



# Broadband Progress Update

December 7, 2022

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# Agenda

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Broadband Strategic Plan

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Joint Exercise of Power Agreement

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San Jerardo Broadband Last Mile Project

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ARPA Funding Update

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Affordable Connectivity Program

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Monterey County Middle Mile

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FCC Broadband Map

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Ongoing Efforts

# Development of Broadband Strategic Plan



County of Monterey as member of Golden State Finance Authority participated in grant application to fund the development of a strategic plan for broadband expansion.



MOU between Golden State Finance Authority and County of Monterey on June 23, 2021.



Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) will release RFP for consulting services to develop a strategic plan by end of November 2022.



RFP to be awarded by end of December 2022.



County engagement by consultant to begin January of 2023.



Project to be completed by October 2023

# Joint Exercise of Power Agreement

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- ✓ South Salinas Valley Joint Powers Authority - Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement executed on May 24, 2022.
- ✓ The Joint Powers Authority (JPA) enables rural communities to benefit from the collective strategic planning and take advantage of funding opportunities.

# San Jerardo Broadband Last Mile Project

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- ✓ Cruzio Internet needed middle mile connectivity to reach the Farmworker Housing Cooperative.
- ✓ ITD -Radio Communications facilitated the wireless middle mile path.
- ✓ 60 households and 250 residents with average upload/download speed of 500 Mbps.



# ARPA Funding - Broadband Expansion

- Board approved allocation of \$1,935,000
- RFP released in September 2021
- Providers awarded Agreements:
  - Cruzio Internet
  - Spectrum Pacific West, LLC
- Project in progress & estimated 1815 unserved/underserved households in the proposed regions
- Spectrum in the planning phase
- Cruzio completed Hall District & in planning phase for other regions

Proposed Regions	Completed
Echo Valley Elementary	
Hall District	✓
Murphy Road	
Covenant Lane Site	
El Sausal	
Alisal High	
Salinas Fire Station #4	
N. Monterey County District Office	
Buena Vista Middle School	
Strawberry Canyon	
Prunedale North	
Prunedale South	
San Ardo	
San Lucas	

# Local Agency Technical Assistance Grant

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Facilitated by Rural County Representatives of California for broadband expansion planning

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Submitted August 30, 2022 & approved by CPUC on October 17, 2022 for \$500,000

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Grant acceptance & MOU approved by Board on November 8, 2022

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CPUC approved \$500,000 for each agency: Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, King City & County of Monterey

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Expected completion of planning is year from the execution of the MOU.

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RCRC will seek county input on next steps for last mile implementation & discuss provider engagement options



Enrolled County of Monterey to promote reduced cost or free internet for unserved/underserved



Event held at Cesar Chavez Library & Monterey County Free Library in Seaside on October 22. Plans for Spring 2023 event in South County in discussions.



ITD initiated event in collaboration with Monterey County Free Libraries & Health Department



19 new devices issued to eligible households that enrolled through drawing



Promotion of ACP will continue through Monterey County's social media and service providers to increase ACP enrollment rate.



Outreach: Direct Mail 4,605 Households and 353 eligible households enrolled

# *GetConnected California!*

Affordable Connectivity Program



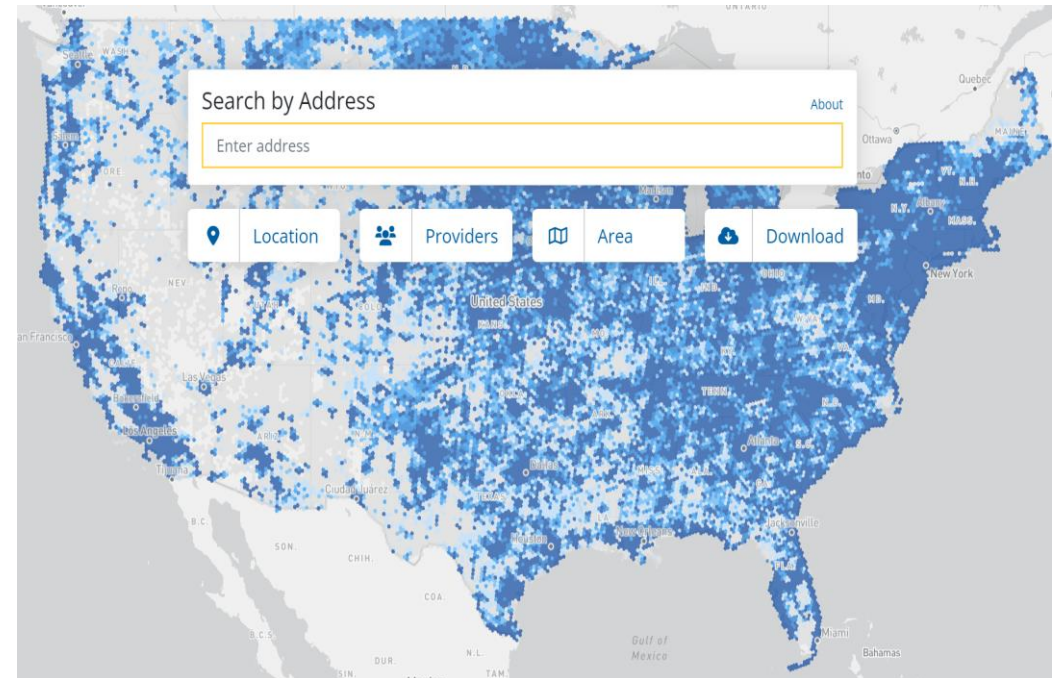


# Monterey County Middle Mile Construction Plan (Region 3, District 5)

- CA Dept of Transportation map proposes 10,000 miles & oversee overall implementation
- Monterey County region proposed build is 180 miles must be completed by 2026
- CDT & Office of Broadband & Digital Literacy oversee acquisition and mgmnt of contracts
- Middle mile fiber construction coordinated with CalTrans Projects
- CENIC to manage development, acquisition, construction, maintenance & operations of open-access middle-mile broadband network

# FCC Broadband Map

- Broadband Data Collection iterative through public input
- Mobile & fixed broadband speeds tested by residents & submitted online or through mobile app
- Fixed and mobile broadband speeds can be challenged
- Professional services recommended for bulk speed challenges
- County promotion recommended for community adoption & participation





### **Advocacy**

Cruzio Internet: NTIA  
Grant – pending

Etheric: RDOF Grant  
application pending CPUC  
Commission final  
response



### **Seek Public/Private Partnerships**

ARPA Funding



### **Share Information:**

Reach out to providers –  
potential funding  
opportunities

Participation - community  
partner workgroups &  
collaboration



### **Committee Participation**

Grants & Funding  
Public Staff Workgroups

# Ongoing Efforts