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To: BAMC Executive Committee and Board of Supervisors

Subject: August 2017 Broadband Summary of Activities

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I did not work the first 2 weeks of August due to an emergency trip out of state (my mom passed back in MO). Even after returning, I took some time to get back into things, which included a lot of "catch-up."

BAMC Outreach

- I am focusing outreach efforts on Westport, and attended the BBQ with a table to talk broadband. It was interesting - for a year and a half I had tried to find the contact info for a particular landowner (I could only get a PO Box number, no phone number). My postcards did not result in him calling me, etc. At the BBQ he was sitting at the table next to me and I was finally able to talk to him. Unfortunately it did not lead to any big breakthroughs, but the effort was worthwhile. I am cautiously optimistic about some deployment efforts from Westport south to Fort Bragg.
- On 8/29 was an Assembly informational Hearing for the "Select Committee on Economic Development and Investment in Rural California" which I was able to stream. One particular speaker caught my attention - the Chief Innovation Officer for the UC extension office, who says his job is to "think out of the box" and search far and wide for new technologies for pilot studies. I connected with him and told him about TRAXYL, and he will contact them and see if they can possibly get a pilot project going at the Hopland Field Station.
- The Woodlands Fiber project was a bust...the state parks has no money for trenching, and even if they did, they would have to contract with AT&T (who would not serve the surrounding communities) because state parks has a master lease agreement with CalNet3, in which only verified vendors can be selected. And the only vendor on the list for them to choose from is....AT&T.
- Next meeting is Sept. 8th. Hope you can make it!

Legislation

- AB 1665 - Bad news! This bill passed the Senate Utilities committee unanimously (McGuire abstained). What started as a good bill was sabotaged by industry amendments. In it's current form Mendocino as a whole would be ineligible for any grant funding because with mobile included in our 4-county area, we have already reached 98% served.

- SB 649 (the small cell bill) has opposition from almost ALL city governments because of concerns about the loss of local control. It is currently in the suspense file.
- The FCC received over 20 million comments on Net Neutrality (the previous record was 3 million) when the comment period ended 8/31. Unfortunately, Chairman Pai is will still likely overturn it.

August Meeting Summary

08/16/2017	ASB meeting	Santa Rosa
08/19/2017	Westport Community Outreach	Westport
08/29/2017	Select Committee on Economic Development and Investment in Rural California	Streamed
08/31/2017	Meeting with West Co and bay area investment group to discuss an accelerator/incubator program;	Ukiah