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Connect New Mexico Council Meeting Timeline and Transcripts
August 17, 2022 | 2:00PM – 3:30PM
State Capitol, Room 307

Attendance in person: Eli Guinnee, Ovidiu Viorica

Attendance via zoom: Jim Ruybal, Launa Waller, Luis Reyes, Katherine Crociata, Alex Greenberg, Peter Mantos, Steve Grey

1. Welcome & Call to Order - **0:07:49**
2. Chair Remarks & Council Member Updates - **not discussed**
 - a. (Successes standing item) Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
3. NOFO (Kelly/Sandeep) - **0:09:17**
 - a. [Connect New Mexico Pilot Program](#)
4. Approve Agenda & Minutes - **0:28:55 to 0:41:05**
 - a. Approval of agenda – motion to approve made by Launa Waller and seconded by Eli Guinnee
 - b. Approval of Minutes – motion to approve made by Ovidiu Viorica and seconded by Launa Waller
5. BEAD Application – due August 15, 2022 (Kelly) - **0:41:06 to 0:44:31**
6. Middle Mile (Kelly)- **0:44:32 to 0:56:47**
 - a. Direction
 - b. Next Steps
7. Office of Broadband Update - **0:56:48 to 1:05:27**
 - a. Staffing
 - i. Changes to Director and Assistant Director
 - ii. Update on interview for Grants Manager & Compliance Officer positions
 - iii. [State Personnel Office – DoIT Careers](#)
8. Roles & Responsibilities (8 Min) - **1:05:33**
 - a. DOIT, OBAE, Council MOU Development
 - i. Define Roles & Responsibilities
 - ii. Drafting Process
 - b. Council Responsibilities - **1:12:23 (discussed after working group items)**
 - i. Outreach and Collaboration
 - ii. Annual Broadband Legislative Reporting

9. Working Group (25 min) – **1:08:21**
 - a. Working Group List
 - b. Participation requests (limit)
 - c. Mission Statement Process & Format
 - d. Council Working Sessions
 - e. Working Group Updates (2-3 minutes each)

10. Public Comment - **1:24:30**
 - a. Q &A or Chat

11. Adjournment - **1:37:42**

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Louis: What happens if we don't? So far well, I'll go ahead and start it. Good afternoon and thank you for joining the Connect New Mexico council meeting. We're going to wait to make sure that we can get a quorum right now. So we'll give a couple more minutes for some of our members to join. Rene this Luis did. Did you send an agenda? I don't have mine. Do we have a quorum yet?

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Not that I can see how many do we need? We need at least eight we have seven now thank you one more person? Well Rene, what happens we don't have a quorum or Todd.

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Todd: If we do not have a quorum, we cannot take any actions that require a vote of the council. But we can be, we can still have an informational meeting. Thank you.

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And then if we do get a quorum later, then we can vote since you don't have to vote on anything today, it doesn't seem like

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the only two things that we need to vote on today, our approval of the minutes and the agenda. So if we do get a quorum during the course of the meeting, we can circle back to those. Okay, does everybody want to continue?

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Louis Reyes: Everyone ready, we can start without a quorum. I guess we just can't take any votes. That's why we call this why don't we call this meeting to order. This is the meeting of the Connect New Mexico council meeting for August 17 2022. And the time is about 2:07pm. So with that, we'll jump over I guess, item two, until we get a quorum. As far as item three, really not prepared for any comments, except I do want to congratulate all the award winners this past week. All the tribal entities that won these huge awards. Congratulations. I think that is good for New Mexico and good for the rural parts of the state. So again, congratulations. Just want to open it up to any other council member on any updates that they may have or want to share with the group and with the public.

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Anyone seen, nobody wants to share today. Why don't we move over to item for the NOFO? Kelly, Sandeep?

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Kelly Schlegel Yes. Hi, Luis. Thank you. So can everybody hear me? Okay. Okay. Thank you for that. I also want to echo Luis's congratulations for the five winners of the tribal broadband connectivity program. That was really a great day over that is led a casino and just seeing, you know, \$146 million flow to people and groups, and Pueblos and tribes that had worked really hard together to submit a compelling application. So we're in celebration with you. I really lifted me up during this time of of, kind of a hard job we have in front of us it was a bright spot. a lot. And then I got to attend the, the, the roundtable with the tribal leaders and governors. And that was just really interesting to see their perspective and what they've been going through and what the issues that they're worried about, and the NTIA was there, Mayor Burke and Laura ash, Laura spinner, I think her name was, and Godfrey Montoya. No, not Godfrey, what's his name? Sorry. I forgot his first name. I'm sorry, just left me for a second. Oh, Gabriel, Gabriel Montoya. And what a great help they were. Because they gave us lessons learn, they gave us success stories, they really kind of gave stories that that kind of resonated with the heart, I would say. So I'm very interested in and also offered to offer any help that anyone needs with going forward either with new applications, or with deployment, now that you have that have the funds. So I just want to offer to the tribes and levels are out there, what you're building is key to the to the middle mile and the last mile, and feel free to reach out to us because once we know what you're building, then we can plan that into the middle mile and not duplicate or over build or spent funds that are already been spent in an area through the tribal Connect program. And, they assured us that more, because they've added an extra billion dollars, they assured us that more money is flowing. And it may not be in the form of around two, but I think it's just going to be kind of a roll, it sounded like it's going to be kind of a rolling funding. So keep applying. And keep if you didn't win on the first five, you know, the first round that we heard of the five winners don't give up because it sounds like Moore's coming. Okay, um, if the office of robbing access and expansion can be any help, we're sure we're willing to do that either on an application, or on we're, you know, on deployment on that, on anything on engineering, those kinds of things. So just know that we're here, and we're celebrating with the oh, it was just a great day vote with the award ceremony and the round table. So that kind of brings me to number four. Another exciting thing today is that last week, we announced the Notice of Funding for the 120 3 million of ARPA capital funds that has flowed to the state. Today, we had our first webinar to help people with that. So feel free if you weren't able to be there to go to the duet website, and then go to the broadband bubble that's at the top of the ball, it's at the top, and then go to the left, manual and see the Notice of Funding there. And you can watch the webinar. So we're really excited to be on the verge of flowing our first set of funds to compelling projects across New Mexico to really get things moving on on worthy projects and deployment of 100% connectivity eventually, across New Mexico. This is a key step in that. And we have three more webinars. Okay, one this Friday. Today was just kind of an overview of the Notice of Funding the requirements. The three types of projects, which is fixed for hybrid to the home fixed wireless and alternative technologies. And we have application help this Friday. And then the following Monday is Monday and Wednesday. Okay, and then Monday is and then more. Monday is the scoring guide. And then Wednesday is the maps. No Tuesday is a Tuesday. So Monday and Tuesday of next week on the maps. Oh, good. So Renee has it on the screen. We're kind of excited. This is all coming together, along with the tribal connectivity program. Now we have the NOFO. And we had a webinar, feel free to reach out to us because we can give you technical assistance on the application. It is a fillable PDF. It's pretty easy to go in there and fill it but if there's a section you're like, Well what does this mean? Or do you have a template for that? Just reach out to us and we can help you with that. And then we'll go through the

scoring criteria and how you get extra points. And then we'll go through the maps because the maps are key to prove that there's an unserved or an underserved area. And those maps are maturing all the time. So and they are interactive. So those that's kind of the four webinars, and then there's three funding windows. Okay, one and September 23. So don't panic if you can't make it that fast. There was a second window that ends December night. And then there's a third window that ends February 27. Okay, so there's three windows out there for you. Like I said, we're there for technical assistance, we're gonna post some frequently asked questions. We've got the webinars to help our DIS really excited that we're going to be able to start awarding maybe, end of September 1 of October in a rolling wave fashion, we're going to be able to start out awarding the first set of funds. Okay, so there is a \$10 million cap. But if you have more than that, you can always submit more than one phase to get your whole project done. Okay, so don't be deterred. If there seems some sort of obstacle, there's usually some way to think. Okay, any questions on that? Before I go on?

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Luis: Question - I do have one question, just to clarify. What What's the timeframe after submission or after deadline? Would you start to award?

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Kelly: Answer - Well, it's a good question, Luis, thank you, we're gonna start to reveal applications as soon as they come in. So that warning will be in a rolling fashion. Okay, we're not going to wait for everything to come in, and then decide. If there's something that looks really strong, we're just going to go ahead and look at it and go through our scoring criteria. It could take a little bit of time to go something through something in that much detail without much engineering and financials, and program management type of data. Map data, we do have a timeframe where we have to review the maps and see if it really is unserved and underserved. So it could take a little bit of time, but we're hoping to as soon as we get a first strong one to start reviewing it.

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Okay, thank you. Do any council members have questions?

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Ovidiu: Question - this is Ovidiu Viorica , and we have a question in the chat. From Kate meet. Can you explain how the rolling application and waves work together? Yes.

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Kelly: Answer - It'd be nice if I had the visual. But there is a visual on our website on the charts that got posted with the webinar. But in the timeframe of each wave save the first one is from now to September 23. That's the first wave. So you need to be in how the wave works. You need to be in by September 23. If you want to be in the first wave. If you come in earlier than that, we can start reviewing and even award. So that's how the rolling and the wave work together. The September 23 is like a deadline. Okay. Yeah. So there's, there's the waves, the September 23 is the cut off. So if you make it by then we'll review it after that. But if you submit before that we're going to start revealing as soon as it comes in. Does that make sense on how that the wave works? It ends at a certain time. But inside of there, you could be applying early and rolling wave fashion.

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This k does that address your question? You can chat it. If well as we're waiting for that. Raj Raj. Ah, you have your hand up?

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Raja: Question - Yes. So mine is a little bit technical in nature. So I'm happy and about various entities receiving the funding, and I'm happy to see that they will be working on an implementation plan. So what mechanism currently do we have in the process that that provides for interoperability?

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Kelly: Hey, can you just explain interoperability? Are you talking about connection between projects and make sure there's interconnectivity?

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Yeah, yeah, like you know, everybody now that they got we got the funding out and we have folks are working on the implementation aspect of it. You know, they may use certain type of technologies and, you know, product features and specific brand hardware. So what mechanism do we have so that, you know, if somebody is working on one part and somebody is working on the second part that there is interoperability for that connection to exist and coexist?

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Yeah, I believe some of that's in the scoring criteria, but Sandeep, can you? Yeah, yeah. So

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Sandeep: Answer - you have to show a network design, okay. For for last mile that connects to the public Internet. And if you're doing middle mile, you have to show how that interconnects with ISPs and so all your points of interconnection. So there's actually a specific question on depicting all of your interconnection points and your open access policies for middle mile. So are you on the review team, we'll have a, you know, at least three reviewers, one will be a technical subject matter expert, one will be more of a business finance expert. And a third one may be more of an adoption, and marketing, pricing type expert. And so the but all of them are going to have a background in broadband and telecom. And so the in the network design, we will be sure that this project connects to the public Internet. And it doesn't have any sort of, you know, barriers to along any end user to use the network. And then there's also the due diligence. So after Kelly talked about the review process, but after the scores are all completed, the scoring is completed, it comes to the program office, and we do some due diligence on any open items in any areas of risk in the scoring. And we'll try to, you know, if it's a really strong application, but there's a glaring hole, or we don't understand, for example, what their interoperability or open access policy is, we would then go back and ask questions and get more feedback. So there's that second leg. So I can't see lack of open or the lack of interoperability, meaning these aren't closed networks by any means. But if someone did revoke the closed network is in some ways, they will not get funded, even if they slipped through the scoring process. But that would be a major ding, I would think, if it was a private network, we're not we're not funding private campus networks. These are public internet networks.

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Raja: Comment - Awesome. Thank you for that clarity. My question stemmed from the more reading that I do in terms of the latest and greatest technology that's out there carrier grade. The Carrier Grade networks, you know, they use their own proprietary IPs, for data compression, things of that nature. So some say we can get YECs more throughput to extra throughput, and some say 4x throughput. So how do we take a 4x throughput and shove it down to a 2x? Throughput things of that nature? So that's what my, my question is coming from.

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Okay, understood. Thanks for the context.

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Thank you. Thank you, Lana, you had a question?

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Launa: Question - Yes, I know, do it's been working with providers to update the maps. But there's also been concerned that there's some inaccuracy in those maps. So I'm just wondering if there is a process for potential applicants to challenge the map data, if they believe that the area they want to apply for is incorrect? Or is this something that that do it, or the office can will take into consideration?

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Sandeep: Answer - Let's really take that into consideration. And the NOFA speaks to the CPU as an ISP, or any new entrant even believe the map is inaccurate, meaning it shows the area being served by 100, Down 20 Up wireline. And in fact, it's not being served that way. You would provide data to indicate that that data could be user surveys. It could be any market research that you've done. But yes, definitely, you know, ideally, we would have, you know, some ways programs go to market is that they actually do all that cleaning up before they launched the program. But with all the new maps coming out, with the FCC location, fabric data, we chose not to do it that way. And we because all of this data is going to be replaced by new data that's been real time provided to the FCC, and there'll be also sharing that data with the state. So we'll have better maps in the future. But for now, indeed, if you're if you believe the maps are incorrect, please provide corroborating data and we'll look at that. And there's also that challenge process where we post your project areas on the public internet so incumbents can provide any feedback around whether that area truly is unserved or underserved. Thank you.

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Louis: I got another question in the chat. How do areas work for the grant process where it is a coaxial network, where a customer can do a speed test of 100 Dash 20 or slash 20 in the early morning, and 12 slash two in the evening, when the network is saturated? Who wants to take that question from do it? And go ahead.

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Sandeep: - Answer: Yeah, we just speak to it say that reliability is a factor. And so we'll need several data points around that. And so it really has to be some evidence base that this is a not just a one off issue, but a common issue. But reliability of wireline 100. Down 20 Up is a is a factor. So or is it is, you know, we're open to that. But I would just put the onus on the applicant to provide a robust data set around that that consistently at the busy hour of the day as you are well below 100, down 20. Up. And in the more evidence, not just your premise, but premises around the community would be important for us to see.

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Thank you, Sandy, Ovi you have a question?

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Ovidiu: Question - Yes, Mr. Chairman, members, guests. My comment is related to the fabric and the mapping question. And I'd like to add that it is something new, it is something that the federal government the FCC is working, actively working on. But it is on proven it is undetermined. We understand it is better. However, it looks like there is no way for just individuals and companies to access bulk data, they may be able to access point by point data. But accessing a region is not right now possible. It's yet to be explored and in verified. But basically, I'm saying that there are some limitations the way I understand it, to that new data. And we have to make sure that it is fully usable. It is a good tool that

serves the states and everyone interested in the subject. And I'm particularly concerned about that fabric data working with the lack of addresses, tribal areas, and rural areas. And that is again, something to be explored, verified, to make sure that we truly accomplish that 100% connectivity that everybody is talking about.

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Thank you. Any additional questions on this subject? See nothing in chat. See no hands up. Renee, do we have a quorum yet? Are we still on seven?

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We do have a quorum. So we have a quorum Let's go back to item to approve the agenda. Do I have a motion to approve the agenda as sent out?

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This is Launa. So moved.

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Motion. Got a second. Any further discussion? All in favor say aye. Raise your hand. Aye. All right. Any opposed? Same sign. Motion passes. Approval of the minutes. Renee, I believe set those up really early this morning or late last night. So any questions or comments on the minutes? Hearing none, do I have a motion to approve the minutes as sent out.

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This is Ovi I Move approval.

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Got a motion. We have a second.

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I'll second. This is Launa.

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It will get a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none all in favor say aye. Any opposed? Same sign Motion passes. Thank you. We'll go to item number five BEAD Application.

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Mr. Chair, this is Todd Barron, item two a, we wanted to have a brief discussion on the format of the minutes if we could right now.

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I'm sorry, trying to miss that. So to a replacement of minutes with Zoom recording. So Todd, I assume you're gonna take that on? Yes.

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So what we're suggesting is that if it would work for the council, the written minutes would become much more concise. And reference the timestamp on the Zoom recording. For anybody who's interested in more detail on the event. The exception to that would be on matters that are subject to votes, we would provide the detail of the matter under consideration and the vote results in the usual detail with respect to those if that process, and if that format would work for the council, I would draft up a resolution, so we would just

have that formalized. So if anybody has any concerns about moving to that format? Let us know, Rene or myself, and we'll address those concerns.

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What are the wishes of the council at this time, any reservations of moving forward? With TAS recommendation, Mr. Chair? Yes, yes, Peter.

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Peter Mantis, I, Raj had brought this point up, and I just wanted to make sure everybody was aware of it, that in accordance with retention rules and laws and the like, and Ibra, we would have to maintain these video recordings for just as long as we would have saved the electronic documents. So I don't know, you know, who will handle that or you know, where they will live and that sort of thing. But that would be a consideration.

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So this is Todd, I'm not on mute. Okay, that is correct. But we have that obligation. Regardless of the format of the minutes. Once we create a record, it is subject to the retention policies that apply to that record. So it's already the intent to maintain these recordings pursuant to the State Records Act.

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Thank you for that clarity, Mr. Chair, and Todd and Peter. So we just need to I am I am in favor of holding these recordings and have that made available for anybody to listen to or hear to and use it as a material of reference. Because we are in the technology business. And we should start using these technologies and minimize the amount of time spent on transcribing, recording into another piece of document and then maintain compliance over two pieces of document. So I am in favor of going with the electronic recording and making it available. Any other comments from the council? This is Jim pay

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on the recording of the minutes if we have to make a change or something is wrong, how do we amend a recorded meeting?

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So we would not the recording is a true real time reflection of what transpired and there would never be a circumstances where we would change that. If the written Minutes did not conform to what was said in the recording, then we can do an amendment to the minutes and have that adopted at a subsequent council meeting.

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Okay, and the group and the video recording will then be the official one and the written one would be

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just a summary. Yes. So the minutes are the minutes. The minutes are the official minutes. You need to have minutes under open record Open Meetings Act. And the recording simply provides a like I said a real time reference to ensure that the minutes are correct. Thank you.

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We do have a question.

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It's more of a comment. Mr. Chairman, members. I am not opposed to this actually a support to using technology for accurate record records and also reducing the amount of work I'm just fearful that it's going to the minutes, the written minutes are going to be so cryptic that it's hard to make any sense out of them. Is there any way we can utilize the the transcription feature of the zoom? Since we have this meeting, I believe there, there are capabilities of automatic transcribing the conversation, and that is automatic, basically, it's, it's available to everybody, and it's a lot easier to go through it. So maybe we make available both the automatic transcribing, as well as the high level notes and pointing to the to the video timestamp. And that's going to ensure full transparency. But again, it's a lot easier to go through a written document than it is to kind of navigate between between several types of recordings.

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Mr. Chair, may I speak to that? Yes, sir. Okay, so the transcript would not replace could not replace the minutes, the legal obligation to produce minutes is in the Open Meeting act, and there's no exception for full transcript of the meeting. Also, the transcription accuracy is not 100%. So if we wanted to replace the minutes with a full transcript, someone would have to go and do the comparison of what was said to what was transcribed, which would add to the work. So that being said, we can certainly generate a transcript for people to read along with the the video as the as an unofficial record of the proceedings, and that can be helpful to some.

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Thank you, Peter. He had an additional question. Yes.

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So Todd, indicate yes, Mr. Chairman, the Todd indicated that there would never be a circumstance where we would amend the minutes because it was a true representation. But hypothetically, what if in the meeting, I said, you know, \$500,000, and I meant 50. And I wanted an opportunity to correct that next month, or oh, I, you know, looked at the video again, and I messed up, you know, I get that wrong. What opportunity would there be to correct the minutes?

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So, Mr. Chair, should I address that? Yes. So, I'm sorry, if I'm not stating myself, clearly, the minutes can be adjusted, but the content of the meeting, as reflected in a recording cannot be changed. So if there was a mistake in the minutes, so let's say the minutes said, 50,000, when you are said 500,000. When the recording said 50. There could be an all we could change the minutes to square with the act with what actually transpired. But we cannot change what actually transpired. This happens in court proceedings. In depositions. Witnesses want to say I made a mistake, the mistake continues to live in the official record of the proceeding. And the cure would be to offer the new information the correct information at a subsequent meeting.

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would ask as repeater. Guess so So Todd, my understanding is you create a a resolution and bring it to the next council meeting for action.

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So, Mr. Sher, given this discussion, I think what might be helpful is for us to generate a transcript and generate the abbreviated minutes for the council to look at what what they would be voting to implement. And that will give you the context to inform your vote. And then if that, that that is still the desire to move to the abbreviated abbreviated form of minutes with a autogenerated transcript as simply a a tool or a reference, then then we can put together that resolution but I think it might be helpful for folks to

actually See what the products will look like before we do that vote. Okay, thank

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you, Todd. Any any opposition from the council? Uh, Peter, go ahead.

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And Mr. Mayor, just I know, it's not very substantive. But I would like to introduce an error by calling you, Mr. Mayor do in this meeting just as an example of how we might correct something. So,

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thank you, Mr. President.

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So I hear no officers outside, we'll just move forward with what you suggested. And then we'll take appropriate action after we've had an opportunity to look at the to at the format you're suggesting.

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Right. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay.

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Thank you for that explanation. We back on Item five BEAD application.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Luis. Appreciate that. So yes, a little more good news. On August 15, which is just two days ago, we submitted our first been application made the deadline. Okay. Let me kind of explain it a little bit. Under the National Telecommunications and Information Alliance NTIA funds, there are three buckets. One is the digital equity, which has to do with broadband adoption, training devices, everything to do to make sure people can be successful using the internet. We submitted that first application on July 12. Okay, and that will release \$740,000 worth of planning funds that we will use over the next year to do more detailed digital equity and community engagement outreach. Will once we submit a second time that will release more funds to actually do more planning and actual deployment. And then a third time again, to release more funds for around 40 To 50 to 70 million total. A second bucket is the BT application. That is for the last mile. Some of it can be used for the middle mile. But that was due August 15, we made that that's a very high level plan to release about \$5 million of funding for us to do our more detailed planning with a second submittal in May 2023. Okay, and then there's actually another submittal after that. But eventually, that would release based upon a formula for New Mexico around somewhere between 650 to 750 million. And that's where we're going to use for the the bulk of the deployment across New Mexico. The good thing about the Notice of Funding that I talked about earlier, it's really our pilot grant program on releasing these ARPA funds of 123 million. But as Sandeep said, we'll get a lot of lessons learned. And we'll get informed and get better at the process. So when we have these greater funds later, we really have a nice, well oiled machine for reviewing grants and releasing those funds. So this is an exciting step for us to do the first phase here. And to be able to get our \$5 million worth of planning funds to do the more detailed plan and, and planning for deployment. So good job to the team. Good job to Matt Schmidt, who puts the calories into that. And we're looking forward to work with the NTIA and answer any questions that they might have.

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Your job team has great news. Any question? Any questions or comments from the Council On The Beat application? hearing or seeing none, let's go to item six middle mile a direction.

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Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll go over the middle mile. I had talked about in item five, that there's two or three buckets of funding out of the NTIA. One was the digital equity I mentioned. One was the broadband, which was August 15, for last mile and middle mile, and the third is the middle mile. That's the third bucket out of NTIA that's due on September 30. So, where we're going with that the direction we're going is the state of my office put out a request for information and RFI. We had done that a few months ago in May, to kind of get the lay of the land. We put that all together in a report. But now we've put out a second RFI. So please go to the OBAE websites to the broadband website under the duet website. Click on the broadband ball to the left on the duet website. And then on the left, right under the NOFO, the Notice of Funding pilot grant program, you're going to see the new RFI. So if you're planning on submitting an application with to NTIA by September 30, for middle mile build out, please respond to the RFI. And this is why because there's two, there's kind of a two pronged attack that we're doing on this. Okay, one is we could go in with a state application with some of you entities with us that do does a major portion of the build out for a strong application. Or if that as an alternative, we at least have to if you're going to go in separately from the state, the state has to at least issue a letter of support or not. So responding to this RFI is gonna give us the information and the planning and the coordination to either give you a letter of support, or combined with you in order to do a state led application for a statewide robust middle mile. So either way, we can get a statewide robust middle mile, but it requires the coordination and that's where the RFI comes in. That way we can say we support your application, because we've determined that we're not duplicating, or we're only doing overbilled, if it's, you know, really, really needed because of some obstacle or limitation that we have making sure we're getting coverage across the state that it maps to the underserved and unserved data that we have in the maps that we have. So the RFI, please respond. If you're planning on being part of this, that way we can do the coordination and show NTIA that we've have our act together. And that we really thought through this together and apart partnered in collaborative way. And that way, we make sure we get what we need gaps are filled in. Duplication is avoided. Maybe one group is doing northwest area and we another group was doing northeast area, maybe we're working together for a major corridor, whatever, but this is what we need to do to have the coordination.

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Good. Any questions or comments?

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Oh, yeah, responses are due August 23. Okay, on that, and then we'll start calling some coordination meetings with you either in groups or in individual, individual groups, things of that. Sorry, I'm sorry. Was there a question? I didn't get to hear that. Clearly.

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Luis: Question - I do have a question outside of the website. How are you getting the word out? To organizations? Yes. To inform the posts before they start their own project. rapidly.

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Kelly: Answer - Mr. Chairman, so Rene, I think you sent out a kind of a blast email on that to our distribution list. Is that correct? So yeah, yeah, we know I'm talking about the RFI, nothing helpful. Okay. Also, we have, we have several groups that responded to the first air RFI. So we have all of that information. Plus, we may have some distribution lists that we get, get the word out that way. Plus, you can always be checking our website, because new things get posted. So please be checking periodically on that where it has the latest and greatest information. Does that answer your question? Mr. Chairman?

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Yes, it does. I just want to make sure that the public has ample opportunity to respond and don't feel that they're left out because we didn't communicate properly. I think I think you got it covered.

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Okay, appreciate that. Okay, one other thing that I would like to bring up. And that is, unless it's just kind of this is not in stone or anything. This is just a discussion point for our next meeting on the middle, you know, with the Connect New Mexico Council on the middle mile, and that is, as we go forward, and we have plans for the whole state eat for a robust middle mile and for last mile, the NTIA is going to require some matching funds. Okay. And some of the times that comes through the state. So we'll we'll want as a group to make some wise decisions, and possibly some of that matching funds to help some of the providers and some of the entities that are going forward to do build out. That, you know, that were available, there is kind of a helping hand. So we'll want to decide as a group, that some of the \$17 million that came from a legislator to the Connect New Mexico fund that doesn't have any restrictions on it. Whereas the ARPA funds, and the NTIA funds are not allowed to be used for matching, do we want to use some of those funds that don't have that restriction, and possibly be used to help other entities with their matching funds so that we get the build out that we need across the state. So that's a discussion item for the next meeting, Mr. Chairman, but I just wanted to kind of throw it out there. So people can be thinking about it, because it really helps support the middle mile as well as the beat application.

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I think that's very important for the Council to discuss. I do recall during the debate during the legislature that one of the purposes of the funds was to leverage the state funds to be able to get more funds at the federal level. All right, this may be in fact one of those cases. So we'll make sure we discuss that at the next next council meeting.

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Thank you. Matt, did you want to add anything to that before we go on?

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Kelly, I think you did a really nice job of laying out the opportunity before the state and in where we are in the RFI process trying to treat all entities fairly and take full advantage of the the middle mile funding opportunity through NTIA. So I have nothing to add. Right. Thanks, Todd.

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Yes, Mr. Chair, I think that concept that Kelly just laid out is a really good use of at least some of those funds in perhaps future funding streams to the council. We will, unless the there's some legislative change, you need to build that into the rules. So not to put the cart before the horse. But if that is an option that the council wants to have, we'll need to coordinate that conversation with the with the rulemaking draft.

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Thank you, Todd. Any any other additional issues on the metal mile? Kelly,

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another you can think of unless there's some questions, Mr. Chairman,

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any questions from the council? None. Let's go to item seven.

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Mr. Chairman, this is Ovidiu and Oh, quick. Yes, sir. A quick comment, since there is so much happening right now, particularly some important webinars, some important requests with very tight timelines. I wonder if there is any way we could put in place some way to notify subscribers. Whenever important dates are coming are posted on the on the website. That is when the webinar notice is being posted, you know, automatically. Basically, a note is going to go to the organization subscribes. Same for an RFI being posted. Again, we want to be selected because there will be a lot of material added to that to the website. But these important dates and these important events should go to everybody who wants to find out about them automatically. I think that the technical capabilities are there. And with facilitate everybody's, everybody's work. And that's that's my first comment. And the second comment is that I have to point you to to a note in the chat that gives kudos to Kelly about making so much progress in the last three weeks. And that is so true and we are appreciative of her work.

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So Kelly to obese point, do you think there's a way where we can somehow get a wider distribution so that anyone who wants to participate doesn't feel they're left out and can participate?

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is Renee of Pio for do it. I wanted to point out on our website, that we have an area for people to subscribe for our doer, doing alerts. It's an email that is sent out through our Mealer. And so people can sign up for email notifications and any news or events that we post on there. All you need to do is add your email address, it will ask for a phone number and other information. But all we need is your email. So it's it's on our website, doit.nm.gov, and it's under Connect New Mexico Council. And then news and events. So if you click the link that's in there, it'll take you to a Subscriber Portal.

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Okay. Thank you, Renee.

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I'll also make sure to start posting them to our social media pages. We do have a Twitter, a Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. So if anybody wants to if you are on those social media platforms, you can join through there as well. And I'll begin posting the information there as

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well. Thank you, Renee. That's great idea. Todd, do you have a question?

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No, I just wanted to follow up. Thanks for bringing that up. Rene. If there is something that is newsworthy, and you haven't seen it, come over the listserv. Please subscribe. And if you haven't seen it, just reach out to Renee. We're more than happy to send out multiple blast of these really important notices.

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Thank you. Thank you, Todd. Any additional comments on this issue? Hearing, none. Item seven office

of broadband and staffing. Kelly, you're gonna cover that?

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Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members. Appreciate that. And just wanted to thank overdue for passing on that kind comment. But I just wanted to say, it looks like I'm getting the credit, but it's because of my team that's done so many months of behind the scenes work. Okay. They really have been working with it NTIA working with the Treasury attending the the meetings and information session on webinars, getting the templates, you know, putting the information in getting the review. So, Sandeep, Assam, Matt, Rene, the two Renee's, Todd, everybody's in there slinging. And I just wanted to thank you that things are coming to fruition now. But it's also because of months of behind missing work. So I just want to thank the team for all of that. So But on that note, we're still kind of a small team. So everybody's got to, you know, wear many hats and, and put in extra hours, but the Governor did impress upon me when she appointed me to this position to build your team, build your team, build your team. So it's utmost important that we do that. And we are making some progress on that. It is challenging in these days, because with so much money flowing, everybody's grabbing the broadband expertise, okay. And so we're just kind of in a slim market, I would say it's a buyers market, or a seller's market instead of a buyers market. So that's been challenging. But with that said, we are making progress. We have four wrecks out there. So tell your friends, family, co workers, whoever, you know, is good to go apply at the state personnel office, do it careers, there's a link there in your agenda. There are some changes, there was a director and assistant director out there. Okay, it's still called that. But in reality, because I'm the director, okay, it would get confusing. The director is really the assistant director, which is my right hand person. And the assistant director is really the operations manager. So that's where you have a financial background, you would work with the LFC with the FA, you would do the daily operation to do the contracts, things of that sort. The assistant director, which is called director on the site is my right hand person. And the assistant director is really the financial and Operations Manager. Okay, so just wanted to clarify that. The grants manager and compliance officer positions are moving along and interviews are starting next week. So there's still time for people to apply and kind of get in the interview queue. But we do have some candidates and we're starting. So my goal All is that we have those four positions filled, and everybody on boarded by Christmas. Okay. So that's what we would like. So we have that does two things. It shows the

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the creators of the legislation like Senator Padilla and company who came up with the idea of the Office of broadband access and expansion, that we're serious about this standing up this office and getting the skills and expertise we need. And then second of all, that we're spending, the budget that was allocated to us through the LFC. I have also put in a request it we have to grow more. So we have this Grants Manager and Compliance Officer manager, but there's going to be a lot of money flowing here, a lot of grants, passing the money passing through the state and being awarded for grants is going to take a lot of work for reviewing, scoring, discussing, planning, helping hold hands with deployment monitor, look at metrics, see how we're doing against what was promised, all kinds of things. So this office has to grow. So I put in a request to the 2024, which really starts July 2023. But I put in a request for 2024, to grow eight more positions, and then has to do with tribal liaison. And as we do the digital equity and, and community engagement, it has to do with the digital equity team, it has to do with getting our own lawyer, because there's so many things for Todd to keep track of, he'll need a kind of a sidekick, it has to deal with making sure that we can execute on every single piece. So you'll be seen as that as approvals come in, you'll probably be seen in the future, more requisitions being posted. So, so we are growing it, it takes some time. But we do have some consultants on board that are helping to add to the expertise and bring that kind of experience to the table, like send the like Assam send the practically put the, you know what you saw today in the webinar. I mean, he put that all together, you know, practically single

handedly, with with review, of course. But anyway, you just and Assam is our middle mile expert. So those are all going to be key positions, Jennifer is our digital dinner for Nevarez thanks out to her, and just kind of helping with the digital equity. So these are all all key pieces and things that NPR is looking for that we've integrated together. And we've brought a complement to the state in order to make sure the state can do what it needs to do. And they told us that I don't know if this is good or bad to say out loud. But NTI told us that they know that New Mexico is one of the four hardest states. So and that has to do with geographical size has to do with population. Dispersion has to do with geographical challenges of my mountains in bedrock and the lychee. It has to deal with people being very, you know, low rural population areas. And I said, Well, what were the other four? I didn't get that answer. But they said you're very close to Alaska. Alaska, sorry. So anyways, that kind of shows you what we're up against. But we're rising to the challenge. We're moving forward and faith. We're honoring Mexico's past and we're building the Mexico's future. And I really need all of you guys's partnership to be able to do it. So

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Peter, you had your hand up earlier? Now the question

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negative. What I was thinking about was, in addition to the positions Kelly has posted, there's also some synergies, we're working with the do it agency. And, you know, just some of those are, will leave looking, you know, some great work that God has been doing on a volunteer basis. We can't replace some, but we're gonna do the best we can and I think we're gonna get, you know, one for Kelly and one for do it. So you know, if people know people, we need

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them. That's great. Thank you, Peter. Todd, you had a hand up earlier. Do you have a question or comment?

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No, I addressed it. It was regarding the AMI other. Thank you.

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Thank you. Any other questions or comments on this item from the council? If not automate roles and responsibilities. Yes, we do it and then the council responsibilities at Kelly's at UVU, again,

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I didn't I didn't know I was number eight. I'm sorry. I don't know whom is

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that it's, Mr. Chair. This is Todd. I think I'm number eight. Okay. So as we've stood up the council in the office of broadband, we've had to do that simultaneous with actually doing the substantive work that we needed to do to get our get our place in line for the federal money to stand up the pilot program. We're now at the point where it would be helpful to have to circle back to perhaps where we might have started if we didn't have the press of business, and to really define the working relationship between do it by and the council. There have been numerous discussions, both in these meetings and in the rulemaking discussions about what those roles should be, what the synergism should be, what where the responsibilities lie. And so as part of that rulemaking process, it is become apparent that this having a MOU, which spells out those relationships, I think would be helpful for for by helpful for the council and and helpful for the public and the legislators and other folks that are interested in the work that these public bodies are doing to know who's responsible for what. So we need to chart a path to how we we

start building that MOU. I'm thinking that one of the working groups can be assigned as one of the existing working groups can be assigned those responsibilities. Perhaps the grantmaking working group, or a new work could be established specific to that process. So that's, that's a one and two. So I guess, if there are ideas about how best to engage the council in that drafting process, so good, good point to discuss that.

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Anyone have any. Thank you. Any comments on how we address eight a? The Council? We have a question comment.

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Yes, Mr. Chairman and members? My comment would be if you could mute.

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Thank you.

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I think it's your computer.

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My Computer, I apologize. It is true. So as a member of the the grant, we're writing working group, I'll say that it's a lot of work. It's and six working groups. It's also a lot of work. It is I would not support creating a new working group. And I believe that clarifying these aspects moving forward is going to be beneficial for everybody. So my recommendation would be to assign this specifically to the to the grants working group. It is a special type of working group because only council members are assigned to that group. And I think that that group has done a lot of work. It will continue to to do a lot of work. But I will note that people would like to see the rules being published. I think that this is the precursor to those rules actually being being published this task. And I will say that in meetings that I participated in, people are eager to see those rules published in the council, being able to start publishing to start making awards in whatever fashion and I echoed that desire. I know that for that purpose. The council has \$25 million available for this allocated to schools and students and the PED would advocate for any additional resources that will help the students getting connected knowing that the state is under a court order to connect the at risk students as in their teachers as quickly as possible. So time is of the essence. But it is a lot of work happening in the background. I want everybody to be aware of that. And a lot of the same people are working hard on that. And I, I particularly want to to give a shout out to Todd and Melissa, for really doing the lion's share of the work. And the writing that is quite, quite detailed and quite, quite complicated. Thank you.

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Thank you. Raj. Do you have a question? Comment? A quick comment.

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Raja: Comment - I would agree. I think the grant working group is appropriately placed to take on this initiative with the guidance from others such as ToddEV And Melissa, I think we should be in a position to take care of this utilizing the grant working group.

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Thank you. Any other questions or comments? So Todd, if is there any opposition from the council to sign this to the grant working group? So is there any rush you still have a question? Your hand up

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wasn't quick enough? Chair.

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Todd Dewey is no opposition just and we can move it to the working group. Not appropriate or do we need to take formal action?

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No, I don't think you need to take any formal action. Mr. Chair, I think the next topic number nine is going to address the mission statements. And we would simply add that to the mission statement, and the deliverables for that particular group.

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Thank you. Todd, are you going to talk about Item nine or eight B?

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Yes, yes, Mr. Chair. So is part of the collaborative process. And in developing and thinking about the rules and thinking about the MOU and thinking about the mission of the council. One of the things that I have brought up in several of these meetings is that the Council represents a broad cross section of the stakeholder interest in the state of New Mexico. And it is one of the desires of both Obi Wan, I believe the council to have this insight into all of the broadband projects, all of the funding streams that are being deployed in New Mexico, whether it is the tribal grants that were just awarded, whether it's the PRC funding streams, whether it is the D O T's EV charging station program, whether it is the PSFA's, SEN program, all of those things, and I believe Raja touched on this earlier, you know, they need to, they need to be symbiotic, they need to be to the extent possible interoperable, we need to make sure that the money is if money is already being spent for a particular project or need that that doesn't get duplicated time is not spent analyzing that need again. So, we really, the OPI team has discussed this with Kimble and it seems like one of the main things that the council can bring to this particular issue is to perhaps either form a working group or appoint some members to work with Obi on the outreach and collaboration. We developed the Matrix we want to get information on every every agency entity and tribal governments projects in one place on one set of maps and would would really be well served as some council members could dedicate some time to that particular initiative. So that's the one And then b two is the the challenges and work that's going to be required to draft the annual broadband report for the legislature wanted to have an open seat, see if the council would entertain opening a discussion about how best to approach that challenge. It will be some work and we're we're, we're loading up the grant writing working group. So this may be another area where some of this some of these tasks need to be assigned to either other working groups or a new working group. So two big issues about the substantive work of the council that we need to figure out an approach to attacking.

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Thank you, Todd. When When is the annual legislative report do or

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I don't have my calendar open? I don't have that date in front of me. This

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is due at the end of the year. Is it due during? You know, calendar? Fiscal Year?

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I believe there's a report due in October to determine Kobe,

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Oh, yeah. Yes, it's October 1 is the date and that is pretty much six weeks away. And there's a lot of information that needs to go into the report. So So yes, absolutely imperative to get working on that.

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So let's thank you. Let's go to b one. Do we have some volunteers from the council to work on the outreach and collaboration initiative that Todd has outlined? We are you have a question? Comment? Are you volunteering?

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Mr. Chairman, I will I would note, no, I will not volunteer. But I would know that the Regional Planning and Community Engagement working group as well as the tribal working group are both focused on this outreach and collaboration. Now, there are certain parts missing. From there, certainly other state agencies, most of them are represented on or many of them are represented on the council. But there are many important ones who are missing. And certainly that is going to be a big task in itself. I will pause and say that that the scary thing about this is in the hard thing about this is that that outreach is not an easy task, because broadband touches almost everything that is happening across the state. It is very hard to be inclusive without being overwhelmed. So I think that there is a working group working on this. Is that sufficient? I don't know. It may not be that it's, we have to take it in in step by step because otherwise, we'll never get there, in my opinion.

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Okay. Any other comments or questions or ideas on the one?

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Any ideas, as you heard, Todd, we do have, we should be getting information out. So we should we need to take some kind of action, or at least some direction from the council.

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So Mr. Chair, this is Todd again. Oh, by. We'll be doing some of this outreach. We were rescheduling meetings with the Department of Transportation. We're scheduling meetings with DRC. Kelly's calendar is full in what I think would be helpful is that just have a council presence or participation in some of these relationship building discussions. And so it may not be it may be that the individuals who are in the workgroups would be well suited to this, but I don't know if this is a work group function as much as it is just a council, individual council members, you know, coordinating with Obi on some of these outreach tasks.

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Okay. I'll volunteer to get this going so we can move forward and and meet our obligation as a council. And for the sake of time, why don't we have other council members just think about it and then get back with either Todd or Kimball or myself, to see if we can get some council members to assist on this initiative. Does that sound? Reasonable? Okay, and then on the reporting, Todd, I sounded like you needed help there, too. Are we as a council need to figure out how to get that report, at least by October 1?

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Mr. Chair, correct. So this is where we were where we got out a little ahead of our skis, you know, you would have defined how, oh, by and the council would have coordinated on this. It's a council responsibility. But I would imagine that there would be some low buy support for that. So I don't know, Kelly, if you want to kind of discuss open a discussion about how Obi might be able to support the council in this and get this particular task? Yes,

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thank you, Todd. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. For that question. Yeah, I, I had kind of figured that. The Office of I needed to take a major role in this, okay, you know, what we're doing, where we're going, what's the strategies? What have we accomplished? What, what's our what are we going to accomplish in the next few quarters in the next year? So and definitely need the council's you know, connected at the hip partnership with that. But I do think we need to have a major, a major role in that, I'll have to get the template from the last one, and see what we can, you know, use and fold into what's because a lots happened in the last quarter. So we need to make sure we get all of that good news in there as well as where we're going. So Todd, do you have something you can pull out from the last report last October that we could kind of start looking at and maybe start redlining what, what needs to flow into that? And then maybe we can have a some sort of coordination meeting. Once we've done our red lines on that.

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Mr. Chair, Council, we may be writing on a clean slate. I wasn't here last October, but I have not encountered that document.

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Alright, we can probably get it from maybe Jessica or something. Just.

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Yeah. So if I'm hearing, Kelly, well, Obi will start working at least on the outline and updating any information that was previously provided. And then it would just be a matter of how we how well by coordinates with the council to get that draft finalized. Yeah,

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that's exactly right. And then we're the officer Obi per law. I think also, we've been planning to get out a strategic plan in the next couple of weeks. So I think that'll be kind of a major sidekick to this legislative reporting. So probably going to need some review. Once I get the draft. I'm working on that now. Get the draft don't need some input from all your smart people to make sure I've on the right track, and I didn't miss anything.

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Okay, any. Thank you, Kelly. Any comments, questions from the council?

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Okay, hearing none, Todd, do we historically stop at 330? Or, I mean, we're getting, we have like six minutes.

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That's where we historically stopped because we've run over a little bit on a couple of meetings. So leave time for the public questions and answers.

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And that was my point, if we wanted to hit the 330. Is it appropriate that we could jump to 10 to see if there's any public comments? Yes. I don't I don't want to leave them out. And I think we all do this for the public anyway. So. So if there's no opposition, I'd like to go to item 10. Public comments, and we have some participants out there. Do they have any questions or what Comment they want to bring in front of the Council today.

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Mr. Chair, have a request for public comment. There's been some discussion about having some meetings in other locations around the state. And my understanding and talking to do IT staff is this would need to be approved or discussed in advance with the council and the office. And I have been in touch with DO IT staff and some others. And I'm not sure what form this would need to be put in. But discussion has been that we plateau could host the September meeting, it would be September 21. At our headquarters in Clovis, we could still offer zoom meetings, so anybody would still be able to watch the meeting through zoom. But for those that wanted to come in person, we would be happy to host that.

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Thank you, Alana. So So Todd, I recall, we've had this discussion, and I thought the council agreed that there would be more outreach, and we've talked about outreach to rural communities. What's the process? Do we have to take action and then publish it? So everyone knows that there'll be a meeting in Clovis?

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That's correct. And so it is at the discretion of the chair. So we would coordinate with Kimball on making sure the appropriate notices of the alternate location are distributed if that is the chairs, decision.

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Okay. Well, personally, I'm not opposed, I think it's a good idea to start getting out into the areas. I just want to make sure we follow the proper protocol and get some comment from the rest of the council. Anyone have any comments about periodically traveling to rural parts of the state to talk about rural broadband initiative? Peter?

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Mr. Chair, I think it's a great idea. As you know, there exists a huge divide both in the nation and in the States. In the nation, it's blue and red. In the state, it's rural versus urban. And I think we need to make it clear that we represent and work for the state of New Mexico. And that means everybody that doesn't mean Santa Fe and Albuquerque, and, yes, let's get out there. Let's let's get with the people who need us who pay us who vote for us, you know, all those things. Let's make it clear that we're literally willing to go the extra mile to beat.

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Thank you, Peter OB.

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Chairman, members, I strongly support that as well. We talked about, about Gallup about Clovis about other areas. I know that, that there are some logistical challenges, but I think they they can be overcome. And we work for rural broadband. So we need to, to demonstrate that. That's what we're working on. And I strongly support having meetings in different regions of the state. Well, you will help with the engagement.

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Any other comments on that? So I think then the question for the council is, do we do we start in September, October? When do we start this? And then I do think we should develop a schedule so that everyone knows where we're going to meet and when we're going to meet with some advanced notice.
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My recommendation would be to start right away. September. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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Thank you. Any other questions or comments?

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I agree with that. And, and again, we would be happy to host it. If if you want to do that for the September meeting, and and make our facilities available.

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So, Todd, can we, as a council agree that the next meeting will be in Clovis on whatever date it's supposed to be. And then from there, your staff can take the appropriate steps to notify the public. And that way, then mana and her group can get ready for the, for the meeting.

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You can or we can't, or the Council could just agree to make a recommendation to Kimble and then we would follow up on that. As soon as she's recovered, and send out the appropriate notices and start putting the infrastructure in place that we would need to conduct the meeting. That's Thank you, Tom, your chair for the day, Louis. So if you want to make that decision that that is your prerogative.

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Well, I do respect Campbell's position. And I want to make sure, though, that everyone's heard. So I would go on your recommendation is it counts. So do this in a form of motion? Or I mean, do we do we?

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Yeah. If somebody wants to make a motion to make a recommendation to Kimball and then.

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So do we have a a motion? To have the to make a recommendation to the chair for the next council to have the September meeting in Clovis at the headquarters of plateau? Telecommunications. Is there a motion

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on this is Eli, I will make that motion.

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There is a motion? Do we have a second?

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This is all video I will second that motion. And I will point out that zoom capabilities will still be in place. So anyone who cannot travel can still attend the meeting virtually.

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It still be a hybrid meeting. So we got a motion a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all in favor of the motion say aye. Aye.

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Aye. Aye. Opposed?

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Okay, motion passes. So Todd, you'll inform Campbell will have the council's recommendation. Yes. Thank you. Okay, it's it's past 330. Item nine. And I guess nine? Is there anything pressing there that we have to discuss Kelly or Todd? Or any of the DO IT stuff?

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Just dry would just ask if there was any more public comment before we close up?

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Sorry. I apologize. Any more public comments before we close the public comment?

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Section? I don't see this. Okay. We use? I don't see any do you mean hands up?

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No. So we'll close this public comment section and then go back to my original question to stop is in item nine. Is there anything that we need to bring to the council that's pressing? Or can we wait till the next meeting?

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Mr. Chair, this is Eli, I do have a question.

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Yes, yes. Go ahead.

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Thank you. The digital equity working group is meeting tomorrow and our only agenda item is coming up with a mission statements. I think we're a little bit confused, or I'm a little bit confused if there's a specific format for that. Could someone fill me in on that?

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Thank you. Thank you. Can someone help Eli on that? I haven't really been in those discussions. Peter.

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When is that meeting? And the reason I ask is that, if possible, I could help facilitate that.

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Is the equity and inclusion meeting Peter? Yes.

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In fact, it's on my schedule. I'll be there. I'll be able to help.

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And Mr. Chair, if you like we have we have a form and it is right there. So we'll send you a link to that if you didn't already. You don't already have that in your inbox.

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I do have that. Thank you. Um, I think that answers my questions. So this is This form has a question that says something like, what is your mission? Working Group mission statements. So within this, there's no, within question six. There's no specific format that needs to be in. We have the leeway to create that. Okay. Thank you.

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Get your get everything covered, Eli. Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you. Any anything else on nine that anyone needs to bring up? Toby?

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Mr. Chairman, members, I just wanted to report that the permits right away and pull attachments working group is has started to meet. And I invite anyone who is interested in that subject, not yet on the, on the group to contact Renee. And in putting a request, and it's, again, we're looking at the size of the working group. It is it is a challenge, because there are so many entities involved. I think the challenge will be apparent with all the other working groups, it is wise to limit the size of these groups at the same time, for the sake of inclusiveness, and for the sake of actually getting things accomplished with everybody in the room. That size, maybe quite, quite significant. And there is no way around it. That those would be my comments. Thank you.

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Thank you. Any other thing to come before and I don't mind.

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Mr. Chair, this is Renee, just coming off of OB statement there. We do have a portion on our website where people can go in and request to be a member of one of the working groups, we have an application where they can send an email to connect nm.council@state.nm.us. So if anybody is interested in joining any of the working groups that we have availability, they can send their email there. Thank you.

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Anything else? If not, jump to item 11. We have a motion to adjourn.

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I move to adjourn. This is Eli.

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The second thing this is

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all in favor of adjourning say aye. Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Thank you for a good meeting. Have a great afternoon. Thank

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you. Thanks, John. Nice job. Thank you