

GM Update Internet Connectivity

October 23, 2020

To Date

- GM and staff has met with Truckee Public Utility District (PUD) and Town of Truckee (Town) to assess current status of Fiber in and around the Tahoe Donner Association
- Staff has met with Steve Blum of Tellusventures to help assess and provide recommendations on how to enhance internet service / connectivity in TDA.
- Staff has had additional conversations with the PUD to determine how we can work collectively to enhance the Fiber network in TDA.

Tahoe Donner Association Broadband Project

Initial scope with Tellusventure

Initial Phase

- Advise and assist Tahoe Donner Association in the development and negotiation of an agreement with an Internet service provider(s) (ISP) qualified company(s) or other entity(s) to upgrade broadband infrastructure, access and service levels in the community.
- Facilitate preliminary discussions with Suddenlink to ascertain capabilities and intentions regarding broadband service upgrades in the community.
- Evaluate the broadband infrastructure and service available to the community and/or the surrounding region based on existing information and to do any additional research that is necessary to complete the study. This analysis will include options for upgrading infrastructure and service, including financial considerations, and identification of potential alternative providers. Will provide summary report and, if requested, a presentation describing the findings of this research.
- Upon request, will be to prepare a request for proposal or other appropriate document to solicit formal proposals from qualified companies to provide upgraded broadband service to the community.

Next Steps

- Complete initial phase with Tellusventures
- Work with PUD as they build out their Fiber networks to determine shared opportunities
- Report out to the Board and membership regarding findings

Questions