

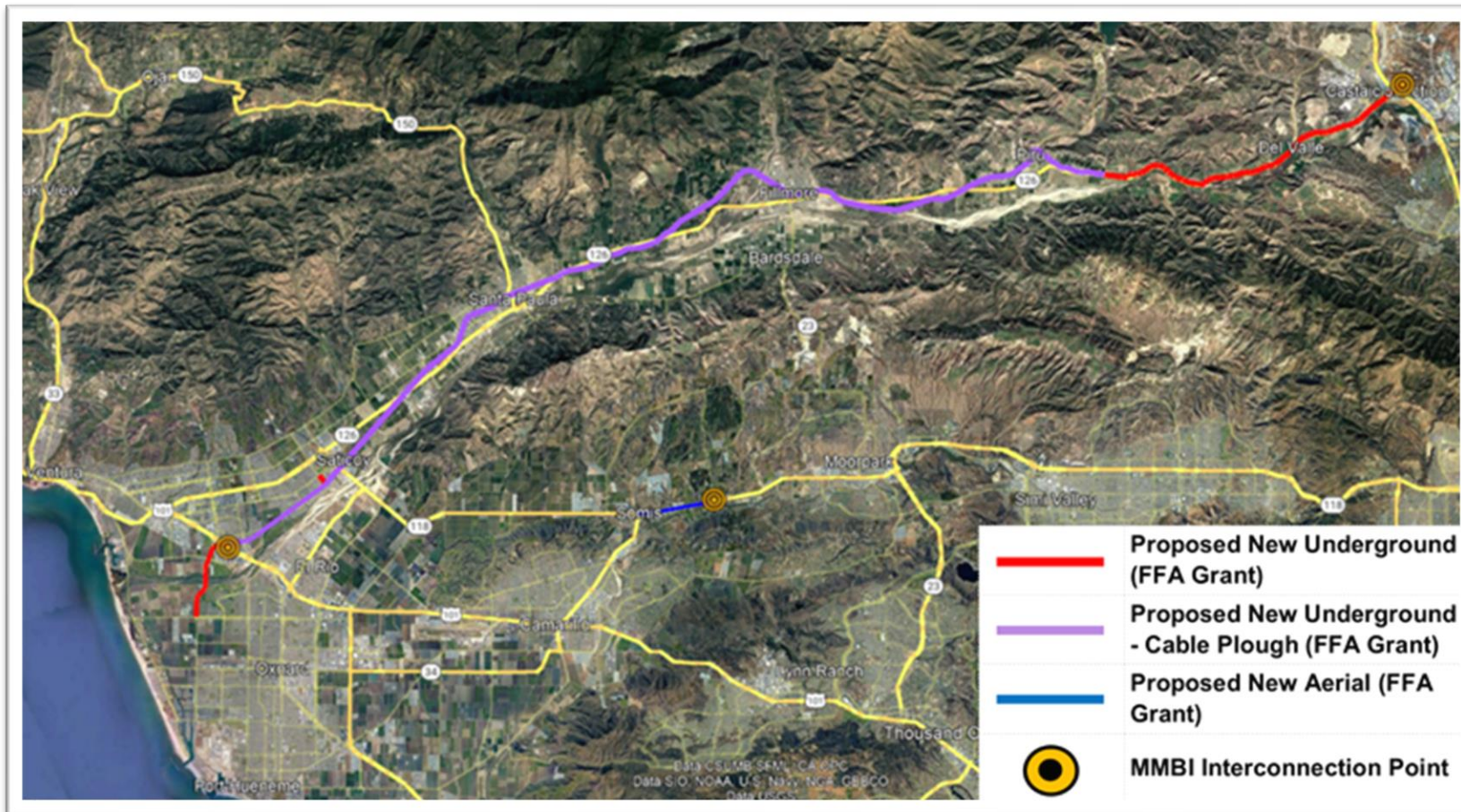


REGIONAL BROADBAND

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES / PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY

JUNE 18, 2024

PHASE I COUNTY NETWORK DESIGN



OUR PARTNERS



- Astound Broadband
- Best, Best & Kreiger (BBK) LLP (3rd party attorney group)
- California Department of Technology (CDT)
- CEO's Office
- City of Fillmore
- City of Santa Clarita
- City of Santa Paula
- City of San Buenaventura
- County Counsel
- Entrust Solutions Group (telecom consulting)
- Public Works Agency
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNT GRANT

- Gov. Newsom Executive Order to expand broadband “broadband for all”
- Administered by California Public Utilities Commission
- Final Mile/Middle Mile funds allocated to each county for both public entities and commercial telecom providers. Ventura county was allocated a little over \$20 million.
- Approximately \$40 million in applications submitted. The County submitted for the entire amount.
- Application included infrastructure and final connections to serve over 1,800 households to be served by Astound
- Middle mile portion will be jointly funded with the California Department of Technology



PROJECT FUNDING

PARTY	FFA GRANT CONTRIBUTION	COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	LATA CONTRIBUTION
Federal Funding Account Grant from California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)	\$20,335,563*		
Astound (match)	\$3,000,000		
California Department of Technology (match)	\$4,779,129		
IT Services - VCTC review costs, legal, Public Works (estimated)		\$100,000	
Design Engineering			\$491,000

*Grant award date pending

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT



The California Department of Technology (CDT) is responsible for the implementation of the State's Middle Mile Broadband Initiative.



The State and the County share an interest in bringing broadband to the County along Highway 126.



The State agreed to join the County project due to the lower cost of construction along the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Right of Way (ROW) and committed funds to the Federal Funding Account Grant to support the construction and pay for their fiber.

RIGHT OF WAY LICENSE AGREEMENTS



Ventura County Transportation
Commission (VCTC)

Selected for lower cost construction method and to provide broadband access for VCTC and Railroad Operator



Cities of Fillmore, Santa Paula and
San Buenaventura

Provides broadband access to cities' locations



City of Santa Clarita

Provides access from the I26 HWY Caltrans ROW to the data center location within the city limits

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)



California Environmental Quality Act – 1970 statute enacted by the state legislature

- This qualifies as a public works project
- All parts of Phase I have been determined to fall under State's Statutory Exemption for California Middle Mile Broadband Initiative (MMBI)

BOARD APPROVAL REQUEST

- Ratify the submission of and approval to accept the \$20 million CPUC Federal Funding Account grant
- Enter into a license agreement with the Ventura County Transportation Commission (agreement approved at the VCTC meeting on June 7, 2024)
- Enter into ROW agreements with the 4 cities along the Phase I route as the agreements are approved by their respective City Councils
- Approve a resolution to support the project and register the CEQA exemption for the project

The discussed Astound agreements for construction and maintenance will be presented at a future meeting.



THANK YOU

