

State Broadband Plan Questions
From El Dorado County
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1. How can we improve data that can help infrastructure and support adoption?

Answers:

- Inform local agencies where the mapping data comes from--is it from ISPs?
- Incorporate actual speed test data in the mapping data
- Have integrated maps of all roads, including where there is conduit
- Show where existing fiber exists and where there are fiber leases available (utilize data from CVIN or CENIC)

2. What do you see as the priority uses for funding Broadband deployment and adoption?

Answers:

- Prioritize areas without service or with low service (unserved and underserved)
- Fund middle-mile to get to unserved areas
- Fund engineering work at the County/City level so we have shovel-ready projects that can be implemented/deployed when the funding (including grants) becomes available.

3. How might we best address Broadband deployment barriers in the Action Plan?

Answers:

- Ease regulations so that it is more affordable (CEQA, prevailing wages, taxes)
- Don't set the bar too low, 25/3 may be too low for teleworking and telehealth.
- Currently if one parcel has 25/3 the entire census block is shown as 25/3 and this is incorrect.
- Seek partnerships between CalTrans and PGE for instance to do joint builds and bury the lines.

4. For those who have an integrated inclusive program in your area, can you share with use the barriers you faced and successes you have?

Answers:

- We do not have an integrated and all-inclusive program yet, but are taking little steps by applying for grants when feasible. Funding is an issue.

5. Are there any actions that state government can take to support digital inclusion in your communities?

Answers:

- Make is a rule that when CalTrans opens the road, conduit is installed
- Seek changing legislation to allow counties to own the infrastructure
- Evaluate what it takes to do a statewide funding and action plan