

“Internet for All Benzie County” (IFA-BC)– Reported **Aug 2023 Invoice status report**: Once construction starts the status reports will start to include township and road level construction activities.

ROBIN application: Comment period expires Aug 4, 2023 at 4:00pm. No news at this time.

Efforts continue:

1. Inland and Benzonia Townships approved bi-lateral agreements.
2. Finalizing agreement associated with leasing Inland township owned land and for fiber distribution center. Additional space for inventory yard.
3. Drop fiber arrived.
4. Drove route with PFN associated with constructing route to Frankfort and Elberta.
 - a. Detailed design document at a level for permitting should be available by middle of August
5. Attended Crystal Lake Township meeting.
6. Attended Frankfort Village meeting.
7. Meeting with MIHI regarding RDOF areas and BEADS.
 - a. Conclusion unless RDOF are abandoned they will not be part of BEADS.
8. Attended Blaine township meeting.
 - a. Requested permission to allow CCC to reach out to Mercury Broadband to discover their plans for Blains Township.
9. Attended July EDC meeting.
10. Developed and submitted comments associated with MIHI BEADs 5-year plan.
 - a. Worked with multiple groups to develop comments.
11. Attended multiple online MIHI webinars.
12. Finalized contract / agreement for build along M-115 to Frankfort.
 - a. MDOT Permit should be filed in August.
 - b. Anticipated construction to start Sep 15, 2023
13. Extended multiple dates requesting meeting with Eclipse. No response.
14. PFN and CCC working out agreements for dark fiber, leased IRU fibers, IRU associated with second conduit, leasing of transport, leasing of DIA, and terms for shared construction.
15. EDC is coordinating and setting up a meeting between Eclipse and CCC. Aug 15 agenda unknown.
16. Multiple discussion with Mitch regarding Digital Equity. Waiting on results of Chamber and Grow Benzie research on digital equity

WEB / messaging update: Update final count for postcards was over 800 households. Web site development is moving along nicely. This will allow visual representation of progress and for consumers to connect with CCC. Results from cards not yet compiled.

Speed Verification requirements: Testing continues with various vendor products to determine opens for home units in support of this federal requirement.

Human Resources/Contractors: CCC inside crews to focus on jetting of fiber, splicing, constructing drop fiber to the premise, and installation of inside wire and electronics. Hired a resource with years of experience: splicing, utility locating, inside wire, and network experience. These adjustments will increase efficiency.

Other actionable items

1. Potential August / September bi-lateral Crystal Lake, Joyfield, and Frankfort.
2. Adjusting our database to allow proper and timely reporting to BDC.

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