

SOUTHEASTERN UTAH REGIONAL BROADBAND PROJECT

STATE OF UTAH BROADBAND PROJECT INITIATIVE

PURPOSE

The Project will result in the creation of a Regional Broadband Planning Council and a Regional Broadband Plan for the Southeastern Utah region that includes San Juan, Grand, Emery, and Carbon Counties. The Project seeks to improve Broadband use and access.

PARTNERS

The Broadband Project is a statewide effort directed through the Governor's Office of Economic Development with funding from the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, in partnership with Utah Broadband Planning Council and Utah's Automated Geographic Resource Center.

BROADBAND BACKGROUND

Broadband describes bandwidth which is the amount of data that can be transmitted through an internet connection. Bandwidth is needed to access high-speed internet. The greater the bandwidth, the more information a user can send or receive. Different transmission technologies result in different speeds, i.e. cable, fiber-optic, cellular/wireless, etc.

WHY IS BROADBAND IMPORTANT?

Broadband is quickly becoming a basic necessity for individuals and businesses – for work, information, services, and fun.

- Citizens Benefits: education, communication, public safety, healthcare, disability services, entertainment, public and private services
- Businesses Benefits: competition and extension of services, entrepreneurship, home-based occupations, efficiency, flexible schedules and flexible work environments
- Government Benefits: access, input, efficiency, transparency



Advance Healthcare



Grow Business



Increase Public Safety



Advance Communication

BROADBAND PROJECT & REGIONAL COUNCIL

1. Create a Regional Broadband Planning Council "BPC" to guide the Project
 - a. Include members from the following sectors: business, healthcare, public service, public education, local government, transportation, tourism, economic development
 - b. BPC will begin with a workshops in mid-August & September
2. Conduct Regional Workshops and Coordination Meetings to guide the BPC on the plan.
 - a. Initial workshop and meetings - August-September
 - b. Conduct a needs assessment -October
 - c. Statewide Broadband Summit - late October
 - d. Prioritization meeting - November through early December

WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Participate in the initial workshop/meetings
 - **Moab - August 12 at 9:30AM (Moab Regional Hospital)**
 - **Price - August 14th at 9AM (Southeastern ALG Building)**
 - **Bluff- August 22 at 1PM (Bluff Fire Station)**
 - **Castle Dale - TBA , Mid-September**
- Participate in the Statewide Broadband Summit
 - **Utah Valley Convention Center, Provo City - October 24th**
- Offer input on the Regional Broadband Plan
 - **RBC will meet in November or early December**
 - **Plan to be completed by April 2014**
- Assist with the implementation of the Plan; including education, service deployment, and possible public policy input and guidance.

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