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Arizona Telecommunications and Information Council  
**DIGITAL ACCESS TASK FORCE**

**AZBSN Meeting Chat – April 25, 2024**

08:03:10 From Ilana Lowery to Steve Peters(direct message): Brenna won't be joining us on the call today. She's at a Senate committee hearing.

08:10:31 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:  
<https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/arizona-broadband-equity-access-deployment-program/>

08:10:47 From Eileen Harris to Everyone: Reacted to "https://www.azcommer..." with 👍

08:12:44 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone:  
<https://forms.office.com/g/R8J2QKNuuB>

08:14:59 From Mark Goldstein For Nicole Umyam: NTIA 2023 Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth Annual Report released 4/30: (<https://www.ntia.gov/report/2024/office-internet-connectivity-and-growth-2023-annual-report>) The report was developed in accordance with the ACCESS BROADBAND Act, which requires NTIA to submit an annual report to Congress. This year's report covers BIL and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and highlights how NTIA is coordinating with and supporting states, territories, and Tribal entities to align on policy and implementation of the various high-speed Internet programs.

08:16:38 From Mark Goldstein For Nicole Umyam: The Biden Administration announced a \$30M investment to support interagency coordination of federal permitting.  
(<https://www.permits.performance.gov/fpisc-content/biden-harris-administration-announces-new-investment-innovative-technologies-improve>)

For Nicole Umyam: More than 160 applications totaling more than \$2.64 billion in funding requests were received for the second Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program NOFO. Awards expected before the end of the year. (<https://www.ntia.gov/press-release/2024/more-160-applications-submitted-biden-harris-administration-s-internet-all>)

For Nicole Umyam: In recognition of Second Chance Month (April), NTIA hosted a public webinar on "The Impact of High-Speed Internet Access on Incarcerated and Justice-Impacted Individuals"  
(<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events/digital-equity-webinar-series-impact-high-speed-internet-access-incarcerated>).

08:17:08 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Thanks for the forms!

08:25:42 From Paul Ross to Everyone: Connect Arizona - Free on-call internet and tech help for AZ  
([connect-arizona.com](http://connect-arizona.com))

08:26:51 From Eileen Harris to Everyone: Very insightful, thanks Ilana

08:29:30 From Paul Ross to Everyone: I am surprised there is not a thought about joining ACP with Lifeline, because of the dwindling funding for lifeline and to transition from 1950's to 2020+ from landline to IP, with an IP/Internet fee subsidy similar to lifeline.

08:30:28 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Thank you Ilana. I am grappling with this issue for my district and my budget.

08:30:45 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: @Paul Ross There is discussion about reforming the USF to do just that but it's 3-5 years out.

08:30:52 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Our hotspot program expired.

08:31:32 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: @Walt Mangum You are not alone.

08:31:38 From Paul Ross to Everyone: Replying to "@Paul Ross There is ..."

ACP could be an opportunity to lay the ground work.

08:32:10 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "@Paul Ross There is ..."

It's definitely being talked about as a long-term solution.

08:32:55 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: My district wants free but the carriers are not responding. I signed up twice for Tmobile Project10 million and no one has responded back to me.

08:32:59 From Paul Ross to Everyone: Replying to "@Paul Ross There is ..."

Time to sink or swim for sustainability.

08:33:22 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Any suggestions would be appreciated.

08:33:35 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "Any suggestions woul..."

Tell me again where you are located?

08:34:19 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Sonoran schools. I am in Tucson but we have schools in Phoenix, Chandler and Tucson.

08:35:17 From Paul Ross to Everyone: Rural Utilities Service | Rural Development (usda.gov) | Telecom Programs | Rural Development (usda.gov)

08:37:27 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: Walt-Reach out to Marco Rivas at Marco.Rivas44@T-Mobile.com

08:37:33 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "Sonoran schools. I a..."

@Walt Mangum have you spoken to @Mala Muralidharan or Milan Eaton with the AZ Dept. of Ed?

08:37:51 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "Walt-Reach out to Ma..." with 👍

08:37:58 From Michelle Simon to Everyone: He is the Southern Arizona rep. Tell him Michelle Simon referred you. 😊

08:38:39 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone: Reacted to "@Walt Mangum have yo..." with 👍

08:39:29 From Bill D'Agostino to Everyone: Steve and Team, my focus with the Wireless Infrastructure Association is primarily around workforce, technical education and registered apprenticeship programs. I can and will get information on WIA's activities in regards to ACP

08:41:03 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Replying to "Sonoran schools. I a..."

No but will definitely reach out.

08:44:12 From Walt Mangum to Everyone: Reacted to "@Walt Mangum have yo..." with 👍

08:46:05 From Heather Floyd to Everyone: Great job overviewing the programs, I especially appreciate the specific examples of programs in progress in our state. - Heather from Valley TeleCom Group :)

08:46:42 From Maria Garcia to Everyone: Thank you for your presentation Matthew.

08:46:48 From Paul Ross to Everyone: There are a couple of nice maps from USDA at Telecom Maps | Rural Development (usda.gov)

08:47:22 From Holly Frchetti to Everyone: Thank you, Matthew! Great information/presentation.

08:47:30 From Matthew Suchodolski to Everyone: Matthew Suchodolski

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08:55:13 From Erin Lorandos | Digital Equity Program Manager, ACA (she, her) to Everyone: I need to hop off for another call. Thanks, all - as always!

08:55:31 From Paul Ross to Everyone: From ChatGPT Climate resiliency for telecommunications plan . . .

Infrastructure Design: Building or upgrading to withstand extreme weather, using durable, flood-resistant, and fire-resistant materials.

Backup Systems: Ensuring redundant power sources and network rerouting options for uninterrupted operations.

Monitoring and Maintenance: Regular inspections and monitoring to detect and address vulnerabilities, with weather prediction systems for quick response.

Decentralization: Distributing server locations and local backup solutions to avoid widespread failure.

Emergency Communication Plans: Developing comprehensive plans for coordinated responses, including prioritized restoration and public communication channels.

Climate Adaptation: Regularly assessing and adapting to changing climate patterns to maintain resilient infrastructure.

08:57:03 From Matthew Suchodolski to Everyone: Don Graves -

08:59:39 From Paul Ross to Everyone: Article on the visit. US Deputy Commerce Secretary Don Graves visits Phoenix College (azcentral.com)

09:00:29 From Dario Solis to Everyone: Got to go. Best, DS

09:01:37 From Paul Ross to Everyone: The visit with photos . . .  
[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/paul-ross-782a3812\\_pcproud-ntia-digitaldivide-activity-7189083513919279105-PLwz?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/paul-ross-782a3812_pcproud-ntia-digitaldivide-activity-7189083513919279105-PLwz?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop)

09:01:44 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Interesting article on cellphone bans in school:  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2024/05/01/school-cellphones-confiscate/>

09:02:38 From Maria Garcia to Everyone: Replying to "Interesting article ..."

Not able to open it without a subscription.

09:03:39 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Replying to "Interesting article ..."

I posted a pdf.

09:03:54 From Anthony Costantini to Everyone: <https://connect-arizona.com/get-online/internet-offers>

09:04:33 From Maria Garcia to Everyone: Replying to "Interesting article ..."

Got it, TY :)

09:04:44 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Here is NDIA's list: <https://www.digitalinclusion.org/free-low-cost-internet-plans/>

09:05:07 From Anthony Costantini to Everyone: Reacted to "Here is NDIA's list:..." with 👍

09:05:26 From Paul Ross to Everyone: I have been tackling the use of Social Media and Mobile Devices for the last 15 years, mobile device use in classrooms by students, embrace, adopt and lead the ethical and instructional use of the devices and services for educational and societal benefit.

09:05:47 From Ilana Lowery to Everyone: Reacted to "I have been tackling..." with 🙌

09:06:14 From kirk busch to Everyone: Reacted to "I have been tackli..." with 🙌

09:06:21 From Holly Frchetti to Everyone: Thank you!!

09:06:30 From Tina Gounder to Everyone: Thank you!

09:06:33 From Mala Muralidharan to Everyone: Agree with Paul!.