



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Presentation: Deschutes County Broadband Needs Assessment Report

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

N/A; information only.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) and consultants from Magellan Broadband will present the final Deschutes County Broadband Needs Assessment Report. This report has been developed over the past year in partnership with the Deschutes County Broadband Action Team (BAT), a group representing key sectors impacted by the availability, reliability, and affordability of broadband including local government, businesses, schools, public safety, internet service providers, and healthcare representatives.

The final needs assessment report includes an inventory of current infrastructure and services. It also establishes current and future standards for service levels based on the needs of the region, highlights key gaps in broadband infrastructure and access, and identifies priority projects and opportunities to address these gaps. COIC and the BAT will use these findings to begin building out the partnerships, preliminary design and engineering, and infrastructure funding opportunities for priority projects that were identified through this process.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

No budget impact anticipated.

ATTENDANCE:

Tania Mahood, Deschutes County, IT Director
Scott Aycock, COIC, Community and Economic Development Director
Shelby Knight, COIC, Resilience Planner