



THE STATE OF UTAH BROADBAND PROJECT

Utah Broadband Advisory Council

Thursday, September 19, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development

Attendees:

Kelleigh Cole, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Amie Parker, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development
Melissa Hurst, US Forest Service
David Ream, US Forest Service
Shauna Derbyshire, Bureau of Land Management
Sharon Bertelsen, Ballard Spahr
Dave Ryan, Strata Networks
Mark Williams, US Department of Agriculture
Donna Jones Morris, Utah State Library
Josef Wavra, Enterprise Technologies
Brock Johansen, Emery Telcom
Eric Isom, Centurylink

Douglas Meredith, John Staurulakis Inc.
Bert Granberg, Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center
Jessie Pechmann, Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center
John Harvey, Public Service Commission
Lynne Yocom, Utah Department of Transportation
Shirlee Silversmith, Division of Indian Affairs
Kevin Rose, Department of Technology Services
Brian Carver, Bear River Association of Governments
Jeff Egly, Utah Education Network
Dennis Sampson, Utah Education Network
David Gray, Comcast
Jamie Welch Jaro, USDA

Summary:

Kelleigh Cole has taken on the role of the Utah Broadband Project Manager and introduced the new Utah Broadband Project Assistant, Amie Parker.

Kelleigh Cole introduced upcoming projects with the Utah Broadband Project including the regional planning efforts around the state and the mobile verification drive test that will begin in the fall. The project team is also working with Utah State University who is contracted to do a residential survey on broadband adoption.

Brian Carver, with the Bear River Association of Governments, is coordinating the Regional Broadband Planning Council initiative by working with each of Utah's seven Association of Governments (AOGs) forming planning councils that will address broadband availability and use on a local and regional level. All seven of the AOGs have formed Regional Broadband Planning Councils and have met once. Two of the AOGs have completed the needs assessments for their regions and the other five are working on to complete their assessments this fall.

Kevin Rose, the statewide interoperability coordinator for Utah's Department of Technology Services, updated the council on the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) efforts to establish the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Administered by the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration (NITA), Utah received \$2.2 million dollars through the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP). The three-year grant will be used to develop a strategic plan and to perform outreach and education to public safety stakeholders throughout Utah.

Dennis Sampson, Utah Education Network (UEN), explained that UEN is the single largest applicant for E-Rate funds in the state. UEN serves as the E-Rate consortium lead in applying for and implementing E-Rate funds received for services provided for schools and also provides program coordination at the state level for all eligible E-Rate program participants.

Kelleigh briefed the Advisory Council on the 2013 Broadband Tech Summit which will be held October 24, 2013. She discussed what breakout sessions are planned, including topics on broadband and economic development and broadband planning for local governments.

Bert Granberg, director for the Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC) briefed the Advisory Council on the Utah address point dataset. AGRC has collected address points from counties around the state and will be using this data to help collect information for the Utah Broadband Map. Bert also presented the September Map of the Month which illustrates the availability of mobile broadband on non-wilderness lands administered by the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Jessie Pechmann, AGRC discussed August's Map of the Month. This is a series of maps made for the use at the Governor's Native American Summit. The maps include broadband availability by speed within tribal areas, broadband service levels on tribal lands, and address points served by wireline broadband on the Navajo reservation.

Melissa Hurst, US Forest Service, and Shauna Derbyshire, BLM Utah State Office discussed the US Forest Service and BLM processes for communication uses and fiber optic on federal lands. The Forest Service and the BLM use essentially the same application process. Early communication and coordination with the Forest Service and the BLM is the key to success.