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Future of Broadband Committee Updates Commissioners

Westminster, Thursday, November 2, 2017 – Today, the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BCC) received the committee report from the Future of Broadband Committee. The committee is charged with identifying options for extending the reach of county's current high-speed broadband network. The commissioners allocated \$1 million to expand the current broadband map.

The committee updated the commissioners on the progress of their discussions and provided the committee's current recommendations. The current options being considered include:

- Business Parks
- Service Provider Grant Program
- Construction of Conduit in Municipalities (Street Scape)
- Request for Proposal (RFP) to expand network
- Broadband Service Area Map
- Work with State of Maryland Rural Broadband Task Force

The BCC would like the committee to consider long term planning for this project and look at the initiative in phases, instead of a one time plan. The BCC gave the committee direction which included asking for prioritization of the business parks considered and an updated list of parks, which did not make the list, but would be included in future phases. Also, the committee should provide more detail about the proposed service provider grant program.

The committee will return to the BCC next week for a decision.

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