

Approved Minutes

A regular meeting of the Albemarle County Broadband Authority was held on March 20, 2025. The meeting was held in room 246 of the Albemarle County Office Building located at 401 McIntire Road.

PRESENT: Mr. Bucky Walsh, Mr. Waldo Jaquith, Mr. Jim Andrews, Mr. Trevor Henry, Mr. Bill Fritz

ABSENT: Mr. Mike Pruitt

Also Present: Mr. Andy Herrick (County Attorney), and Mr. Jason Inofuentes (Program Manager, Broadband Accessibility and Affordability Office).

Agenda Item No. 1. Establish Quorum and Call to Order.

Mr. Walsh established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 2 Approval of Agenda

Mr. Walsh **moved** to approve the agenda.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 3 Brief Announcements from the Board

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item No. 4 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

There was one member of the public present for the meeting.

There were no virtual attendees.

Agenda Item No. 5 Consent Agenda

Agenda Item No. 5a Financial Report (information only)

Mr. Henry **moved** to approve the consent agenda.

The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 6 Approval of February 20, 2025 meeting Minutes

The minutes were not ready.

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Agenda Item No. 7 Old Business

Agenda Item No. 7a VATI 2021 Update

Mr. Inofuentes shared a PowerPoint presentation. (Attached to these minutes)

Mr. Inofuentes stated there were as many as 74 locations that were not included in this project. Some due to distance and some due to fiber capacity. Mr. Inofuentes notes that further discussions will occur on actions to be taken.

Mr. Jaquith asked if DHCD raised the concept of pro-rating its funding of the project.

Mr. Inofuentes stated that this has been done in other instances.

Mr. Jaquith asked if this means ABBA should pro-rate our portion.

Mr. Inofuentes stated that was an ABBA decision.

Mr. Henry noted that we had not paid anything yet.

Mr. Jaquith asked if some of the 74 locations will be served.

Mr. Inofuentes stated that some will be able to be served.

Mr. Jaquith asked for a list of the sites.

Agenda Item No. 7b VATI 2022 Update

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Mr. Inofuentes noted that the project is reaching an end point on obtaining easements and there may be places that have to be dropped because easements cannot be obtained.

Mr. Fritz asked how big the easement issue is.

Mr. Inofuentes stated it was less than 50 sites.

Agenda Items No. 7c BAAO update

Mr. Inofuentes stated there was no update.

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Agenda Item No. 8 New Business

Agenda Item No. 8a BEAD Update

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Mr. Walsh asked if there was any idea of the impact on BEAD funds.

Mr. Inofuentes stated that there has been no pause in funding. The direction for NTIA is to proceed with business as usual. Mr. Inofuentes noted that funding does ultimately have to be approved by NTIA.

Agenda Item No. 9 Other Matters

There was no discussion.

Agenda Item No. 10 Adjourn

Mr. Walsh **moved** to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 5:20.

CONSENT AGENDA

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5. FOR APPROVAL (Information Only)
 a. Financial Report

Update: 03/13/2025

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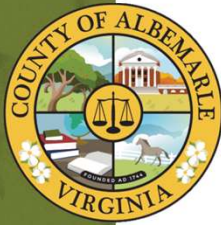
BROADBAND INCENTIVES>ALBEMARLE BROADBAND AUTHORITY

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Notes:

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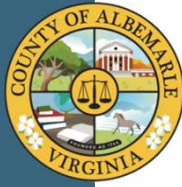


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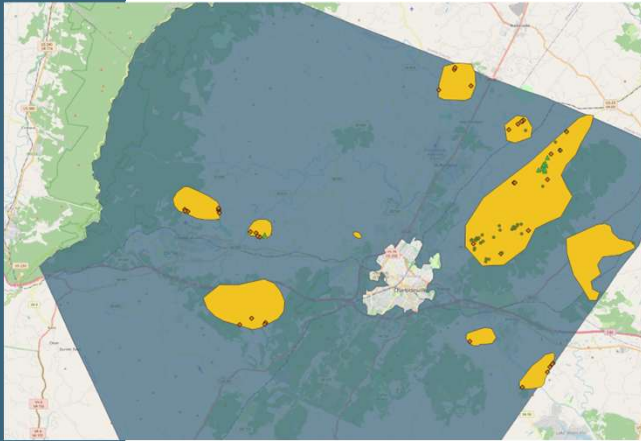
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VATI 2021 Update



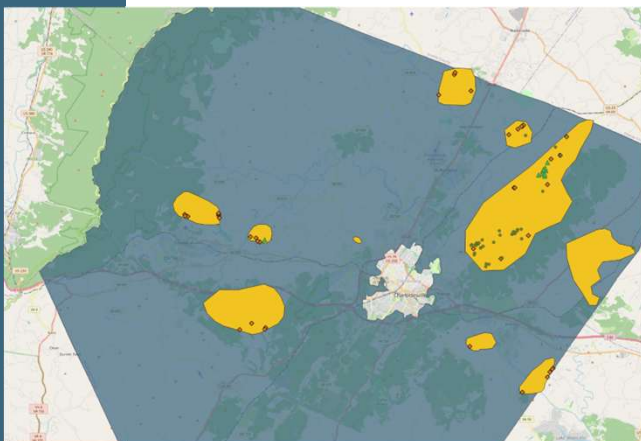
- Following outreach from Senator Deeds' office about a resident not served, a request was made to Brightspeed to audit the list of 1,430 locations that were agreed on in 2023
- While awaiting this audit a request was made for an extension to DHCD to remedy any issues and all close-out and reimbursement activities were paused

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VATI 2021 Update

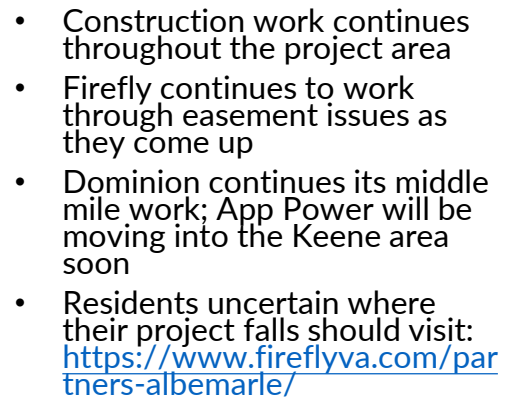


- The audit identified approximately 5% of locations that may not be serviceable from this project, pending additional review to be completed by next week
- DHCD has expressed a willingness to accept the reduced passings count and pro-rate its portion

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Firefly RISE Project: Albemarle County



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Appalachian Power - Red Hill	In-Service	Appalachian Power - Keene	Summer 2025
CARES - Albemarle	In-Service	REC - Preddy Creek (Advance Mills)	Summer 2025
REC - Stanardsville (Dyke)	Connecting Now	REC - Preddy Creek (Burnley)	Summer 2025
RISE (St. John Rd)	Connecting Now	REC - Preddy Creek (Vineyard Rd)	Summer 2025
RISE (Beaver Dam Rd)	Connecting Now	RISE (Carters Mtn)	Summer 2025
RISE (Batesville)	Spring 2025	RISE (Gordonsville Rd)	Summer 2025
RISE (Decca Ln)	Spring 2025	RISE (Louisa Rd)	Summer 2025
RISE (Free Union/Earlsville/Waverly)	Spring 2025	RISE (Ragged Mtn)	Summer 2025
RISE (Ivy Farms)	Spring 2025	RISE (Stony Point/Eastham)	Summer 2025
RISE (Midway)	Spring 2025	RISE (Turkey Sag)	Summer 2025
RISE (Rockfish Gap)	Spring 2025		
RISE (Sugar Hollow)	Spring 2025		
RISE (Thurston)	Spring 2025		
RISE (Windrift)	Spring 2025		

Summer 2024
ends 9/22/2024

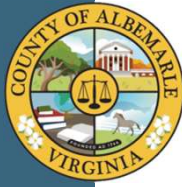
Fall 2024
ends 12/21/2024

Winter 2024-2025
ends 3/20/2025

Spring 2025
ends 6/20/2025

Summer 2025
ends 9/22/2025

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VATI 2022 Update

VATI 2022 Project Milestones	Progress as of February 2024	Progress as of November 2024	Progress as of December 2024	Progress as of February 2025	% Increase since last ABBA Update
Miles of Field Data Collection	104	430	430	430	0%
Miles of Fiber Design	96	252	252	270	7%
Miles of Make Ready					
Construction	87	92	94	94	0%
Miles of Aerial Fiber Placement	75	82	83	83	0%
Miles of Underground Fiber Placement	11	12	29	33	12%
Miles of Splicing	66	94	96	101	5%
Number of Passings	830	938	938	938	0%



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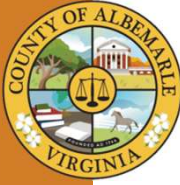
VATI 2022 Update - Dominion

	Progress as of June 2024	Progress as of September 2024	Progress as of December 2024	Progress as of March 2025	% Progress
Total Miles	215	211	211	211	--
Miles Designed	170	211	211	211	100%
Construction status	In progress	In progress	In progress	In progress	--
Miles Completed	40	85.3	126	161	60%
Splicing % Complete	0%	0%	20%	35%	20%



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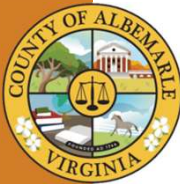


BEAD Update

- The BEAD application window has closed.
- DHCD shared that 2 applicants (Brightspeed and Comcast) submitted applications for Albemarle
- 100% of ZCTAs in Albemarle County are covered by existing applications
- A list of any locations that are not included in a potential Round 1 award should be released in the coming weeks

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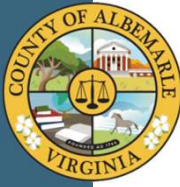


BEAD Update

- DHCD is planning multiple BEAD rounds to ensure all locations get reached
- Additionally, a VATI 2025 round is planned for later this year, details to follow

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