



Board Referral #2021.08 Broadband Progress Update

March 22, 2022

Agenda

- Broadband RFP
- Regional Broadband Task Force update
- San Jerardo project update
- Public WiFi stats and sites
- Board Referral #2022.09 South Salinas Valley JPA

Broadband RFP

- In June 2021 Board approved \$1.935 million in ARPA funds for broadband development;
- An RFP was released in Sept. 2021. Five vendor proposals with 16 projects were received;
- The following projects were tentatively selected:
 - Spectrum Pacific West, LLC (San Ardo)
 - Spectrum Pacific West, LLC (San Lucas)
 - Cruzio Internet (North County and Salinas areas);
- Agreement negotiations in progress, expect to be completed by end of Mar. 2022;

Regional Broadband Task Force

- ITD had the broadband Task Force meeting on Feb. 22, 2022;
- Broadband RFP update;
- South Salinas Valley broadband JPA;
- RCRC Broadband strategic plan grant update;
- MCOE and Schools' broadband needs
 - Connect underserved schools such as San Antonio school
 - RFP using E-Rate funding to be completed by MCOE end of Apr. 2022;

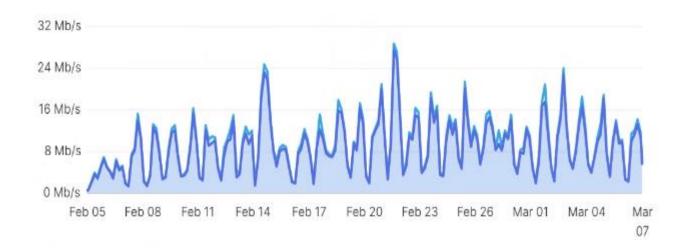
San Jerardo Project

- ITD is working with Cruzio to provide broadband to San Jerardo community;
- Site colocation agreements with Public Works approved by Mar. 8, 2022 Board meeting;

Project ECD April 2022;

Public WiFi Stats and Sites

- Completed installation of 70 public WiFi access points around 22 County buildings;
- 5 additional sites to deploy;
- Within the last 30 days, 2.97 TB data transferred from 2414 unique clients;



Board Referral #2022.09

 On Feb. 8, 2022, ITD was assigned Board referral #2022.09 to explore the potential of creating a Salinas Valley Five Cities Joint Powers Authority to develop the broadband;

 JPA could benefit the community by having cities and County work together through a collective vision and cost sharing;

Discussion to be covered in a separate presentation;