

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MIKE BENNETT, CITY MANAGER

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AGENDA TEXT: PRESENTATION FROM REGION 10 ON BROADBAND EFFORTS, PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF FRUITA

BACKGROUND

Region 10 is a non-profit organization that provides regional development support to cities and counties in Southwest Colorado. The City of Fruita, along with other municipalities in Mesa County, has partnered with Region 10 to work on regional broadband efforts and projects. Region 10 is funded in part by the state of Colorado to help rural communities on broadband efforts. For this agenda item, Corey Bryndal, the Broadband Project Director for Region 10, will share a brief presentation to the City Council on Region 10's work with the City and will answer any questions the Council may have. Mr. Bryndal has been a part of, or implemented many broadband solutions throughout southwest Colorado, including in communities in Montrose County, Gunnison County, Ouray County, and more.

Mr. Bryndal will also share additional details about the City of Fruita's project to bring a middle-mile Internet connection to Fruita, and to create a carrier neutral location (CNL). This project is identified as a priority in the 2022 Budget, to establish an avenue for multiple private service providers to offer fiber-to-the home Internet services with increased speeds, reliability, and redundancy to the community. I will introduce Mr. Bryndal, and then after the presentation, he will also be able to answer any questions from the City Council.

No formal action is required for this agenda item.