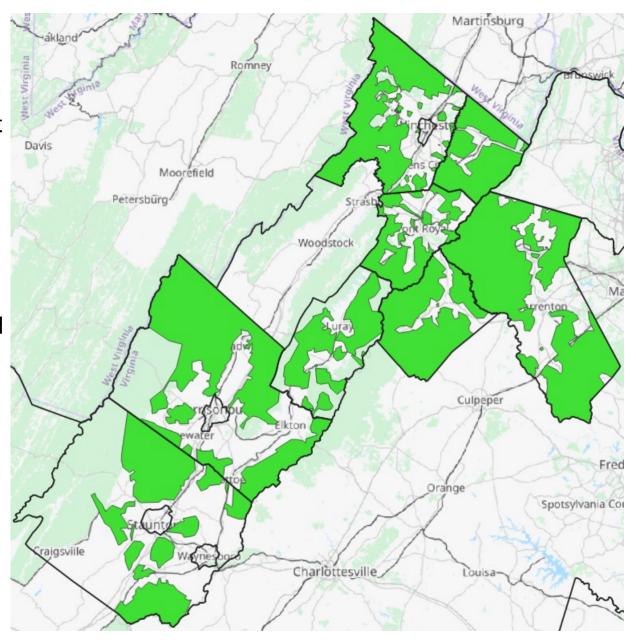


January 26, 2023

# **VATI Project Overview**

- Grant awarded 7/2022, starting 36-month project timeline
- ~3,100 miles distribution fiber and middle mile infrastructure
- Making FTTH broadband available to 41,690 unserved locations
- In partnership with Dominion, REC, SVEC



# **NSVRC** Initiative Timeline (anticipated)

- Q1/2023: Low-level design underway and on schedule; Make ready fielding and engineering imminent
- Q2/2023: Make ready construction begins
- Q4/2023-Q1/2024: Last-mile construction underway
- Q1/2024-Q2/2024: Commencement of customer installations in completed FSAs
- Q3/2025: Substantial completion of last-mile network

# **Project Status**

- Key dependencies for last-mile deployment:
  - 1) Middle mile capacity in place
  - 2) Utility Make Ready
  - 3) Significant queue of constructable miles
- Regional office and warehouse facility selected in Harrisonburg
  - Other site selection activities are underway (offices, materials handling, cabinets, etc.)
- OSP materials deliveries on schedule and inventory levels consistent with plan
  - Reminder: APB will not seek reimbursement for materials; remittances earned based on milestone deliveries
- Augusta County will be initial focus of Make Ready construction
  - Additional zones of activity to be announced in 2023
- APB and Dominion coordinating on State Corporation Commission (SCC) petition process
- 16% of eligible locations have already pre-registered

# **Project Milestone Update**

- Project remains on schedule
- Initial project milestones forecast were high level estimates based on best available information at the time
- APB and NSVRC are updating project milestone tables based on more accurate forecast of staging and deliverables
- LLD Milestones have been accelerated
  - APB will build a larger queue of constructable miles to mitigate primary risk
- Fiber Construction Milestones will be condensed and deferred based on market conditions for construction vendors
  - Vendor preference for larger queue of constructable miles so that more crews can be deployed simultaneously without interruption
- Serviceable Unit Milestones will remain consistent with Construction Milestones
- Reminder: APB's progress is reported and remittances are earned in arrears, after milestones are delivered and approved (interim expenses are not reported)

# **Remaining Eligible Locations Outside the Project**

- The FY22 VATI grant is set for the specific locations included in the polygons included with the application – grant funding cannot be used for locations outside the approved project
- There may be locations outside the project area that are still eligible for state and federal broadband funding in the future; solutions to extend service to these locations include:
  - APB private investment (for locations adjacent to approved VATI project)
  - LECAP (for locations within incumbent cable territory but not served)
  - FY24 VATI (if there are locations that cannot be served by LECAP or private funds) - No local match expected
- How can counties help?
  - Send customer inquiries to APBfiber.com
  - Use mapping portal to collect information about other unserved areas/location

# **Internal Locality Mapping Tool**

- All inquiries and address checks should initially be directed to APBfiber.com
- APB is your committed broadband partner and appreciates all data the counties have previously provided
- As with all broadband expansion projects (and based on evolving federal maps),
   we anticipate that some additional data-collection and "clean up" will be required
- APB has established a mapping portal for project leads to use to document potentially unserved locations for future funding applications
- Hosted through google maps, these maps will have an easy interface and allow better data collection for future funding applications (if required)
- APB will schedule county training sessions upon request
- Map Demonstration

## **Website Reminder**

### CUSTOMER SIGN UP - APBFIBER.COM



**Check availability** > Select services > Installation > Review order > Sign in

### **Check Availability at Your Address**

Start typing your address in search field.

Addresses inside of a service area are included in the list.

Enter your address, including city, state and zip:

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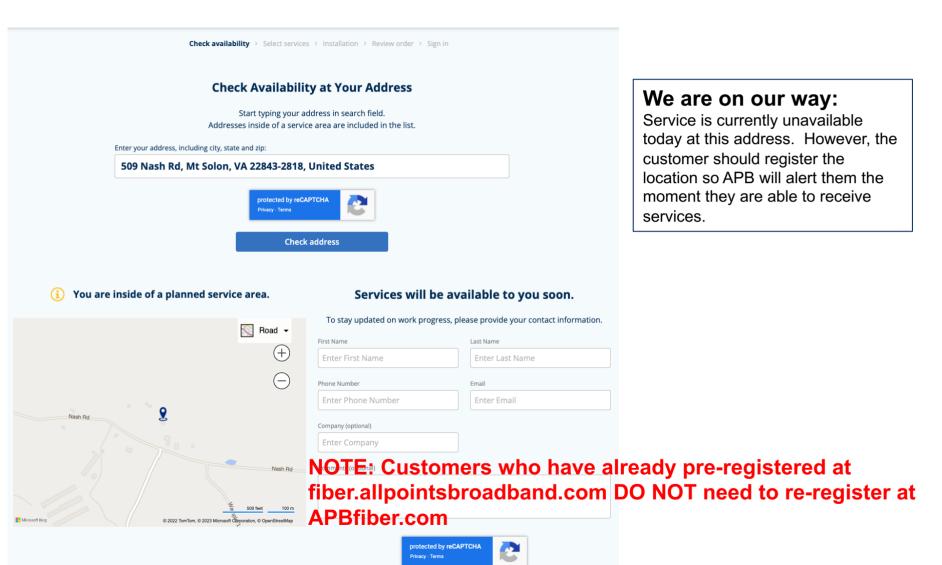
Check address



We are a part of The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). ACP helps low-income households pay for broadband service and internet connected devices. Learn more

- Send resident inquiries of service to APBfiber.com
- Residents can pre-register for service and sign up for project updates
- Customers will be notified of service availability on a rolling basis ~90 days in advance

# **Customer Sign Up**



# Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) Digital Equity Act – State Planning Grant Program

- Governor Youngkin has established DHCD as the lead on all IIJA Broadband Programs, including the Digital Equity Act
- Approval of ~\$1.2M in Planning Funds Received!
  - Prepare Virginia Digital Opportunity Plan
  - Conduct needs assessments of digital opportunity in Virginia
  - Develop an action plan to address identified needs
- · State, regional, and local level planning efforts



