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June 28, 2022
Purpose

To provide updates on the status of cable buildout in Calvert County
Reminder: Cable Franchise Scope

According to FCC rules:

1. Cable franchises **DO**:  
   - Address provision of cable television service in exchange for use of the public Right-of-Way.

2. They **DO NOT**:  
   - Address broadband or internet service.  
   - Provide exclusive rights to provide cable television service (*meaning other cable companies could invest in the community*)  
   - Allow the county to regulate cable rates.
Buildout – Update on BOCC Actions

• **In April 2021**, the BOCC approved full buildout up to 300’ from the Right-of-Way per the Franchise Agreement. BOCC and Comcast began work toward that approach.

• **In August 2021**, after having identified additional federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the BOCC voted to remove the 300’ limitation, thereby making cable service available to **every home in Calvert County** at **no charge to the constituent**.

• **In November 2021**, the BOCC approved to reimburse constituents between Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021 who have made investments due to availability of ARPA funding.

✓ **Status**: Complete. Total expenditures for reimbursement, $29,282.65
## Buildout Phases I & II

### Estimated Construction Schedule

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**Total Homes: 341 approx.**
Barstow Update

- The largest build of Phase I & II
- Total of 165 homes
  - 97 complete/released, north end of build
  - North end was easier to complete because it was all underground
  - South end is more difficult because it is aerial construction.
  - Slated for completion mid-July.
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Comcast Service Extension Map

Construction Status Phases:
1. Project Identified
2. Survey/Design Phase
3. Permitting Phase
4. Construction Phase
5. Complete

Hyperlink to live map.
Funding Phase I & II

- The Franchise Fee was originally budgeted in FY 2022 to complete full buildout.
- ARPA funds and state grants replaced Franchise Fee funding (from the General Fund) to complete these phases.
- The Governor’s Office of Statewide Broadband, via Governor Hogan grant saved the county $1.4 million and additional matching funds for this phase to provide an additional 60+ homes ($360,000) with long driveways (beyond 300’)

Combined Phase I & II Projects:
✓ Total Construction: $3,766,158
✓ **State Contribution:** $2.259M
✓ County Contribution: $1,476,918
✓ Comcast Contribution: $406,161

($1.6M budgeted; savings allocated to Phase III)
**New: Buildout Phase III**

- **Phase III added by BOCC Nov. 2021**
  - Phase III **ensures every household** in the county receives a “passing” by residential and business address.
  - Added beyond the 300’ requirement of the Franchise Agreement.
  - Survey/construction estimate is complete.
    - Includes many long drops and difficult builds.
    - Information obtain through self-registration and GIS builds.
  - Estimate for construction is mainly underground.
    - Most efficient path for near-term completion.
    - Using mostly an underground approach, the estimated completion by the end of calendar 2023, pending final BOCC budget approval.
  - Approximately 350 additional homes.
New Funding – Addition of Phase III

Construction Cost Estimate Synopsis

**Option 1** - Combined Phased III Funding (*100% Underground – 12-18 months*)
- Total Construction: $6,715,539
  - County: $6,236,739
  - Comcast: $478,800

**Option 2** - Combined Phased III Funding (*Aerial/Underground Mix – 24-28 Months*)
- Total Construction: $6,050,352
  - County: $5,571,552
  - Comcast: $478,800

- Total Construction: Estimated cost savings to county if built this option chosen: $665,188
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How do I find information/updates?

Third Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available

The COVID-19 vaccination clinic has reopened on eligible
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Comcast Buildout

Submit a Comcast Buildout Question
Add Your Address for Comcast Buildout
Comcast Service Extension Map

Sign up for updates!

Calvert County Government is currently working with Comcast to connect county residence with access to cable internet service. Sign up below to be the first to receive updates on our Comcast expansion initiative.

* Email

* First Name

* Last Name

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Requested Actions

- **BOCC direct staff to return to:**
  - Determine approach (*12 month or 24 month scenario*).
  - Conduct a public hearing to allocate funds for final cable buildout.
  - Finalize a Memorandum of Understanding.