

CBC Local Gov Listening Session CHAT 1pm

13:09:47 From Alex Banh :  
<https://broadbandcouncil.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/68/2020/10/BB-Action-Plan-Outline-v6-including-CBC-Notes-1130am-10-23-2020.pdf>

13:17:13 From Bernie Orozco : We hear a lot about students having challenges with broadband speeds. I think the report should require the Department of Education should establish minimum broadband speeds requirements for distance learning BASED ON the type of distance learning software used. It should establish minimum equipment standards. You could have the fastest internet available but giving students outdated or slow computers defeats the purpose. CDE should established distance learning standards.

13:17:13 From Alex Banh : I agree with Steve.

13:20:47 From Ross Millerick : agree with Bernie

13:21:33 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Hi All - If you add a suggestion or +1 in the chat, please include your affiliation. Thanks!

13:21:49 From Bernie Orozco : I'm curious if any local governments have any incentives for broadband deployment? Usually, it's the opposition with permit challenges.

13:24:30 From Wally Siembab : Comment on local planning efforts

13:26:10 From Liza Massey : from Marin County agree with Geoff.

13:28:28 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Hi All - We don't have a specific question on this, but am wondering how many of your communities have broadband incorporated into your 10 year plans.

13:29:13 From Steve Hargis : City of Moreno Valley - + Geoff on using census blocks for coverage; the PUC broadband data does not accurately reflect reality in our City, partially b/c census blocks are too large an area

13:30:07 From Alex Banh : About existing forums to share best practices, the NDIA is very active for cross-sector digital inclusion stakeholders and the NTIA (federal agency) organizes a local govt-only forum

13:30:15 From Steve Monaghan : We published a new Broadband specific plan last year - Board adopted.  
<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/1379/Nevada-County-Broadband>

13:31:20 From Liza Massey : I agree with Tom West's comments from this morning's session - 1 year short term, 5 near term, and 10 or so years as long term. Set it up for success.

13:31:29 From Ross Millerick : How are we considering Radio Area Networks as last mile connectivity on the longer path of fiber to the home?

13:31:59 From Alex Banh : I agree that short term should be 1 year

13:32:08 From Alex Banh : (Alex Banh - City and County of SF)

13:32:28 From Steve Monaghan : Agree with Liza

13:32:31 From Ross Millerick : Ross Millerick Novato Unified School District

13:33:11 From Liza Massey : Marin County is working with our communities to develop a plan.

13:33:45 From Ross Millerick : Short term 3 years Long term 10 years Novato Ujnified School District -- Service to home

13:37:26 From Ferdinand Milanés : Ferdinand from Caltrans to Ross. We absolutely should consider radio/wireless networks for the last mile, or to fill in gaps. Several cities and counties own and operate radio communications systems and should be integrated with fiber for this broadband effort.

13:40:20 From Ross Millerick : Alameda Calif has a radio network

13:41:40 From Steve Monaghan : Ann, that reminds me. If we could enable Libraries to have more liberal partnerships in the community like pop-up locations, then they could leverage their lower cost E-rate CNEC connections and expand to those locations. A littler restrictive now.

13:43:14 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Thanks, Steve. We are limited by e-rate on some pieces (library wifi can't go beyond the parking lot), but we can do pop-up locations - bookmobiles, kind of things.

13:44:24 From Steve Hargis : City of Moreno Valley - + Steve Monaghan on e-rate restrictions; our libraries are very active in the community, but can't contribute connectivity now

13:45:49 From Lori Pepper : Anne/Steve - there are new packages to outfit vehicles to be mobile hotspots on CalNet, including bookmobiles.

13:50:58 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Thanks, Lori. I'll make sure to share with our folks!

13:53:36 From Ross Millerick : FCC expanding Radio access: auctioning spectrum 3.5 Ghz CBRS, C-band, 12Ghz Radio path is getting more attractive. Ross Millerick Novato Schools

13:56:43 From Steve Monaghan : Locally administered broadband grant management just like the State does with Cities/Counties for a variety of programs such as Health, Justice, Public Safety, Emergency Services, Libraries, etc...

13:56:51 From Ross Millerick : For Covid Comcast sold School district block of Essential service accounts. The school managed eligibility for homes taking comcast out of the loop

13:57:33 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Thanks, Ross. Did your school district have good uptake? Are there good lessons we should take from that experience?

13:59:00 From Ferdinand Milanés : Unfortunately state/local governments do not have enough funding to compete with the major carriers in these FCC auctions. I believe that the 3.5 GHz spectrum is being used for the 5G implementation.

13:59:37 From Walter Hughes : This is Walter from Comcast and appreciate the shout out from the previous speaker. For anybody representing a city/county in Comcast footprint if you are not discussing with us our "sponsored agreement" program through our Internet Essentials please reach out to me.

14:00:17 From Alex Banh : @Ross - how much work is required from the school district to manage eligibility of the comcast IE program?

14:00:48 From Stephanie Tom : Thank you everyone for your time and feedback!!

14:00:57 From Walter Hughes : eligibility is the same for everyone. Basically if you are on any type of public assistance you qualify.

14:01:06 From Walter Hughes : my email is walter\_hughes@cable.comcast.com

14:01:08 From Steve Monaghan : Thank you!

14:01:52 From Walter Hughes : great discussion. Thank you.

14:01:57 From Anne Neville-Bonilla : Thanks all!

14:01:57 From Alex Banh : Thank you!