## CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Policy Session

Presentation Date: August 10, 2021 Approximate Start Time: 3:30 pm Approximate

Length: 30 minutes

Presentation Title: ARPA Phase 1 Broadband Expansion

**Department:** Technology Services

**Presenters:** Dave Devore and Duke Dexter Nancy Bush

Other Invitees: and Elizabeth Comfort

#### WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Clackamas Broadband eXchange (CBX) is asking the Board for approval to release the \$2.5 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the expansion of fiber optic cable to underserved/unserved areas of Clackamas County as approved by the Board on July 13, 2021.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):**

#### **Brief History of Clackamas Broadband eXchange**

- In 1990, Clackamas County commissioned a Communications Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study to better understand our communications status and requirements.
- In 2010, Clackamas County was awarded a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant for \$7.8 million to develop the Clackamas Broadband eXchange.
- In addition, the County pledged an additional \$3.3 million in resources for a total project of \$11.1 million.
- Construction occurred from March 2011 October 2013 for the infrastructure planned in the BTOP Grant. Additional construction and expansion has also occurred as additional funding and partners became available to increase the scope of the initial project.

#### **Current Status of Clackamas Broadband eXchange**

- Since October 2013, CBX has successfully converted to a self-sustaining utility service for the County with revenue based on affordable rates for public and private agencies utilizing the fiber infrastructure. This funding provides for ongoing program expenses, as well as contingency for repairs and capital for ongoing expansion to new agencies, underserved regions and new service opportunities.
- CBX currently maintains a staff of 4 and contracts with local communications companies for call center and emergency response to fiber breaks.
- CBX has a customer base of around 360 sites and maintains a large multi-ring dark fiber network of 348 miles

#### **Future Expansion of Clackamas Broadband eXchange**

 The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allocated funds to counties for relief from the Covid – 19 pandemic. These funds can be spent on a variety of items including broadband expansion. The Board approved on July 13, 2021 an allotment of \$2.5 million dollars from the first distribution for broadband expansion into underserved/unserved areas within Clackamas County.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):

Is this item in your current budget?	☐ YES	X NO
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#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- How does this item align with your Department's Strategic Business Plan goals?
   This aligns with the purpose of the Clackamas Broadband eXchange (CBX) program to provide fiber optic design, allocation, installation and maintenance services to provide access for all.
- How does this item align with the County's Performance Clackamas goals?
   It aligns with the Building a Strong Infrastructure Goal: By 2026, 100% of County residents and businesses where served have access to safe and affordable infrastructure: multimodal transportation including roads, sewer and broadband services

#### **LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

All contracts and intergovernmental agreements will be reviewed by County Counsel.

#### **PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

Work with local communities and organizations to raise awareness about expansion projects and create public-private/public-public partnerships for delivery of high speed internet.

#### **FUNDING OPTIONS:**

Option 1: Approve the release of the \$2.5 million ARPA funding to begin expansion of new

fiber to the premise (FTTP) as outlined in the 4 projects of phase 1.

Option 2: Do not proceed with expansion

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 1: Approve the release of the \$2.5 million ARPA funding to begin expansion of new

fiber to the premise (FTTP) as outlined in the 4 projects of phase 1.

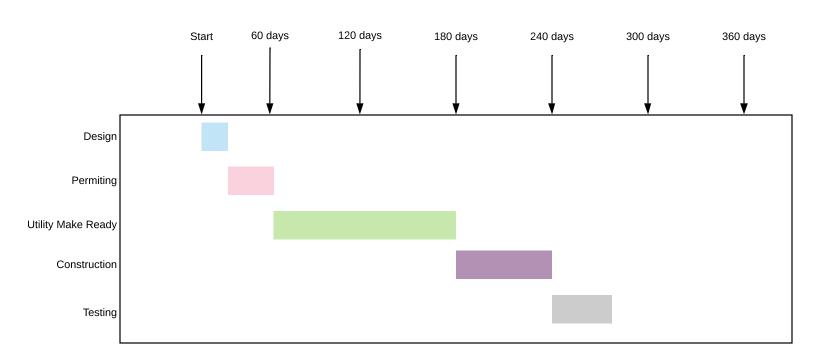
ATTACHMENTS:	CBX Phase 1 Maps and Schedules
SUBMITTED BY:	
Division Director/Hea Department Director/ County Administrator	Head Approval David Devore

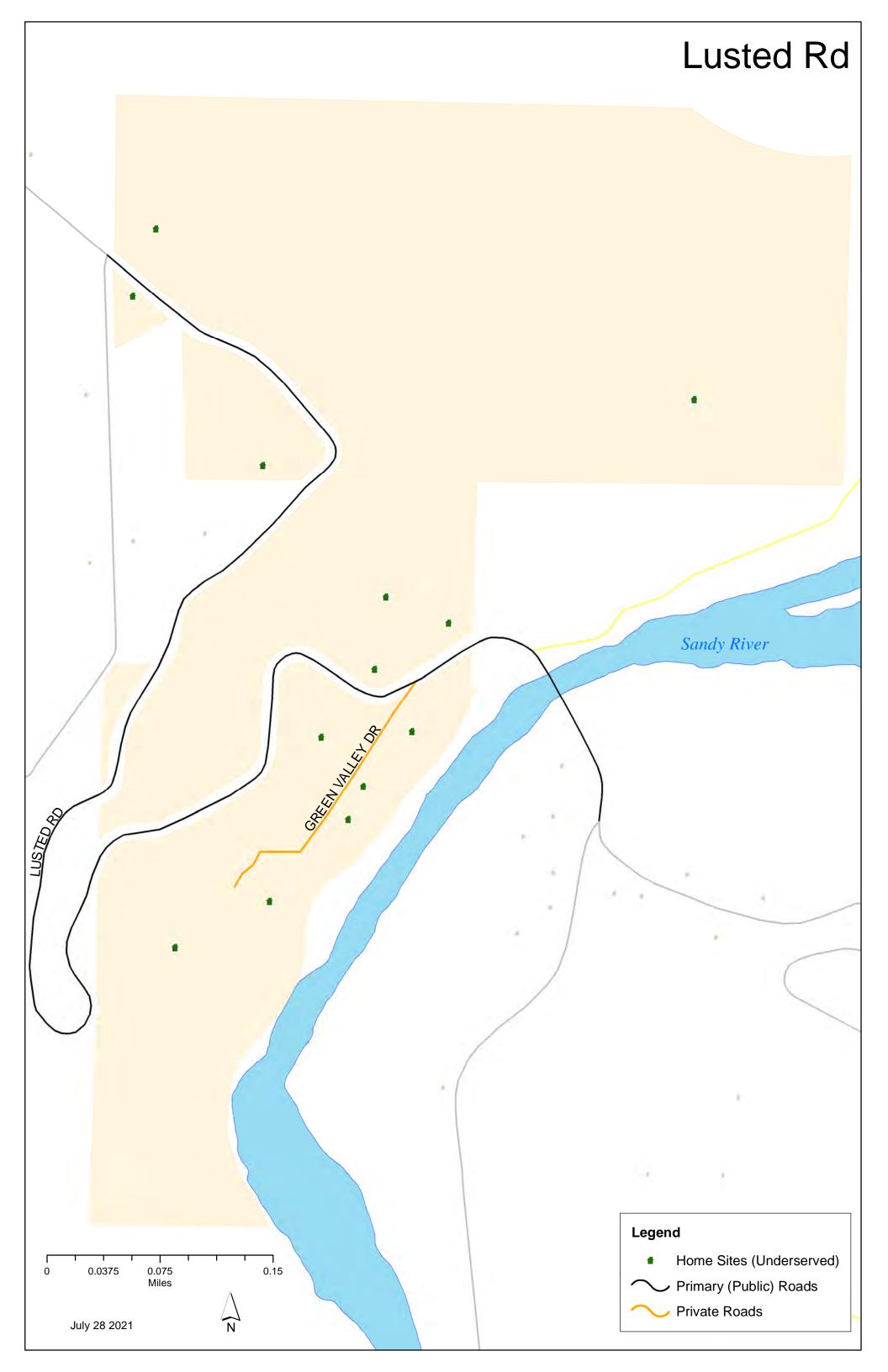
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### **CBX New Fiber Expansion for ARPA Funding**

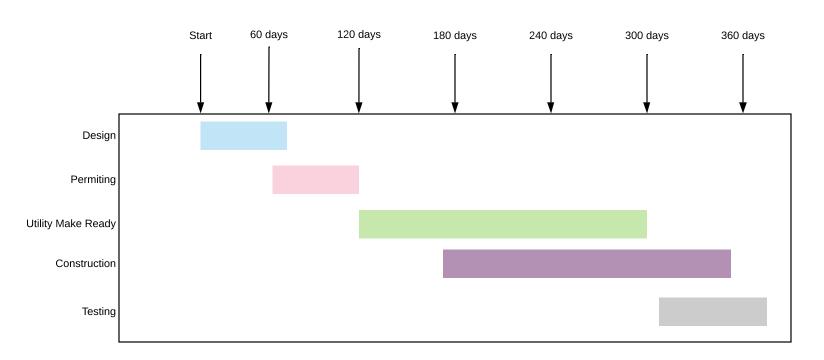
Proj #	Project Name	Area	Households Passed	Drop Cost	ARPA	Avg cost/Home Passed
1	Lusted Rd	Sandy	9	\$45,900	\$45,909	\$5,101
2	Colorado Rd & Gunderson	Sandy	203	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,250	\$5,913
3	Government Camp	Gov Camp	412	\$650,000	\$650,412	\$1,579
4	Lolo Pass Rd	Welches	434	\$697,500	\$697,888	\$1,608
			1058		\$2,594,459	\$2,452
5	West Wilsonville	Wilsonville	68	\$1,387,200	\$1,387,268	\$20,401
6	Kiwanis, Rd 26, 28, 30, 32,34	Rhododenron	174	\$887,400	\$887,574	\$5,101
7	Marmot Rd	Sandy	1260	\$2,488,800	\$2,490,060	\$1,976
8	Southwest	Estacada	659	\$3,163,200	\$3,163,859	\$4,801
			2161		\$7,928,761	\$3,669
			3219		\$10,523,220	\$3,269

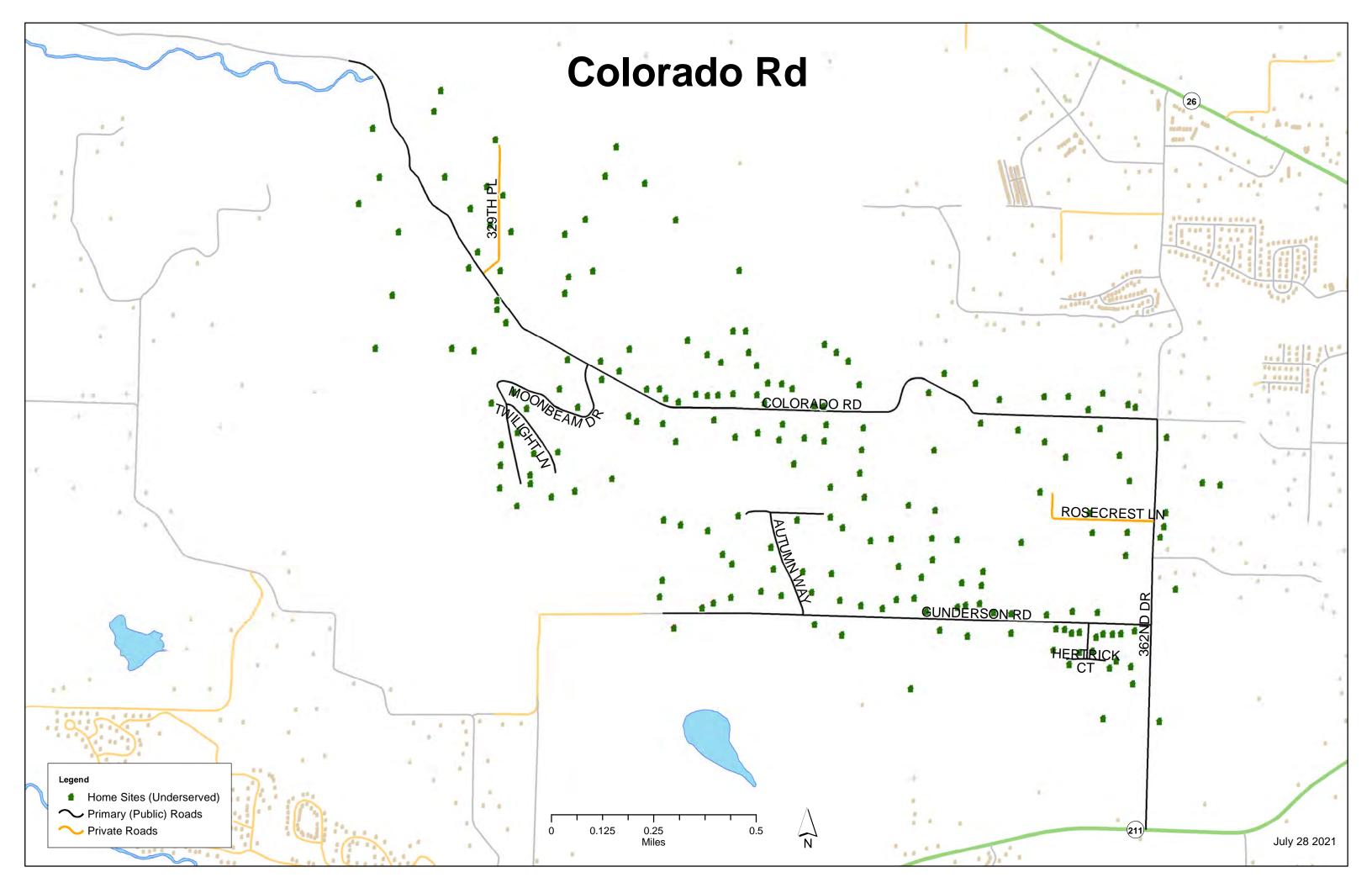
# **Lusted Road Timeline**



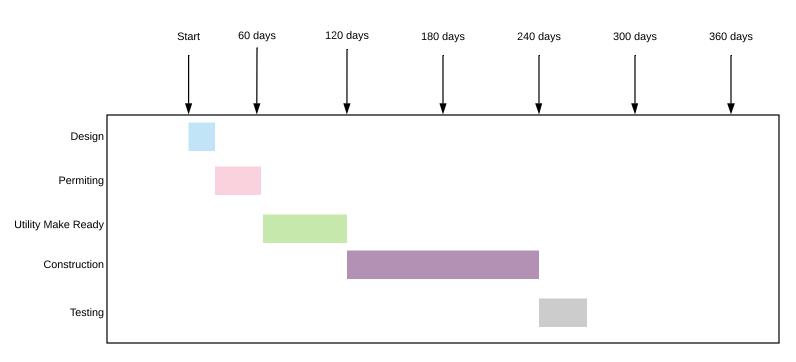


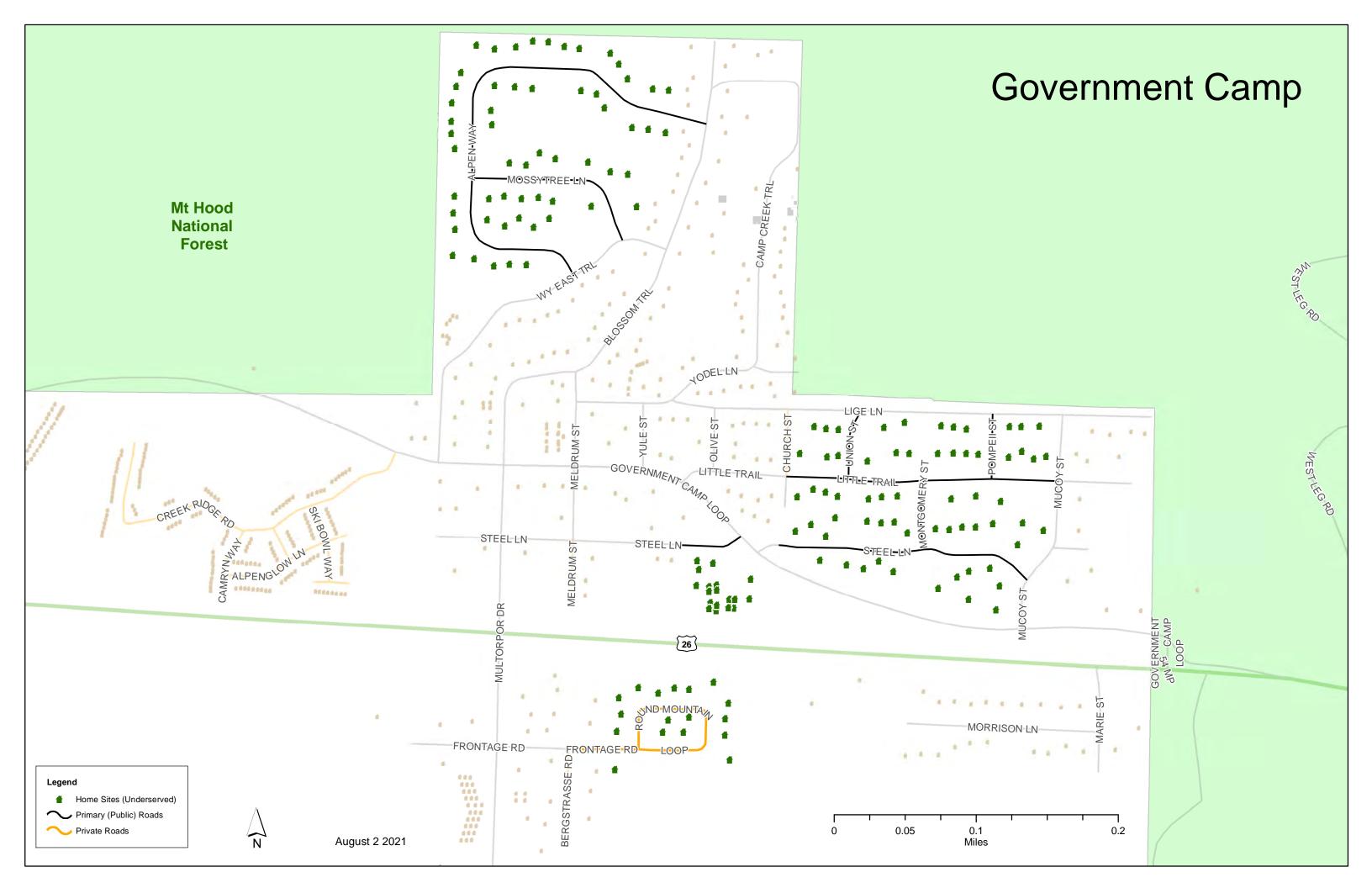
## Colorado Rd Timeline





# Government Camp Timeline







# Lolo Pass Timeline

