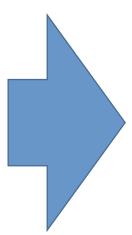
# Statewide Open-Access Middle Mile Network Implementation & 2021 Broadband Package

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### California's Broadband Gap



- California has more unserved households than any other state in the nation.
- 52.4% of Californians actively use broadband at the modern benchmark speed of 100 Mbps.
- 51.3% of rural households lack any broadband service at 100 Mbps.
- 28.4% of households on Tribal Lands lack any broadband service at 100 Mbps.
- Almost half of households without access at 100 Mbps are in urban areas.

### The Solution



## Infrastructure, Access, and Affordability

See 2021-2022 Enacted Budget Summary: Equitable and Broad Based Recovery

### **Events Preceding SB 156**

- Governor's Executive Order N-73-20 on Aug. 14, 2020
  - Deployment minimum requirement 100 Mbps down
  - Broadband Council Action Plan
  - Mapping by location
  - Promote broadband adoption activities
- California Broadband Cost Model (25/3 Mbps) on Sep. 1, 2020
  - Last mile: \$3.6 Billion to build last-mile fiber to the premise
  - Middle mile: \$2.2 Billion to build open-access, state-owned network
- Broadband Council Action Plan on Dec. 30, 2020
  - Goal 1: All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses.
  - Goal 2: All Californians have access to affordable broadband and necessary devices.
  - Goal 3: All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion.

# Governor Newsom Signs Historic Broadband Legislation to Help Bridge the Digital Divide



#### Middle Mile \$3.25 billion

 Build, operate and maintain an open access, state-owned middle mile network.

#### Last Mile \$2 billion

• Set up last-mile broadband connections that will connect homes and businesses with local networks.

#### Loan Loss Reserve \$750 million

• Loan loss reserve fund to enable local governments and nonprofits to secure financing for broadband infrastructure.

#### Local Agency Technical Assistance \$50 million

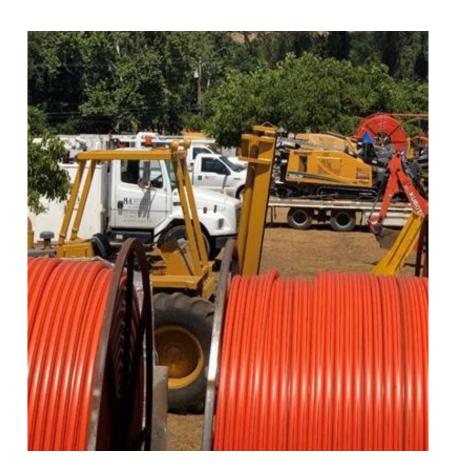
 Technical assistance to local governments to prepare for broadband implementation.

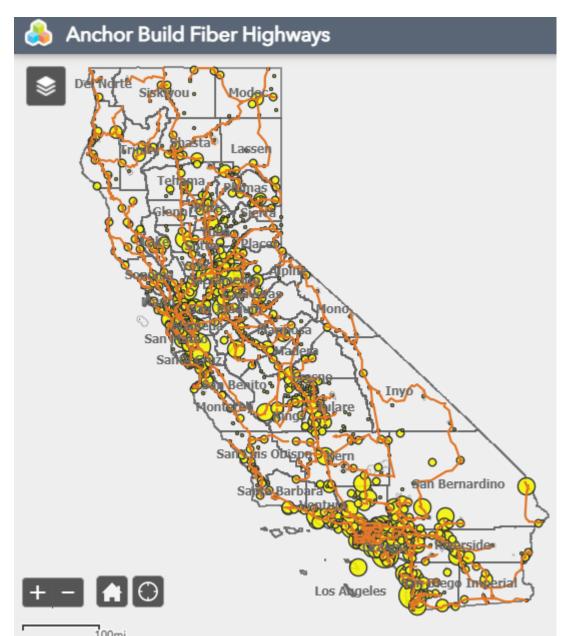
#### California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) program changes (no \$)

 Wide-ranging changes to the CASF Public Utilities Code section 281 statute

### **Implementation**

- Deployment Rulemaking <u>20-09-001</u>
  - Middle Mile Locations
  - Federal Funding Account
- California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)
   Rulemaking <u>20-08-021</u>
  - Technical Assistance
  - Loan Loss Reserve
- We recommend <u>subscribing to the service list</u> to track a relevant proceeding or becoming a party (CPUC Public Advisor Office has more information <u>https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao</u>)





# Statewide Middle Mile Network (proposed)

- ~8,000 road miles
- All state highways / rights of way
- Connecting unserved census designated places
- Deployment Proceeding website
- Anchor Build Fiber Highways web map



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