#).

OSPF Prefix-SID flags are defined in [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions\]](#) [section 5](#).

OSPFv3 Prefix-SID flags are defined in [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions\]](#) [section 5](#).

2.3.2. IGP Prefix Attributes TLV

The IGP Prefix Attribute TLV carries IPv4/IPv6 prefix attribute flags as defined in [\[RFC7684\]](#) and [\[RFC7794\]](#).

The IGP Prefix Attribute TLV has the following format:

```

      0                   1                   2                   3
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               |                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
//                               Flags (variable)                               //
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

where:

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: variable.

Flags: a variable length flag field (according to the length field). Flags are routing protocol specific (OSPF and IS-IS). OSPF flags are defined in [\[RFC7684\]](#) and IS-IS flags are defined in [\[RFC7794\]](#). The receiver of the BGP-LS update, when inspecting the IGP Prefix Attribute TLV, MUST check the Protocol-ID of the NLRI and refer to the protocol specification in order to parse the flags.

2.3.3. Source Router Identifier (Source Router-ID) TLV

The Source Router-ID TLV contains the IPv4 or IPv6 Router-ID of the originator as defined in [\[RFC7794\]](#). While defined in the IS-IS

protocol, the Source Router-ID TLV may be used to carry the OSPF Router-ID of the prefix originator.

The Source Router-ID TLV has the following format:

```

      0                   1                   2                   3
      0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
|                               |                               |
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+
//                               IPv4/IPv6 Address (Router-ID)                               //
+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+

```

where:

Type: TBD, see [Section 5](#).

Length: 4 or 16.

IPv4/IPv6 Address: 4 octet IPv4 address or 16 octet IPv6 address.

The semantic of the Source Router-ID TLV is defined in [[RFC7794](#)].

2.3.4. Range TLV

The Range TLV can ONLY be added to the Prefix Attribute whose local node in the corresponding Prefix NLRI is the node that originates the corresponding SR TLV.

When the range TLV is used in order to advertise a range of prefix-to-SID mappings as defined in

[[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions](#)],

[[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions](#)]and

[[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions](#)]. The Prefix-NLRI the Range TLV is attached to MUST be advertised as a non-routing prefix where no IGP metric TLV (TLV 1095) is attached.

The format of the Range TLV is as follows:

The following table, illustrates for each BGP-LS TLV, its equivalence in IS-IS.

Description	Length	IS-IS TLV /sub-TLV
SR Capabilities	variable	2 [1]
SR Algorithm	variable	19 [2]
Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	31 [3]
LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (LAN-Adj-SID) TLV	variable	32 [4]
Prefix SID	variable	3 [5]
SID/Label TLV	variable	1 [6]
IGP Prefix Attributes	variable	4 [7]
Source Router ID	variable	11/12 [8]
L2 Bundle Member TLV	variable	25 [9]

Table 5: IS-IS Segment Routing Extensions TLVs/Sub-TLVs

2.5. Equivalent OSPF/OSPFv3 Segment Routing TLVs/Sub-TLVs

This section illustrate the OSPF and OSPFv3 Segment Routing Extensions TLVs and sub-TLVs mapped to the ones defined in this document.

The following table, illustrates for each BGP-LS TLV, its equivalence in OSPF and OSPFv3.

Description	Length	OSPF TLV/sub-TLV
SR Capabilities	variable	9 [10]
SR Algorithm	variable	8 [11]
Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	2 [12]
LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	3 [13]
Prefix SID	variable	2 [14]
SID/Label TLV	variable	1 [15]

Table 6: OSPF Segment Routing Extensions TLVs/Sub-TLVs

Description	Length	OSPFv3 TLV/sub-TLV
SR Capabilities	variable	9 [16]
SR Algorithm	variable	8 [17]
Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	5 [18]
LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	variable	6 [19]
Prefix SID	variable	4 [20]
SID/Label TLV	variable	3 [21]

Table 7: OSPFv3 Segment Routing Extensions TLVs/Sub-TLVs

3. Procedures

The following sections describe the different operations for the propagation of SR TLVs into BGP-LS.

3.1. Advertisement of a IS-IS Prefix SID TLV

The advertisement of a IS-IS Prefix SID TLV has following rules:

The IS-IS Prefix-SID is encoded in the BGP-LS Prefix Attribute Prefix-SID as defined in [Section 2.3.1](#). The flags in the Prefix-SID TLV have the semantic defined in [\[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions\] section 2.1](#).

3.2. Advertisement of a OSPF/OSPFv3 Prefix-SID TLV

The advertisement of a OSPF/OSPFv3 Prefix-SID TLV has following rules:

The OSPF (or OSPFv3) Prefix-SID is encoded in the BGP-LS Prefix Attribute Prefix-SID as defined in [Section 2.3.1](#). The flags in the Prefix-SID TLV have the semantic defined in [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions\] section 5](#) or [\[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions\] section 5](#).

3.3. Advertisement of a range of prefix-to-SID mappings in OSPF

The advertisement of a range of prefix-to-SID mappings in OSPF has following rules:

The OSPF/OSPFv3 Extended Prefix Range TLV is encoded in the BGP-LS Prefix Attribute Range TLV as defined in [Section 2.3.4](#). The flags

of the Range TLV have the semantic mapped to the definition in [[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions](#)] [section 4](#) or [[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions](#)] [section 4](#). The Prefix-SID from the original OSPF Prefix SID sub-TLV is encoded using the BGP-LS Prefix Attribute Prefix-SID as defined in [Section 2.3.1](#) with the flags set according to the definition in [[I-D.ietf-ospf-segment-routing-extensions](#)] [section 5](#) or [[I-D.ietf-ospf-ospfv3-segment-routing-extensions](#)] [section 5](#).

3.4. Advertisement of a range of IS-IS SR bindings

The advertisement of a range of IS-IS Mapping Server bindings ([[I-D.ietf-isis-segment-routing-extensions](#)]) is encoded using the following TLV/sub-TLV structure:

Range TLV

Prefix-SID TLV (used as a sub-TLV in this context)

where:

- o The Range TLV is defined in [Section 2.3.4](#).
- o The Prefix-SID TLV (used as sub-TLV in this context) is defined in [Section 2.3.1](#).

4. Implementation Status

Note to RFC Editor: Please remove this section prior to publication, as well as the reference to [RFC 7942](#).

This section records the status of known implementations of the protocol defined by this specification at the time of posting of this Internet-Draft, and is based on a proposal described in [[RFC7942](#)]. The description of implementations in this section is intended to assist the IETF in its decision processes in progressing drafts to RFCs. Please note that the listing of any individual implementation here does not imply endorsement by the IETF. Furthermore, no effort has been spent to verify the information presented here that was supplied by IETF contributors. This is not intended as, and must not be construed to be, a catalog of available implementations or their features. Readers are advised to note that other implementations may exist.

According to [[RFC7942](#)], "this will allow reviewers and working groups to assign due consideration to documents that have the benefit of running code, which may serve as evidence of valuable experimentation and feedback that have made the implemented protocols more mature.

It is up to the individual working groups to use this information as they see fit".

Several early implementations exist and will be reported in detail in a forthcoming version of this document. For purposes of early interoperability testing, when no FCFS code point was available, implementations have made use of the values described in Table 8.

It will ease implementation interoperability and deployment if the value could be preserved also due to the large amount of codepoints this draft requires. However, when IANA-assigned values are available, implementations will be updated to use them.

5. IANA Considerations

This document requests assigning code-points from the registry "BGP-LS Node Descriptor, Link Descriptor, Prefix Descriptor, and Attribute TLVs" based on table Table 8. The column "IS-IS TLV/Sub-TLV" defined in the registry does not require any value and should be left empty.

5.1. TLV/Sub-TLV Code Points Summary

This section contains the global table of all TLVs/sub-TLVs defined in this document.

TLV Code Point	Description	Reference
1034	SR Capabilities	Section 2.1.2
1035	SR Algorithm	Section 2.1.3
1036	SR Local Block	Section 2.1.4
1037	SRMS Preference	Section 2.1.5
1099	Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	Section 2.2.1
1100	LAN Adjacency Segment Identifier (Adj-SID) TLV	Section 2.2.2
1158	Prefix SID	Section 2.3.1
1159	Range	Section 2.3.4
1161	SID/Label TLV	Section 2.1.1
1170	IGP Prefix Attributes	Section 2.3.2
1171	Source Router-ID	Section 2.3.3
1172	L2 Bundle Member TLV	Section 2.2.3

Table 8: Summary Table of TLV/Sub-TLV Codepoints

6. Manageability Considerations

This section is structured as recommended in [[RFC5706](#)].

6.1. Operational Considerations

6.1.1. Operations

Existing BGP and BGP-LS operational procedures apply. No additional operation procedures are defined in this document.

7. Security Considerations

Procedures and protocol extensions defined in this document do not affect the BGP security model. See the 'Security Considerations' section of [[RFC4271](#)] for a discussion of BGP security. Also refer to [[RFC4272](#)] and [[RFC6952](#)] for analysis of security issues for BGP.

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