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NewsFlash



The Loudoun County/All Points Broadband (APB), Broadband Expansion Project Continues On Schedule!

8,629 New Connections to Occur by July of 2024!

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Progress continues on this major public/private partnership to bring much needed broadband to the remaining un and underserved homes and businesses in Loudoun!

The Board of Supervisors received an [update](#) at our April 18 Business Meeting and you can read the [staff report here](#).

As I've mentioned in previous Newsflash updates, this project will include more than 600 miles of new fiber either hung on power lines or buried in the ground.

To date, the project team has completed about half of the planned pole fielding activities on more than 10,000 poles in the County. There new timing discussed for Make-Ready Construction is explained in the red section, below, however there is no overall impact to the

service delivery timeframe. The 8,629 addresses within this project's scope are expected to receive service by July of 2024 as planned!

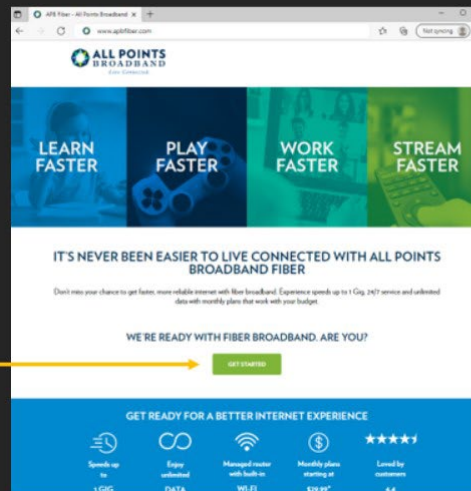
CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS IS INCLUDED

Use the link above or visit APBFIBER.COM to confirm if your address is covered by this project. The site will allow you to pre-register, confirm your eligibility for service, and enter your contact information so you can be easily contacted for service subscriptions.

Customer Sign Up: APBFIBER.COM

Getting Started is Easy:

1. Visit www.apbfiber.com
2. Click the Get Started button
3. Enter Your Address
4. Select your services (for applicable areas where fiber has already been installed)



After clicking the "Get Started" Button and entering your contact information, those included within this project will receive one of the following two messages:

- GREAT NEWS! - You may now sign up for service.
- You are inside of a planned service area. Services will be available soon.

Either of the above two messages mean that your address is included in this project; therefore, you can rest assured that you will be given an opportunity to sign up for and receive the service.

To date, only about 1/3 of the 8,629 households have checked online to see whether they'll be included and to register for service.

All Points Broadband (APB) will attempt to contact each of the 8,629 households via direct mailing approximately 90 days in advance of service availability to that household. This will happen whether or not you have signed up in advance.

For residents who do not sign up in advance, and do not respond to the APB direct mailer, APB will attempt to make contact with the property owner by knocking on their front door approximately 30 days in advance of service availability in order to ascertain whether or not the owner wishes to obtain service. I highly recommend that anyone interested in obtaining service go online today and sign up at apbfiber.com in order to guarantee your future connection as part of this project.

Current Timeline

Feb 2022: APB began procurement of long lead time materials such as fiber and electronics.

Jul 2022: The grant agreement is finalized; 24-month project timeline began.

Dec 2022 and Ongoing: APB has been conducting fielding and make ready activities to ensure the 10,600 utility poles can accommodate the 600+ miles of fiber to be installed.

Jan/Feb/Mar 2024: Current reporting to VA's Department of Housing and Community Development reflects residents will start to see activity in the field as fiber is hung on poles or run underground. The fiber construction vendors have committed to allocating their full resources to this project at one time in order to complete more of the 600+ miles of fiber installation in a shorter period of time.

APB is contractually obligated to provide 90 days' notice prior to your specific address receiving service.

Jul 2024: Substantial completion of the entire network!

Important Installation Sequencing Information

From a resident perspective, construction phasing (order of installation and household connections) **WILL NOT** follow a clearly defined or logical path of deployment. Construction will appear to bounce around in a nonsensical manner. That said, please trust that construction will occur in a manner intended to complete the entire project as quickly as possible and will be based on a number of factors, including moving forward in areas where permits have been approved in order to ensure the contractors always have work that is ready to be completed as opposed to trying to follow a particular phasing sequence and running into delays based on the lack of approved permits.



Loudoun Broadband Access ~~Could~~ **WILL** Extend West!!!

Additional Information

For more details about our Broadband Expansion project, visit:
loudoun.gov/broadbandexpansion.

As always, my office will continue to keep you updated as additional information becomes available.



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