

Chapter 7 - Utilities Element

Telecommunications

Existing conditions

Telecommunication service is provided by Frontier Communications. The main switching office for Sumas is located downtown at 233 Garfield Street. All calls from the city and the surrounding area are transmitted through this main office. Network services include, but are not limited to, POTS, Digital subscriber line and Ethernet.

Television service is provided by the City of Sumas, and 61 channels are currently provided

Future conditions

No telecommunications service constraints currently exist in and near Sumas. Future expansion for telecommunications feeder systems is based on development expansion and community needs where economically feasible. Frontier currently uses fiber optic lines to connect main switching offices and to provide digital subscriber line H S I up to and including high bandwidth data networks. Building / Area WIFI are also available.

Goals and Policies

Goal. Provide access to private utilities to the residents of Sumas.

Policy: Whenever possible, the city should provide the private utilities with timely notice of the city's street and utility projects so that the utilities are able to coordinate construction and reduce overall infrastructure costs.

Policy. The city should encourage private utilities to expand service within Sumas to keep pace with development.

Policy. The city should notify private utilities regarding major developments, such as subdivisions, to support coordination on extension of utility services.