



# Broadband Task Force

Introductions and Update

March 12, 2019

# Updates

- **Established the Task Force – Held Three Meetings**
- **Established Several Sub-Committees Within the Task Force**
- **Plan to Provide a Full Update in April**

# Introductions

- **Deb Hall & Erica Rizer – County Administration**
  - Set up meetings (every two weeks), create agendas, minutes, follow up
  - Evaluate current contracts, write Statement of Work
  - Website design and implementation
- **Evelyn Jacobson, Mary Goddard, & Matt Jacobson – Information Technology**
  - Knowledge of networks, franchise agreements and current coverage, GIS, and broadband technologies
  - Work with residents and data to create accurate maps (underserved areas)
  - Develop a survey for residents
  - Assist with the Statement of Work
  - Meet with last mile providers
- **Greg Boykin – Public Works**
  - Knowledge of assets in underserved areas for potential uses
  - Assist with the Statement of Work

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- **Gina Markovich – Planning & Growth Management**
  - Knowledge of Zoning Ordinances, Planning Commission, and Board of Appeals
  - Work on broadband webpage and overall communications plan
- **Jeffrey Clements – Emergency Services**
  - Involved with the Next Gen 911 implementation
  - Knowledge of infrastructure assets and existing contracts with other third party vendors
  - Evaluate contract options and write Statement of Work
- **Marcia Keeth & Michelle DeSoto – Economic Development**
  - Knowledge of business and private sector needs
  - Monitor federal grant opportunities
- **Kevin Warring – Citizen Representative**

# Current Work Plans

- **Develop maps for vendors and update to the Commissioners in April**
- **Work on a survey tool for the update in April and to help vendors**
- **Watch current Maryland legislative session – could create opportunities for last mile providers**
- **Set up a website to enhance our communication efforts with residents**
- **Constant monitoring of available funding opportunities**
- **Review contracts and develop our own Statement of Work**
- **Apply for Broadband Feasibility Study Grant through the Governor's Office of Rural Broadband**

# Funding

- **One certainty...We will need funding to accomplish any of the goals.**
- **Commissioners are beginning budget sessions. While there is no specific request as of yet, we do know that many options deployed in other counties have required contributions by local governments.**

# Questions

Happy to address questions or concerns.....



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