



Department of Virginia Housing and Community Development

HB 445 & SB 446 Stakeholder
Advisory Group - Second Meeting

July 22, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
In-person at Virginia Housing Center



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Welcome and Introduction

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Roll Call



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Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
- Review of June 6th Meeting and Individual Stakeholder Meetings
- Presentation of Draft Recommendations
- Discussion of Draft Recommendations
- Working Lunch
- Public Comment Period
- Review of Next Steps



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Review of June 6th Meeting



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HB 445 & SB 446

Broadband Service to New Development, Study

Provides that the Department of Housing and Community Development shall convene a stakeholder advisory group for the purpose of evaluating local and state policies, procedures, or ordinances to facilitate the expansion of high-speed broadband service and associated infrastructure in new residential and commercial development.



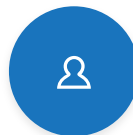
Compile Information

Existing local ordinances, development standards, and procedures about deploying or expanding broadband services/infrastructure into new residential and commercial development



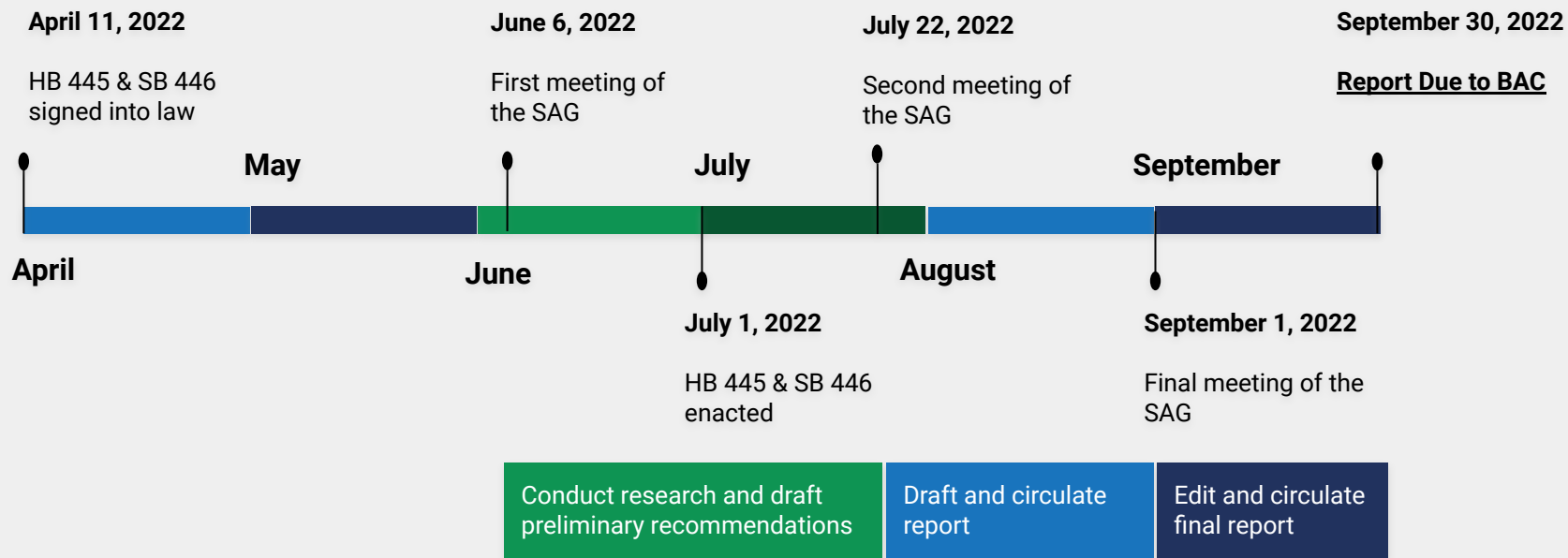
Make Recommendations

Local ordinances, policies, or procedures that were effective in deploying or expanding broadband services/infrastructure in new residential and commercial development



Identify Consensus

Changes to existing state law that can facilitate deploying or expanding broadband services/infrastructure in new residential and commercial development





Presentation of Preliminary Recommendations



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Adopt Dig Once Policy under the Optional Subdivision Ordinance (Legislative)



Dig Once Policy under the Optional Subdivision Ordinance

- Enact legislation requiring ISPs, developers, electric providers, utilities, or localities to provide public notice of easement requests and/or trenching when installing utility or broadband infrastructure in the public right of way, and invite proposals from other interested stakeholders to share the cost with the initial trencher.
- Initial trencher required to post notice on state platform, maintained by VDOT





Legislative Action, Adopt Coordination Policies (Legislative)



Notify ISPs of Open Trenches

- Require local governments to notify internet service providers and developers that trenches are open, or will be open, when public utilities are installed to new development
- Alternatively, authorize local governments to notify internet service providers and developers that trenches are open, or will be open, when public utilities are installed to new development





Authorize Local Government Conduit Installation

- Authorize local governments to install conduit when installing public utilities infrastructure and give or lease that conduit to last mile internet service providers



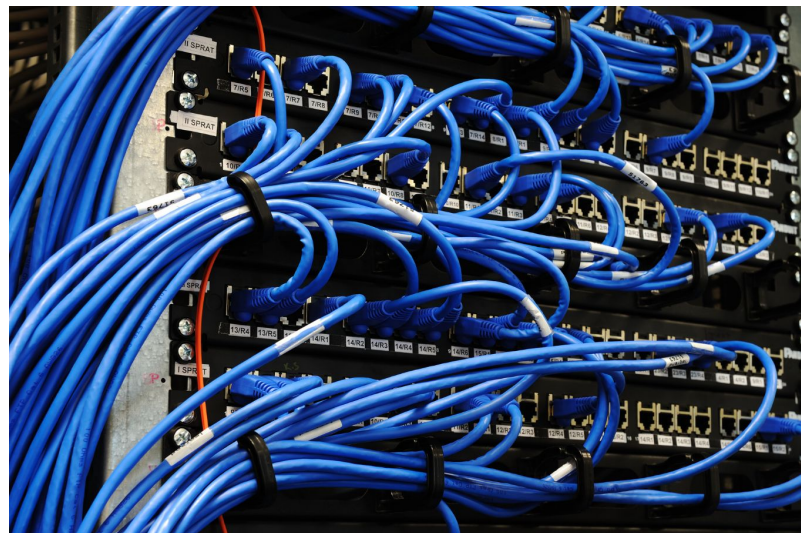


Facilitate Broadband Development via Local Governments (Legislative)



Authorize Local Government Promotion of Broadband Extension

- Authorize local governments to use local resources (monetary, infrastructure, etc.) to promote the extension of broadband networks to new development





Consideration of Broadband Extension in Locality Comprehensive Planning

- Suggest or require localities to consider how broadband service would be deployed to new development in conjunction with utility services in their comprehensive plans.
 - Suggest or require localities to analyze and report on the availability of broadband service in areas of the city/counties during the comprehensive planning process.
- Authorize local governments to require or suggest developers to complete a questionnaire regarding broadband readiness of the development before permitting
 - Example: City of Boston





Fund Programs to Expand Service to New Developments (Budget)



New Developments and Unserved Locations Program

- Create a program which works directly with internet service providers to expand service coverage into new developments and pockets of unserved locations, filling existing or new gaps in service coverage





Infrastructure Build Out Fund

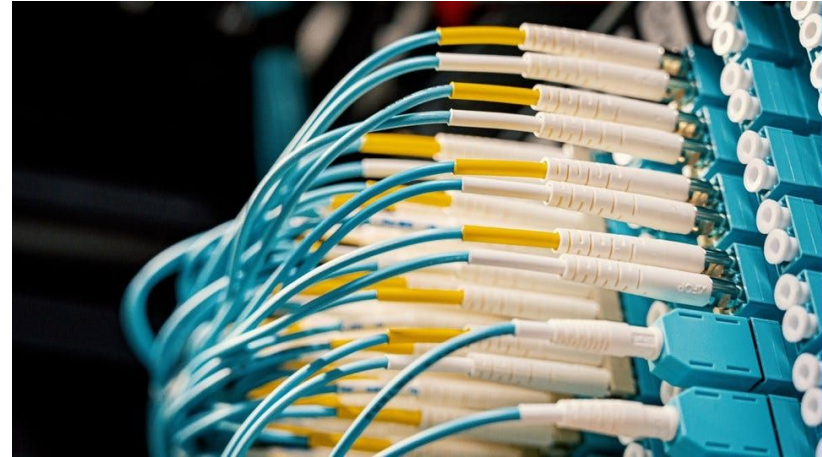
- Create an "infrastructure buildout" fund to support the expansion of infrastructure (water, sewer, broadband) into new development; potentially prioritize programs to historically divested areas. Two potential programmatic pathways:
 - For low to moderate income housing, establish a program to extend water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure to new low-income housing development.
 - For residential development only, establish a program to extend water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure to new development.
- Could be established as a revolving loan fund or grant program





Authorization of Local “Broadband Ready” Development Area Designation

- Authorize local governments to issue ‘broadband ready’ areas for local development
 - Change budget language of broadband availability map data to permit usage of data for this designation





State “Broadband Ready” Program

- Establish a “broadband-ready” county/city program where DHCD would “award” a county/city broadband ready designation upon completion of universal broadband access build outs
 - Change budget language of broadband availability map data to permit usage of service territory data for this designation





Rule Making Solutions (Administrative)



Locality-Industry-Developer Cooperative Agreement

- VML/VACO + VCTA/VBIA + Developers enter into cooperative agreement to identify new development as they are being planned and built and work to extend broadband networks to these areas





Recommended Change to Virginia Housing QAP

- Recommend that Virginia Housing require broadband infrastructure installation in their next LIHTC Qualified Allocation Plan for new developments and rehabilitations.





Recommended Change to Virginia Housing QAP

- Recommend that Virginia Housing change QAP scoring guidelines to award more points to LIHTC applicants with explicit plans for broadband infrastructure in developments and rehabilitations.





Discussion of Preliminary Recommendations



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Other Recommendations?



Working Lunch



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Public Comment Period



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Next Steps

- Members convene and provide feedback on recommendations
 - Deadline: August 5th
- DHCD drafts and issues draft report to Stakeholder Advisory Group
 - Deadline: ~August 25th
- Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting 3
 - Date: September 1st
- DHCD presents consensus recommendations to Broadband Advisory Council
 - Deadline: September 30th



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