

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/11/2018

CITIZENS REPORT (*See procedural instructions on the following page.)

STAFF REPORTS

1. PRPA Fiber and Future Ownership – Brieana Reed-Harmel
2. Details of Broadband Models – Brieana Reed-Harmel
3. Design Update – Ryan Greene
4. Education and Outreach Update with LCAB Participation Opportunities -
Lindsey Bashline

COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ADJOURN

*** Citizens Report Procedures**

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Commission Members Present: Adam Auriemmo, Richard Bilancia, David Hetrick, Paul Langfield, Brian Martisius, Korey Streich, JD Walker Vi Wickam and Tom McInerney (by phone)

Commission Members Absent: N/A

Council Liaison Present: John Fogle, Don Overcash, Dave Clark

City Staff Members Present, Alan Krcmarik, Alicia Calderon, Allison Bohling, Brieana Reed-Harmel, Courtney Whittet, Derek Turner, Joe Bernoksy, Kathy Gross, Lindsey Bashline, Ryan Greene, Shane Adamson, Steve Adams, Tom Greene, Tracey Hewson

Guest Attendance: Paul Willis

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Bernosky called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: N/A. First meeting of this Board

CITIZEN REPORTS:

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1: Officer Election – Joe Bernosky

The purpose of this item is to elect a chair and vice chair of the new LCAB

Comments: Vi Wickam nominated Richard Bilancia to serve as Chair of the Board. Vi Wickam self nominated for Vice Chair. Paul Langfield also self nominated for Vice Chair. At that point, Vi Wickam stated that he didn't need to be in that role, in order to allow Paul Langfield to serve. A vote was taken 8 to 1 in favor of Bilancia as Chair. A vote was taken 6 to 2 in favor of Langfield as Vice Chair

STAFF REPORTS

Item 2: Roles and Responsibilities – Alicia Calderón, Deputy City Attorney

An overview of Board member's roles and responsibilities; including information on open meetings, ethics and conflict of interests, gifts, and the City of Loveland's Boards and Commissions Handbook.

Staff report only. No action required.

Item 3: Broadband Update – Brieana Reed-Harmel, Broadband Project Manager

An overview of activities beginning in 2015, including an overview of the Broadband Assessment and Feasibility Study and its findings, recommendations from the Broadband Task Force, and activities since February 2018 when City Council established the need for a Communications Advisory Board.

Staff report only. No action required.

Item 4: Broadband Outreach Events – Lindsey Bashline, Customer Relations Specialist

An update on the broadband education and outreach activities and opportunities to participate as new LCAB members.

Staff report only. No action required.

COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS

Item 11: Commission/Council Reports

Activities that board members attended within the last month

John Fogle: Reported that he had attended the Summer IT & Communications Meeting in Arkansas

Don Overcash: Left meeting early

Dave Clark : Left meeting early

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item 12: Director's Report – Joe Bernosky

Joe thanked the new members for their interest and time commitment in going forward with the LCAB.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm. The next LCAB Meeting will be August 8, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Coreen Callahan
Recording Secretary
Loveland Communications Advisory Board



AGENDA ITEM: 1
MEETING DATE: 8/8/2018
SUBMITTED BY: Brieana Reed-Harmel
STAFF TITLE: Project Manager/ Senior Electrical Engineer

ITEM TITLE:

Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) Fiber Asset Ownership.

DESCRIPTION:

This item will give a brief background on the PRPA owned fiber assets within the City of Loveland and within the larger four cities communities of Fort Collins, Estes Park, Longmont and Loveland.

SUMMARY:

Starting in the late 1990's, Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) began installing fiber optic cable in the four city communities, including Loveland, in order to modernize communications for electrical operations at the substations and other PRPA owned assets. PRPA oversized the fiber optic cable during initial construction for the purpose of allowing each member community to have additional capacity for use in other city operations or for future telecommunications development.

Loveland, and the other cities, have benefited from the use of the fiber rings that run through each municipality and connect each community. In Loveland the fiber ring has been used by the Power Division, Traffic Department and City IT to enhance city operations.

Staff will provide a brief background on the PRPA owned fiber assets and discuss the Fiber Optic Network Accounting Policy adopted at the December 7, 2017 PRPA Board meeting..

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only. No action required.

Attachment A

 Platte River Power Authority	<h2>Policy</h2>	Version #: 1.0 Original Effective Date: __/__/2017 Next Review Date: __/__/2022
	Fiber Optic Network Accounting Policy	Page 1 of 2

Purpose:

To establish cost responsibility and accounting treatment for the fiber optic network primarily installed for electric operation communications. For purposes of this policy the term “fiber optic network” includes the cables and fiber bundles on the local fiber rings within the municipalities as well as the long-haul cables and fiber bundles that interconnect the municipalities, irrespective of ownership of the individual fibers. Fiber optic network does not include the fiber laterals spliced onto the fiber optic network.

Without the fiber optic cables connecting transmission substations, Platte River could not monitor, control, or protect the transmission system. The fiber optic network contains excess capacity beyond that necessary for Platte River operations, and this excess capacity is dedicated for municipal uses. Platte River requires a fiber optic network for electric operations independent of the other benefits provided by the extra capacity. It is for this reason, and in recognition that the cost to add the extra capacity was immaterial and would have little to no impact on the rate setting process, that Platte River is proposing the accounting treatment detailed in this policy.

Policy:

This policy covers expenses incurred for the installation of capital fiber assets as well as ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

Capital Costs

Platte River will assume all capital costs for newly installed fiber optic cables or for any replacement after the initial installation of the fiber optic network as a capital asset, regardless of fiber strand ownership. The replacement asset will be depreciated as a Platte River asset and will be recovered through Platte River’s rates in the same manner as other capital assets.

If portions of the fiber optic network require replacement, Platte River will assume the costs for replacing the fiber optic network and Platte River owned laterals only. The cost for re-splicing other laterals into the system will be borne by the owner of the lateral.

The accounting treatment applied in 1998 for the costs of the original fiber optic assets will remain the same, which assets will be fully depreciated in 2018.

As discussed with Platte River’s auditors, this policy does not require the use of GASB Statement No. 62, *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989, FASB and AICPA Pronouncements*, Regulated Operations, paragraph 476-500, treatment because the incremental cost to install additional fiber strands beyond those needed for Platte River communications would have little to no impact on the rate setting process.

Operations and Maintenance Costs

Costs associated with operations and maintenance of the fiber optic network will be borne by Platte River. The relocation of the fiber optic network, or any portion thereof, will be borne by the entity requesting the relocation. The cost for splicing laterals into the system will be borne by the owner of the lateral cable.

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Implementing Parties and Assigned Responsibilities:
<p>The Controller reviews and implements this policy. During review, the incremental cost will be assessed, in conjunction with the auditors, for materiality and impacts on the rate setting process. Necessary revisions will be brought before the Platte River Board of Directors.</p>
Associated Items (if applicable):
September 2017 Fiber Asset Ownership Whitepaper Fiber optic network asset accounting treatment procedure and Resolution No. __-17.
Definitions (if applicable):

Document Owner: Controller	Original Effective Date: __/__/2017
Authority: Board of Directors	Review Frequency: Every 5 years
Counsel Review: General Counsel or Associate General Counsel	Current Effective Date: __/__/2017

Version	Date	Action	Author	Change Tracking (new, review, revision)
1.0	__/__/2017	Original Policy by Board Resolution No. __ - 17	Shelley Nywall	New

RESOLUTION NO. __- 17

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 21-97, Platte River installed a fiber optic network connecting Fort Collins, Longmont, and Loveland and a microwave interconnection to Estes Park, which network included fiber rings in each of these communities; and

WHEREAS, the fiber optic network was necessary in order to replace and upgrade the communication systems used for operational communications with the transmission substations through which Platte River delivers power to the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the fiber optic network created excess capacity that was and is available for use by the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 17-98, title was transferred to Longmont for a portion of its fiber ring and Platte River undertook the management of the excess capacity on the fiber rings in the remaining three municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Platte River, in conjunction with Western Area Power Administration and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, constructed a fiber optic interconnection with Estes Park; and

WHEREAS, the incremental costs associated with installing the excess capacity available in the fiber optic network for municipal use are deemed immaterial and would have little to no impact on the rate setting process; and


WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board adopt a policy that clarifies the method by which costs associated with the fiber optic network will be treated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Platte River Power Authority adopts and approves the "Fiber Optic Network Accounting Policy" as the accounting policy to be applied to the fiber optic network.

AS WITNESS, I have executed my name as Secretary and have affixed the corporate seal of the Platte River Power Authority this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Secretary

Attachment B



Platte River
Power Authority

Fiber Optic System Overview

Loveland Utilities Commission | July 18, 2018

The Energy We Live By™

Our Mission

Provide safe, reliable, environmentally responsible, and competitively-priced energy and services.

Our Vision

As a respected leader and responsible energy partner, improve the quality of life for the citizens served by our owner communities.

Our Values

- Safety
- Operational Excellence
- Integrity
- Sustainability
- Customer Service
- Respect
- Innovation

About Platte River Power Authority

Platte River Power Authority is a not-for-profit wholesale electricity generation and transmission provider that delivers safe, reliable, environmentally responsible, and competitively priced energy and services to its owner communities of **Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont, and Loveland** for delivery to their utility customers.

Began operations: 1973

General Manager: Jason Frisbie

Governance: Platte River is governed by an eight-person board of directors designed to bring relevant expertise to the decision-making process. The board includes two members from each of the owner municipalities.


The organization: Platte River is a not-for-profit political subdivision of the State of Colorado

Employees: 252


Peak municipal demand: 661 MW on July 19, 2017

Projected deliveries of energy (2018): 4,133,000 MWh


Projected deliveries of energy to munis (2018): 3,340,000 MWh



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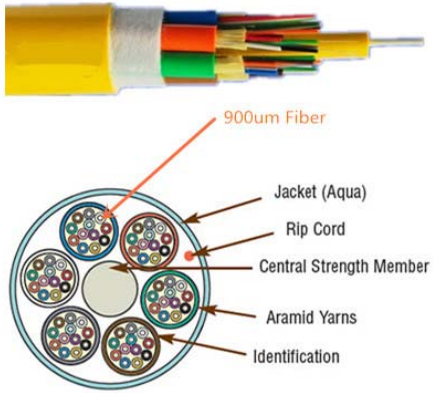



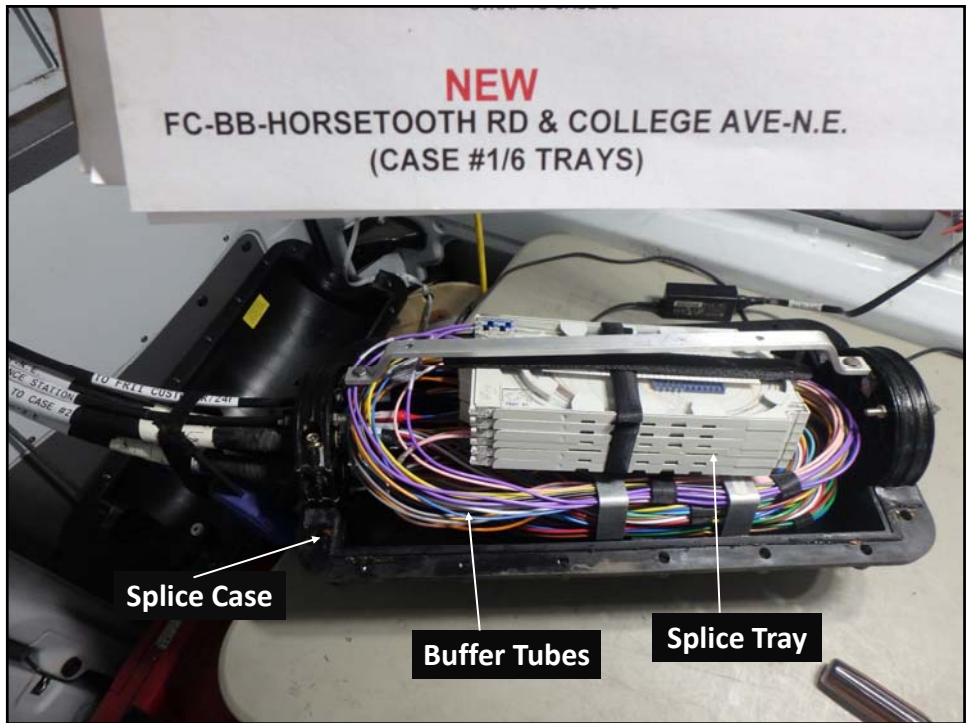
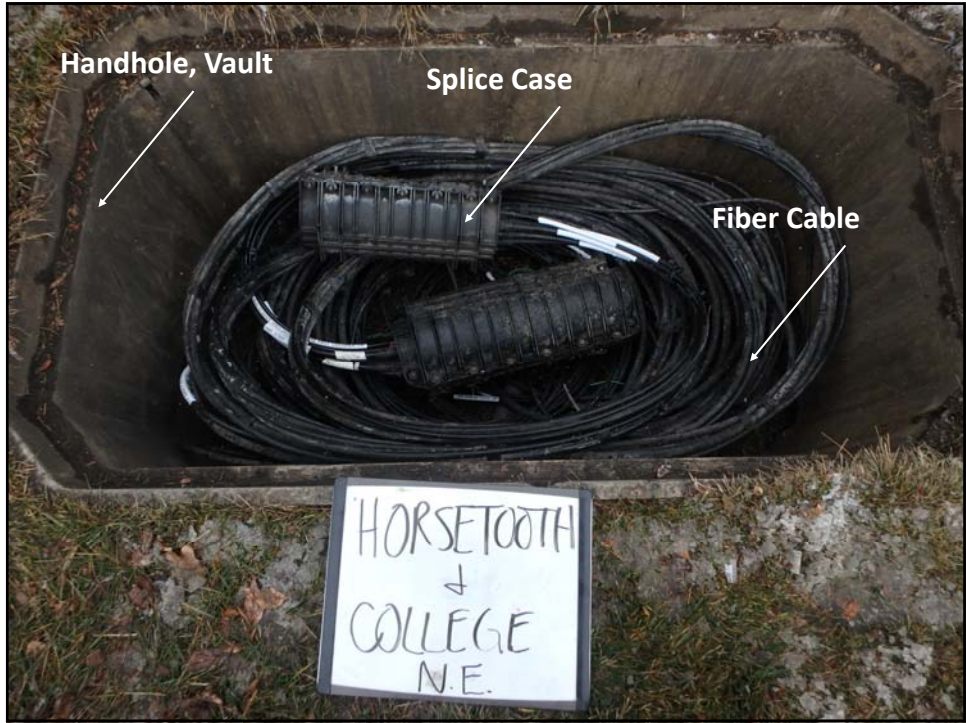
Fiber System Components

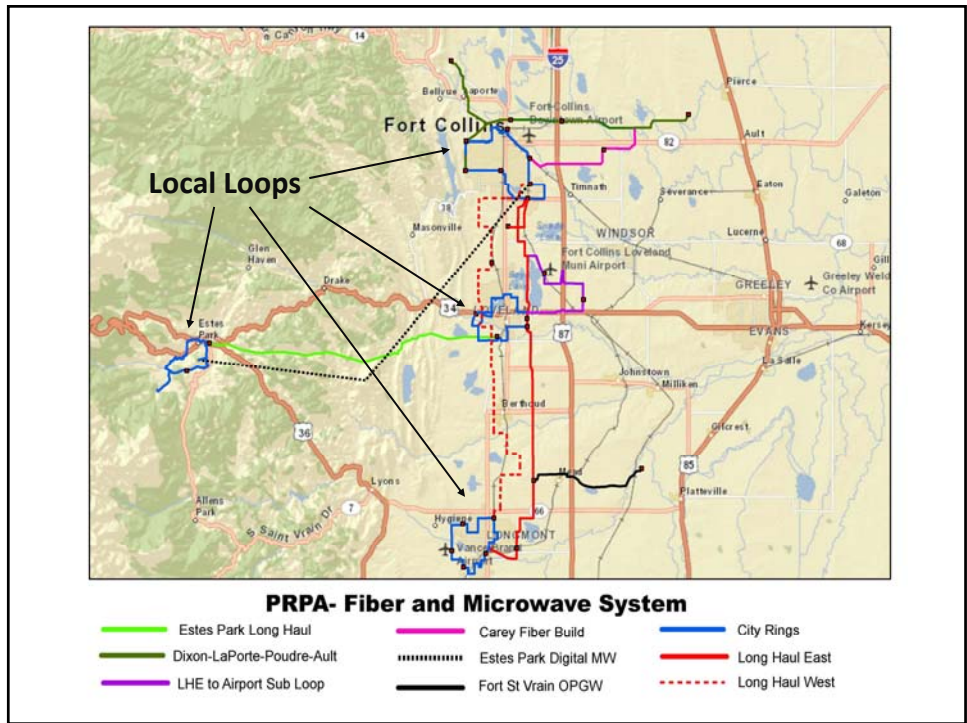
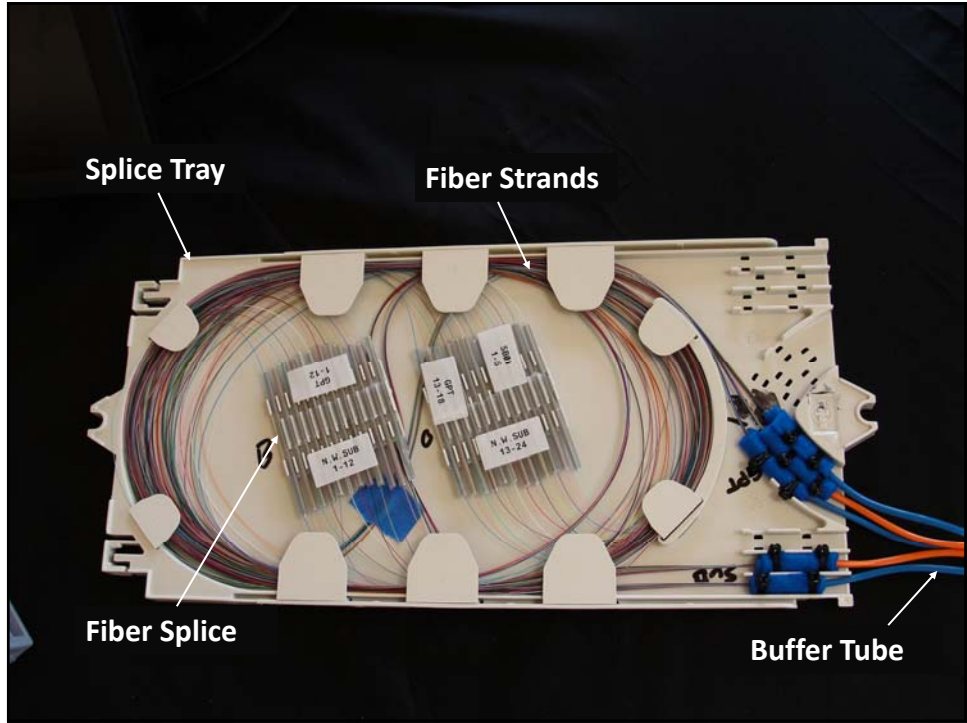


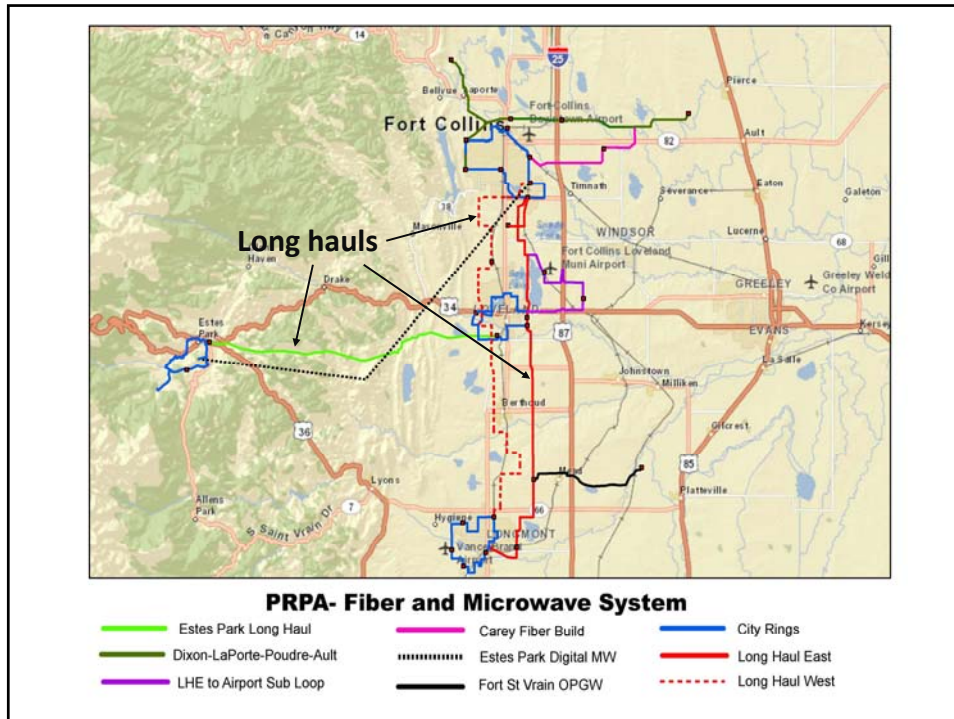
Fiber optic cable

- Fiber optic consists of
 - Jacket (the cable)
 - Buffer tubes
 - Individual fibers
- Buffer tubes commonly contain 12 or 24 fiber strands
- Loveland’s local loop cable contains 144 fibers within 12 buffer tubes

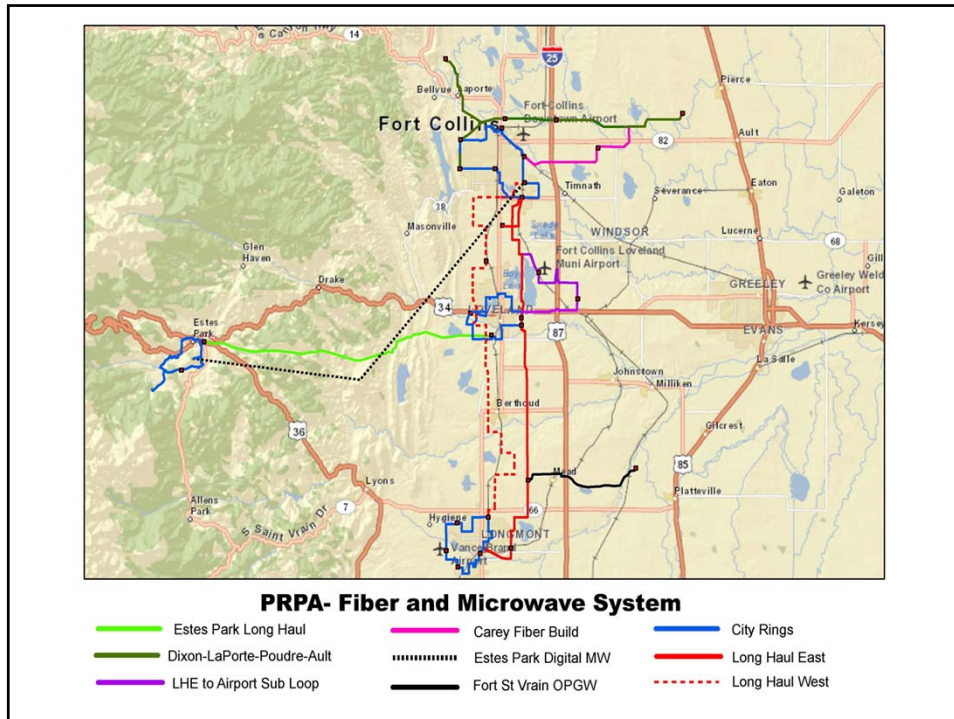






Fiber overview

- In the late 1990s, Platte River identified a need to modernize its electric operations communication
- At the same time, municipality staff members were considering the installation of fiber cable in their cities
- In April 1997, the Board appropriated funds to begin the fiber project



Fiber overview

- Between April 1997 and April 1998, the concept of turning “the balance of the fiber over the to the respective cities” had changed
- Longmont took ownership of their 132 fibers
- Estes Park, Fort Collins and Loveland requested that their extra capacity be owned by Platte River and that Platte River lease dark fiber on their behalf

Fiber overview – current ownership

- **Platte River owns**
 - Twelve fibers in the Estes Park, Fort Collins, Loveland and Longmont rings
 - Extra capacity fibers in Estes Park, Fort Collins and Loveland
 - Long haul cables
 - Discussions on how and when to transfer fiber assets to the Estes Park, Fort Collins and Loveland
- **Longmont owns**
 - 132 fiber strands of extra capacity in the Longmont fiber optic loop



Current uses of the Loveland ring

- **City of Loveland**
 - IT – Data communications to city facilities
 - SCADA – Substation monitoring and control
 - Traffic – Traffic lights and signs
- **Platte River**
 - SCADA – Substation monitoring and control
 - Protective relaying
 - Metering



Current uses of the Loveland ring

- **Third-party users**
 - LETA – 911 call routing
 - State of Colorado – 800MHz emergency radios (PRPA SONET)
 - Larimer County – Internal communication
 - UCHealth – Internal communication
 - WAPA – Electric operations
 - Tri-State – Electric operations
 - Level 3/CenturyLink
 - Skybeam
 - FRII



Fiber Optic Network Accounting Policy

- Platte River is responsible for:
- Capital costs on the Fiber Optic Network, regardless of fiber strand ownership, for (1) additions to the Fiber Optic Network; and (2) replacement of the Fiber Optic Network after the original installation.
- Operations and maintenance costs associated with the Fiber Optic Network, regardless of fiber strand ownership.



Questions





AGENDA ITEM: 2
MEETING DATE: 8/8/2018
SUBMITTED BY: Brieana Reed-Harmel
STAFF TITLE: Project Manager/ Senior Electrical Engineer

ITEM TITLE:

Details of Broadband Models.

DESCRIPTION:

This item will provide more detailed information on the three different business models that have been investigated as part of the feasibility plan.

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide a more detailed discussion of the three business models (Public-Private Partnership, Public-Public Partnership, and Retail Model), as well as the do nothing option. The Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) will also be presented for each option.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only. No action required.

Attachment A



Broadband Business Models
Briana Reed-Harmel, Project
Manager/Senior Electrical
Engineer
8/8/2018

PRESENTATION AGENDA

- ✓ Business Models
- ✓ SWOT Analysis
- ✓ Questions



Status Quo Option

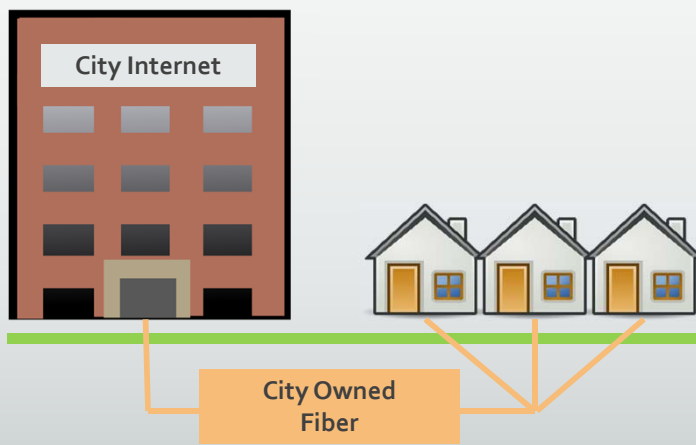
Do Nothing Option



- Leaves market to be driven by existing and future incumbents
- Price, service options, and service builds out are dependent on private providers
- No ownership or role by the City

Retail Model Option

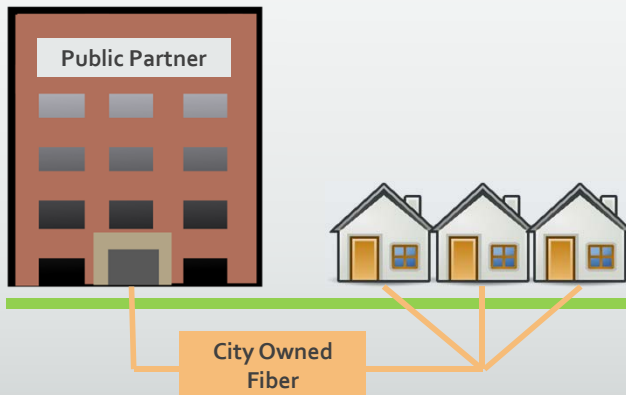
Retail Model Option



- City builds all the infrastructure
- City owns and maintains the infrastructure
- City operates the entire system
- City provides all customer service and tech support

Public-Public Model Option

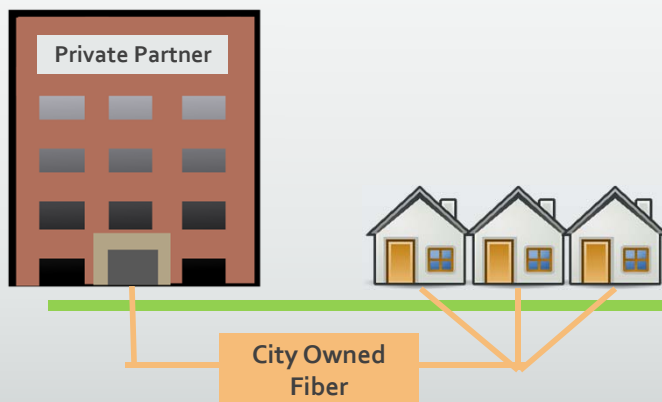
Public-Public Model Option



- City builds the infrastructure and partners with a public company to provide some portion of the service
- City contract for services provided including customer service, content and technical support

Public-Private Model Option

Public-Private Model Option



- City builds the infrastructure and a private company provides the service
- City negotiates a financial contract based on the take rate
- City negotiates a contract for services provided including customer service, content and technical support

SWOT Analysis

SWOT ANALYSIS

STRENGTH

Advantages within the company that strengthen it over others

WEAKNESS

Limitations that place the business in a disadvantage situation over others

OPPORTUNITY

External elements that might be transformed into an advantage to the company

THREAT

External elements coming from the environment that put the company at risk

Do Nothing

Municipal Retail

Public-Public Partnership

Public-Private Partnership

EVALUATED BUSINESS MODELS

City of Loveland SWOT Analysis – Do Nothing

Strengths

- No immediate financial investment from the city

Weaknesses

- Relinquishes control of how citizens and businesses are served.
- Providers will continue to make decisions on cost, speed and service areas.
- Constituents have no alternatives other than current providers

Opportunities

- City can see how surrounding communities implement broadband services and learn from them for any future deployment considerations

Threats

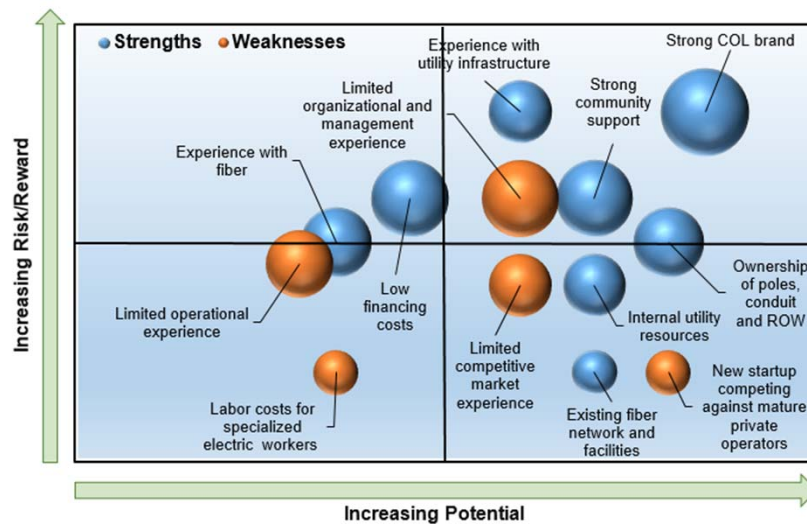
- Reduces competition in the market, potentially driving market prices higher
- Economic development is threatened if surrounding communities offer broadband at higher speeds and lower cost

City of Loveland SWOT Analysis – Municipal Retail & Public-Public Models

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing fiber network and facilities reduce cost City's operational experience with utilities City's engineering experience with fiber infrastructure City owns and is familiar with pole and conduit infrastructure Solid City brand for service and support Local ownership and control of the network Ability to leverage other internal utility resources Operational experience building and maintaining utility infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited organizational and management experience in broadband Limited operational experience in broadband Little experience in a competitive market, particularly sales and marketing functions Start-up competing against mature private operators Labor costs for specialized electric workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggregate stakeholder demand for service Deploy fiber to community providing better service, speed and pricing Introduce new fiber product to small and medium businesses Market new services to existing utility customers Co-branding with public partner or marketing City as single provider Fiber remains the gold standard in service delivery Use Longmont's experience and others' to avoid pitfalls and key mistakes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City assumes all risks in competing against DOCSIS 3.1 and other deployments by the incumbents Competition for video services from incumbents may challenge take rate Incumbent backlash, negative PR campaigns Future regulatory changes Rising interest rates on financing costs Changing political environment

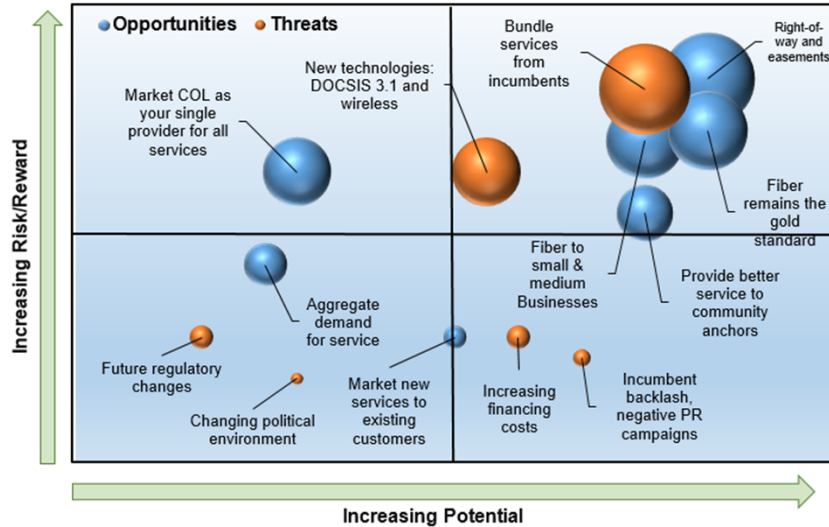
SWOT Analysis for Retail Business Model

- Analysis of increasing risk/reward increasing potential applied to the Strengths and Weaknesses for the Retail Business Model



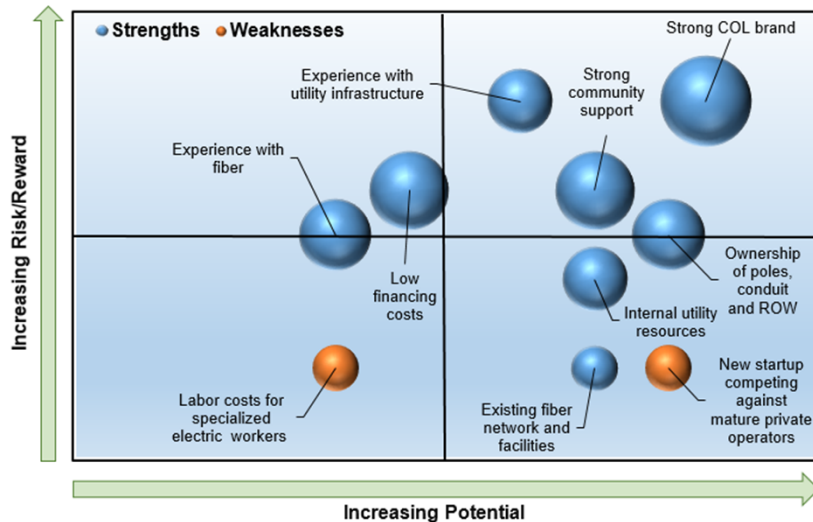
SWOT Analysis for Retail Business Model

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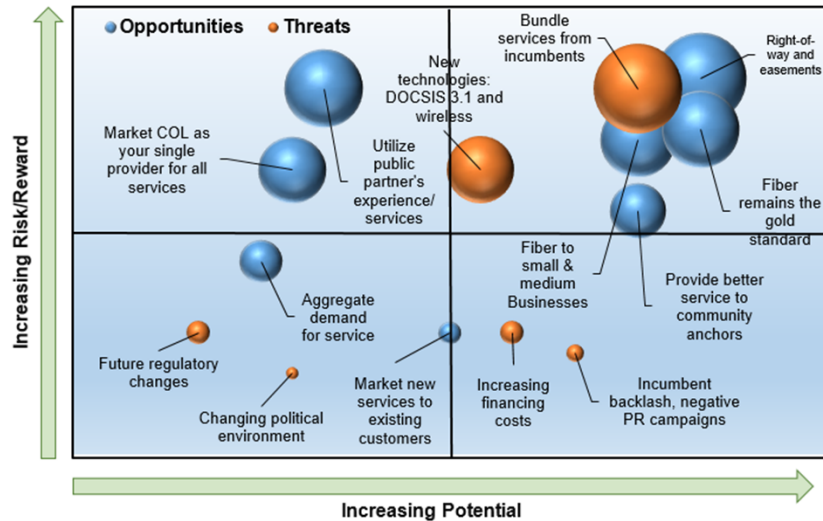
SWOT Analysis for Public-Public Business Model

- Analysis of increasing risk/reward increasing potential applied to the Strengths and Weaknesses for the Public-Public Business Model



SWOT Analysis for Public-Public Business Model

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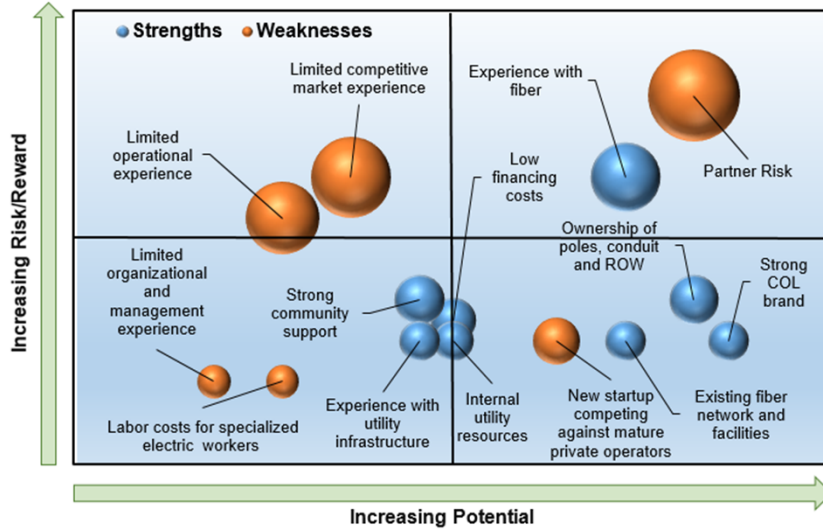


City of Loveland SWOT Analysis – Public-Private Model

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing fiber network and facilities City has engineering experience with fiber infrastructure City has owns and is familiar with pole and conduit infrastructure Good reputation of the City's brand for service and support Organizational, operational, competitive and management risks shift to the private partner City is at less risk of regulatory changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor costs for specialized electric workers Decision making will be shared between the City and private partner, creating less City control Internal utility resources may not be able to be leveraged due to private partnership controlling delivery of services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggregate stakeholder demand for service Deploy fiber to community providing better service, speed and pricing Introduce new fiber product to small and medium businesses Co-branding and co-marketing can be done with private partner Fiber remains the gold standard in service delivery City can make video service a condition of the private partner deal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City assumes risk for the cost of the project if the partner is not successful City is tied to the partner's deployment and is at risk based on the success or failure of the partner to complete the technology deployment Incumbent backlash, negative PR campaigns Rising interest rates on financing costs Changing political environment City's brand can be damaged by failure of partner to deliver

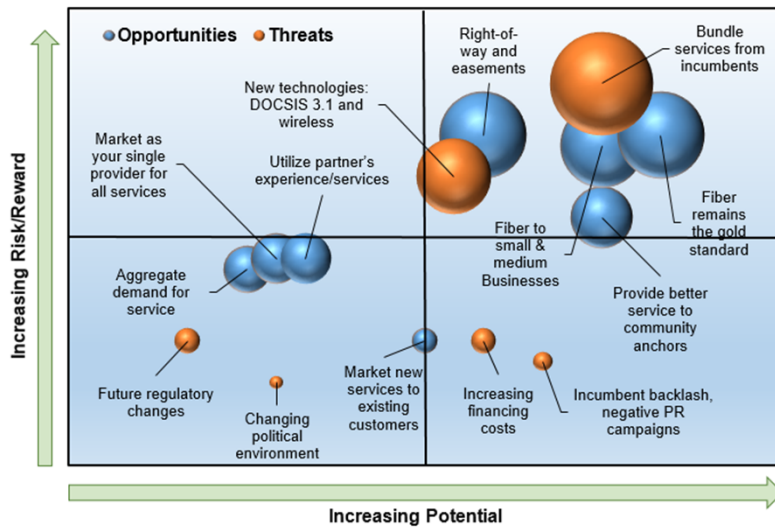
SWOT Analysis for Public-Private Business Model

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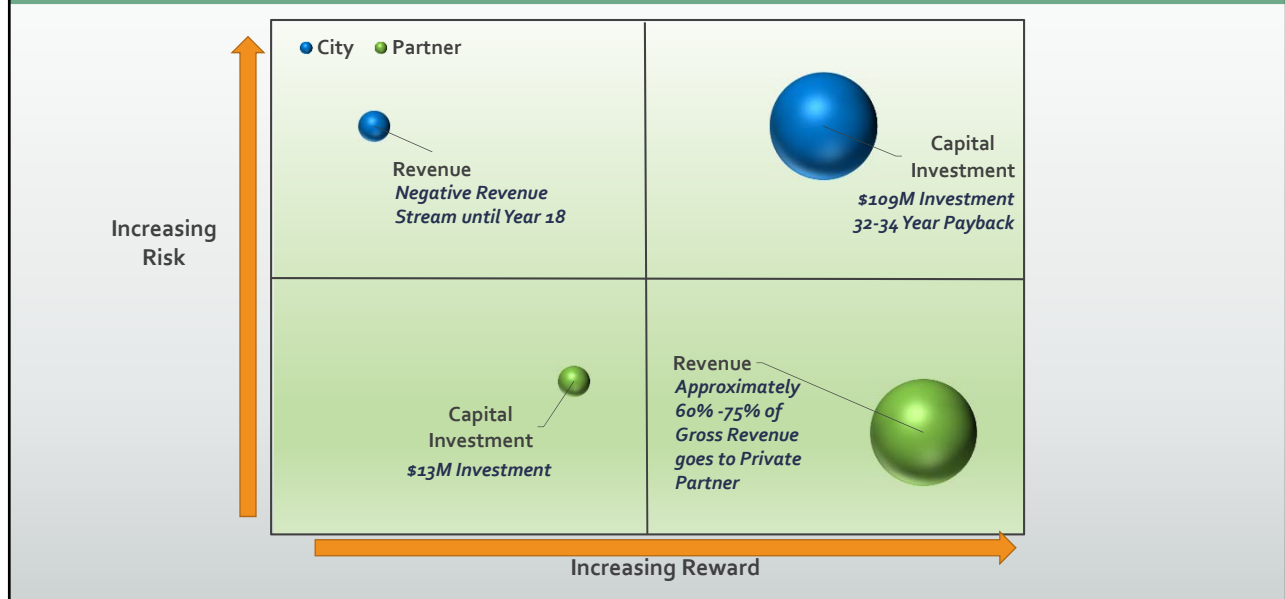


SWOT Analysis for Public-Private Business Model

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RISK VERSUS REWARD ANALYSIS FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP



Questions?



AGENDA ITEM: 3
MEETING DATE: 8/8/2018
SUBMITTED BY: Ryan Greene
STAFF TITLE: Electrical Engineer

ITEM TITLE:

Design Update

DESCRIPTION:

A brief verbal presentation of the contract, network design, design standards, and high-level simulation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informational item only. No action required.



AGENDA ITEM: 4
MEETING DATE: 8/8/2018
SUBMITTED BY: Lindsey Bashline
STAFF TITLE: Customer Relations Specialist

ITEM TITLE:

Education and Outreach Update with LCAB Participation Opportunities

DESCRIPTION:

This item will provide an update on the broadband education and outreach activities and present upcoming opportunities for LCAB participation.

SUMMARY:

Education and Outreach Update:

Staff will provide a verbal update on recent broadband education and outreach activities.

LCAB Education and Outreach Participation Opportunities:

Guest Editorial – Please see Attachment A for a draft copy of the *Guest Editorial: Engage with the City on Loveland Broadband*. The editorial has been prepared to educate the Loveland community about the broadband project timeline, encourage engagement and promote engagement opportunities. Staff is requesting permission to submit the guest editorial to local media on behalf of the LCAB Chairman and Board.

Staff is looking for LCAB members interested in participating in the following upcoming events.

Hosted Events -

Fireside Chats – The public is invited to local community spots to connect with broadband staff and LCAB members about Loveland’s proposed broadband initiative. LWP staff and two LCAB members are requested per event. Events will last approximately 1-1.5 hours. Dates will be scheduled based on availability.

Let’s Talk Tuesday – Our Let’s Talk Tuesday Facebook live events air every other Tuesday. Community members can tune in to learn about various LWP topics. Viewers can ask questions live or view a recording of the broadcast after it has ended. Staff is preparing an event covering education and how the internet is used today. LWP staff, Thompson School District staff and one LCAB member is requested for this panel style discussion. This is a onetime event, tentatively scheduled for August 28th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Community Events -

Loveland Corn Roast Parade – LWP will have a bucket truck in the annual Loveland Corn Roast Parade on August 25, 2018. Staff, LCAB and family (age of eight and older) will walk along the parade route distributing candy and information. The parade is held in Downtown Loveland and begins at 9:30 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and approve Attachment A: *Guest Editorial: Engage with the City on Loveland Broadband* to be submitted by staff on behalf of the LCAB Chairman and the Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A: DRAFT – *Guest Editorial: Engage with the City on Loveland Broadband*

Attachment A

Engage with the City on Loveland broadband

A dynamic community supports the needs of the public today and into the future. The rapid exchange of digital information accessible by all is as essential to communities as other infrastructure such as roads, water, and electricity for a competitive economy and thriving community.

The City of Loveland is one of more than 200 communities across the U.S. and 90 cities in Colorado who have either signed on to provide broadband or are now considering it. In 2015, 82% of participating Loveland voters said “yes” for the City to study and possibly provide a high-speed fiber solution to residences, businesses, schools, libraries, health care facilities, nonprofit entities and other users in the City of Loveland. Since then, we have gathered a lot of facts, implemented studies and surveys and more recently, selected a network design partner and announced the new nine-member Loveland Communications Advisory Board (LCAB).

Work is progressing quickly. Now is the time for you to learn more, ask questions and understand how this decision would affect you, your family or business. With so much happening, it is important to us that we hear from our citizens and members of our community.

We have launched several new engagement tools at cityofloveland.org/Broadband to help citizens access and understand this important decision.

- Brush up on the basics like, “What is broadband?”
- Check the internet speed at your current location - whether you are at home, work, or at a coffee shop around town. Pin your speed on our community map.
- See what Loveland’s proposed broadband network would look like.
- Ask us questions.
- Post your opinions and comments publicly.

You can also tune into our Facebook Live series, “Let’s Talk Tuesday”, noon every other Tuesday on Loveland Water and Power’s Facebook page to ask questions live.

We will be out in the community - at the Corn Roast Festival, Night on the Town and more - and will be hosting some of our own events, including Fireside Chats with LCAB and a Town Hall later this fall.

This is an important decision for our community and we want to hear from you. Connect with us and let’s talk broadband.



AGENDA ITEM: 5
MEETING DATE: 8/8/2018
SUBMITTED BY: Joe Bernosky
STAFF TITLE: Director

ITEM TITLE:

Commission & Council Report

SUMMARY:

Discuss events that the Loveland Communications Advisory Board members attended, special topics and any City Council items related to the Broadband Project from the past month.

- City Council Report – Verbal

RECOMMENDATION:

Commission/Council report only.

ITEM TITLE:

Director's Report

SUMMARY:**Broadband Project Actions:**

- Staff has interviewed bond underwriters and negotiations are in process
- Contract negotiations are complete with Nokia/Bear and the contract is signed. On-site activities began on July 17th.
- Education and outreach efforts continue. Staff is responding to questions from the community and has scheduled numerous in-person outreach events including Facebook live and a community engagement for where visitors can find information, leave comments, ask questions and participate in speed tests.
- Development of the financial/business plan is continuing.
- City staff have and will continue to engage with the City of Longmont regarding partnerships (Public-Public Partnership).

RECOMMENDATION:

Director's report only – no actions required.