

“Internet for All Benzie County” – Activities during April 2023 and activities anticipated to be performed May 2023. Reported **May 2023 Invoice status report:** May status reports will focus on preparing for construction season. Once construction starts May, June, July the status reports will start to include township and road level construction activities.

ROBIN application submitted: No Update. There is a 45-day challenge process that will begin once the applications submitted are reviewed.

WEB update: Benzie.cccfiber.com remains the page for consumers to get updated information. Our web developers are working on updates to allow consumers to enter their address and receive updates. This will be interactive so the consumer will have a login ID and establish a password. The estimated delivery for completion is 6-8 weeks.

Human Resources/Contractors

CCC has placed ads for new hires and contractors. Heavy equipment operators, drop crew members, general laborers, inside wire installers. Experience and CDL A preferred, however, CCC has a mentoring program and will train people with a strong desire to learn a trade. The EDC inquired if Eclipse would be eligible as a contractor to assist. We reached out to Eclipse. We are finalizing terms with two of our contractors with the capabilities and experience associated with this level of construction.

Other actionable items

1. Inventory additional shipments will begin July 2023.
2. We are negotiating with a national middle mile provider that will assist in delivering redundancies.
 - a. Our goal is geographic and vendor redundancy for all middle mile points through leased lines while we construct our middle mile plant in support of last mile.
3. Using the map submitted to ROBIN, CCC is site surveying the paths.
 - a. Identify existing utilities, environmental obstacles, identify where areas may have been overbuilt by an RDOF awardee, ILEC, or RBOC.
 - b. Incorporate fabric data to determine additional households.
 - c. Determine location for middle mile meet point (hut), types of dwellings and Handhole positioning.
 - d. This will provide data for WEB site feature enhancements.
4. Adjust build priorities to maximize funding reach.
 - a. Example: Determine best build route to service Thompsonville
 - i. Building fiber from 31 using 115 or from 31 using 669 or obtaining outside agreements
 - b. Adjust initial routes to unserved households in response to aggressive over building by RDOF awardees.
5. Permitting process.
 - a. Metro Act bilateral agreements with townships will be processed.
 - i. May-June: Weldon, Inland, Benzonia, and Homestead
 - ii. June-July-August: Almira, Colfax, Joyfield, and Crystal Lake
 - iii. Blaine, Village of Frankfort, Platte, and Lake will be processed by end of year 2023.
 - b. Road Commission construction plans for 2023 will be filed between May through July.
 - i. This will be an annual process.
6. Continuing to identify inventory yard locations.
7. BEADS – MIHI is working to understand the multiple aspects of BEADS.
 - a. <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi/miconnectedfuture/mi-connected-future-tour-schedule>
 - b. <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi/miconnectedfuture/partnership-roundtable>.
 - c. <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/mihi/michigan-digital-inclusion-resources>

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