



NOTICE OF WORK SESSION

In accordance with § 38-431.01 of the Arizona Revised Statutes of the State of Arizona, notice is hereby given to the Members of City Council and to the general public that the Mayor and Council of the City of San Luis, Arizona, will hold a Work Session meeting at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2022. The Work Session will take place at the City Council Chambers, located at 1090 E. Union Street, San Luis, Arizona, 85349. The public is invited to attend the open meeting.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the City of San Luis does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs, activities, or services. For information regarding rights and provisions of the ADA or Section 504, or to request reasonable accommodations for participation in City programs, activities or services contact: ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, City of San Luis Human Resources Department, 1090 E. Union Street, San Luis, Arizona, 85349; (928) 341-8520.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9, subject to certain specified statutory exceptions, parents have a right to consent before the State or any of its political subdivisions make a video or audio recording of a minor child. Meetings of the City Council are audio and/or video recorded, and, as a result, proceedings in which children are present may be subject to such recordings. Parents in order to exercise their rights may either file written consent with the City Clerk to such recordings, or take personal action to ensure that their child or children are not present when a recording may be made. If a child is present at the time a recording is made, the City will assume that the rights afforded parents pursuant to A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9 have been waived.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY:

/s/ Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk

AVISO DE SESION DE TRABAJO

De acuerdo con los Estatutos del Estado de Arizona A.R.S. § 38-431.01, se le informa a los miembros del Cabildo y al público en general que el Alcalde y el Cabildo, tendrán una Sesión de Trabajo a las 6:30 p.m., el día Miércoles, 5 de Enero del 2022. La junta se llevará a cabo en la Sala del Cabildo, ubicada en el 1090 E. Union Street, San Luis, Arizona, 85349. El público está invitado a la junta.

De acuerdo con el Acta de Americanos con Discapacidades y la Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación del 1973, la Ciudad de San Luis, Arizona no discrimina por causa de discapacidad la admisión y acceso a sus programas, actividades, servicios o en el trato en cuanto a empleo. Para más información referente a derechos y provisiones del Acta de Americanos con Discapacidades o Sección 504, o para solicitar adaptaciones que sean razonables para la participación en programas, actividades o servicios de la Ciudad, contactar al: Coordinador del Acta de Americanos con Discapacidades/Sección 504, Departamento de Recursos Humanos de la Ciudad de San Luis, Arizona, ubicado en el 1090 E. Union Street, San Luis, Arizona, 85349; (928) 341-8520.

Por medio de este aviso y de acuerdo con los Estatutos del Estado de Arizona A.R.S § 1-602.A.9, sujeto a ciertas excepciones reglamentarias, los padres de familia tienen el derecho de dar el consentimiento ante el Estado o cualquiera de sus subdivisiones políticas para hacer una grabación de audio o video de su hijo menor de edad. Las juntas del Cabildo se graban en audio y/o video y como resultado, el hecho de que haya menores presentes puede ser sujeto a que sean grabados. Para que los padres de familia puedan ejercer sus derechos pueden dar el consentimiento por escrito con la Secretaria de la Ciudad a tal grabación, o tomar acción personal para asegurarse que su hijo menor no esté presente cuando la grabación se lleve a cabo. Si un menor de edad está presente en el momento de la grabación, la Ciudad asumirá que los padres de familia están cediendo los derechos sobre una posible grabación de acuerdo con los Estatutos del Estado de Arizona A.R.S. § 1-602.A.9.

ESTE AVISO ES DADO POR:

/f/ Sonia Cornelio, Actuaría de la Ciudad



AGENDA
Work Session
San Luis City Council
San Luis Council Chambers
1090 E. Union Street
San Luis, AZ 85349
January 5, 2022
6:30 p.m.

For the safety of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the public may attend the City Council's Work Session of January 5, 2022, in person if the 6-foot distance can be maintained which is 27 people. However, members of the public may listen to the meeting's live audio stream on the City of San Luis' website <https://sanluisaz.gov/listenlive>. Recordings of the meetings will be available on the city's website <https://sanluisaz.gov/listenlive> after the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ATTEND EITHER IN PERSON, BY TELEPHONE, OR THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE COMMUNICATION. THE MAYOR OR ACTING MAYOR FOR THIS MEETING MAY CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE ITEMS; IF AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF A QUORUM OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT, AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) AND THE MEETING WILL BE TEMPORARILY RECESSED WHILE THE CITY COUNCIL RETIRES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION WHICH WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Por la seguridad del público durante la pandemia COVID-19, habrá asistencia en persona para los miembros del público en la Sesión de Trabajo del Cabildo del 5 de Enero del 2022, si la distancia de 6 pies puede mantenerse, que es de 27 personas. Sin embargo, los miembros del público pueden escuchar el audio en vivo de la reunión transmitido en el sitio web de la Ciudad de San Luis <https://sanluisaz.gov/listenlive>. Las grabaciones de las reuniones estarán disponibles en el sitio web de la ciudad <https://sanluisaz.gov/listenlive> después de la reunión.

TENGA EN CUENTA QUE LOS MIEMBROS DEL CABILDO DE LA CIUDAD ASISTIRÁN EN PERSONA, TELÉFONO O COMUNICACIÓN POR VIDEO CONFERENCIA. EL ALCALDE O VICE-ALCALDE DE ESTA REUNIÓN PUEDE CAMBIAR EL ORDEN DE LOS TEMAS; SI ESTÁ AUTORIZADO POR LA LEY Y POR MAYORÍA DE VOTOS DE UN QUÓRUM DE MIEMBROS DEL CABILDO PRESENTES, SE LLEVARÁ A CABO UNA SESIÓN EJECUTIVA INMEDIATAMENTE DESPUÉS DE LA VOTACIÓN DE ACUERDO CON LOS ESTATUTOS DEL ESTADO DE ARIZONA A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) Y LA REUNIÓN SERÁ TEMPORALMENTE RECESADA MIENTRAS EL CABILDO DE LA CIUDAD SE RETIRE A UNA SESIÓN EJECUTIVA QUE NO ESTARÁ ABIERTA AL PÚBLICO.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

2. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:**

2. A. Presentation followed by discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the Yuma County broadband middle mile fiber backbone project. **(Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager and Susan K. Thorpe, Yuma County Administrator)**

2. B. Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and allocation recommendations from staff. **(Monica Castro, Director of Finance)**

3. ADJOURNMENT

IN THE EVENT A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL IS NOT PRESENT, AN INFORMAL WORK SESSION MAY BE HELD.



AGENDA ITEM REVIEW FORM

Work Session

2. A.

Meeting Date: 01/05/2022

Department Head: Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, Administration, Economic Development

Submitted By: Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager, Administration, Economic Development

Action Requested: Discussion Item - No Action to be Taken

ITEM:

Presentation followed by discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding the Yuma County broadband middle mile fiber backbone project. **(Jenny Torres, Economic Development Manager and Susan K. Thorpe, Yuma County Administrator)**

SUMMARY:

According to the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, broadband is essential to rural communities in the six pillar areas of:

1. Economic Development
2. Education
3. Tele-health
4. Civic Engagement
5. Public Safety
6. Quality of Life

The Arizona Statewide Broadband Strategic Plan identified access to affordable broadband services as a critical element to innovations in education and health, the furtherance of economic development and enhancements to public safety services.

The State Broadband Strategic Plan states: "Arizona citizens, particularly students in rural and underserved areas, deserve the same access to educational opportunities, healthcare and other resources as those in metropolitan and higher-economic areas. Many of Arizona's rural residents and businesses find that they do not have high-capacity, high-speed digital communications services available at all, or the available services do not provide sufficient capacity to support new video-intensive internet services such as E-learning, telehealth, telework and internet protocol television (IPTV). These shortcomings have been limiting factors affecting the availability of jobs, educational opportunities, public safety services and healthcare services in such areas."

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic Yuma County had poor internet service. Legacy providers have not sufficiently upgraded existing infrastructure. People across Yuma County became painfully aware of the serious lack of adequate internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for schoolchildren in rural areas, individuals working from home, and people requiring remote healthcare. Agricultural technology development and implementation was hindered by lack of broadband access in agricultural areas.

In order to support rapid deployment of this now-essential infrastructure, the Yuma County Board of

Supervisors declared Broadband its top priority for use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and plans to use them toward a county-wide broadband middle mile fiber backbone.

Building on several years of work by the Community Broadband Action Team, Yuma County formed a Broadband Task Force that began work in March 2021. Members of the Task Force include Yuma County, City of Yuma, City of Somerton, City of San Luis, Town of Wellton, GYEDC, representatives of the agriculture community, IT subject matter experts and the State Broadband Director.

The Task Force developed and Yuma County issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 6, 2021 for a Broadband Middle Mile Fiber Backbone and a County Wide Area Network (WAN). The purpose of the middle mile fiber backbone is to lower the barrier to entry for last mile service providers and to incentivize service to unserved and underserved areas of the County. The County WAN was later removed from consideration of the middle mile project; and the County sites will be served by the middle mile backbone. The RFP specified an all-underground backbone network, and a minimum capacity so that last mile providers will be able to serve at least 1 Gbps per residential end user and 10 Gbps per commercial end user. The RFP identified a target date of December 2022 for completion of the middle mile backbone.

The Task Force determined that additional technical expertise would be beneficial in reviewing and evaluating the proposals received in response to the RFP, and formed the Broadband Proposal Evaluation Team.

The Proposal Evaluation Team consisted of several members of the Broadband Task Force as well as outside technical experts. Five proposals were received by the submittal deadline of September 7. Initial proposals included a project cost ranging from \$29.1 million to \$135 million. The Proposal Evaluation Team members individually reviewed and scored each proposal, then convened on Monday, October 11. Based on cumulative rankings, three of the five vendors were selected to participate in interviews on Friday, October 15.

The Evaluation Team considered each of the three vendors' written proposals as well as their presentations and discussions during the interview process. The Team assessed each vendor's experience, approach to design, construction and project management, and cost to build a middle mile fiber and conduit backbone.

Following these presentations, the Team arrived at a consensus recommendation to the County to enter into negotiations to develop a contract with ALLO Communications (dba ALLO Arizona, LLC) for a middle mile fiber Broadband Backbone in Yuma County. The recommendation letter is attached.

Yuma County plans to own the Broadband Backbone upon construction completion. The County will contract with ALLO to operate, maintain and market the middle mile fiber backbone in an open access, competitively neutral, non-discriminatory manner. ALLO also has an interest in providing fiber to the premise for residential and commercial use. The contract will be structured so that the price to lease middle mile network capacity for ALLO will be the same as for other interested last mile providers and private networks.

Negotiations will begin immediately upon authorization by the Board of Supervisors. Subject matter experts on the Proposal Evaluation Team have offered to assist Yuma County and ALLO in developing a final design and construction plan that will meet the needs of our entire community.

The current estimated Broadband Backbone is 181 miles in length with an estimated cost of \$37.5 million. The Broadband Backbone length and cost are subject to change based on engineering and design specifications of the final network architecture. Yuma County will commit 50% of its total American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding toward the Broadband Backbone. Yuma County and ALLO will seek Arizona and Federal Broadband grant funds to assist in funding this important project. The County will request that the City and Town in Yuma County also commit funding toward the project

using a portion of their ARPA funds, or other funds as deemed appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED MOTION:

Discussion and possible directions to staff only, no action.

Fiscal Impact

IS THERE FISCAL IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM:	Yes
CITY/STATE/FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$2,903,790.00
TOTAL:	\$2,903,790.00
BUDGETED AMOUNT:	See fiscal impact statement
AVAILABLE AMOUNT TO TRANSFER:	N/A
ACCT NAME & GL#/REMAINING BALANCE BEFORE PURCHASE:	Special Revenue Account # 255-210-44000.225

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (IF THIS IS A BUDGET TRANSFER, YOU MUST ATTACH THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FORM):

Yuma County is proposing that all municipalities allocate 25% of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budgeted funds for this project.

Attachments

Broadband Jurisdiction Share

**Yuma County - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocations and Countywide
Broadband Fiber Backbone Project**

26-Oct-21			
Broadband Backbone Estimated Cost			\$ 37,500,000
Recommended Broadband Contribution			
	Total County ARPA Allocation		County Contribution = 50% of County's ARPA funds
Yuma County	\$ 41,525,619.00		\$ 20,762,810
	Total City ARPA Allocation		Contribution = 25% of City ARPA Funds (could be from source other than ARPA)
City of Yuma	\$ 23,071,661.00		\$ 5,767,915
City of San Luis	\$ 11,615,161.18		\$ 2,903,790
City of Somerton	\$ 5,528,707.18		\$ 1,382,177
Town of Wellton	\$ 1,016,635.00		\$ 254,159
Total of Cities and Tow	\$ 41,232,164		\$ 10,308,041
Total County and Cities/Town			\$ 31,070,851
Total Needed from State or Federal Grants			\$ 6,429,149
Note: max possible from State ACA is \$10 million per project			



AGENDA ITEM REVIEW FORM

Work Session**2. B.****Meeting Date:** 01/05/2022**Department Head:** Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, City Clerk's Office**Submitted By:** Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk, City Clerk's Office**Action Requested:** Discussion Item - No Action to be Taken

ITEM:

Discussion and possible directions to staff on any and all matters regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and allocation recommendations from staff. **(Monica Castro, Director of Finance)**

SUMMARY:

Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") provides \$350 billion in funding for state and local governments. Staff will present an overview of this federal program. Staff will also present a list of projects that are eligible for the program for the City Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED MOTION:

Discussion and possible directions to staff only, no action.

Fiscal Impact**IS THERE FISCAL IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ITEM:** N/A**CITY/STATE/FEDERAL FUNDS:** N/A**TOTAL:** N/A**BUDGETED AMOUNT:** N/A**AVAILABLE AMOUNT TO TRANSFER:** N/A**ACCT NAME & GL#/REMAINING BALANCE BEFORE PURCHASE:** N/A**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT (IF THIS IS A BUDGET TRANSFER, YOU MUST ATTACH THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FORM):**N/A
