Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee

Overview



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What is the BDAC?

- A federal advisory committee (FAC) chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)
- Members have been selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the issues BDAC will consider.
- Establishment Date: March 1, 2017
- Charter Expiration Date: March 1, 2019
 - FCC can seek to renew the charter for two more years.



What is BDAC's Mission?

- To make recommendations to the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of highspeed Internet access, or "broadband," by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment.
- •BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in this area to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.



Timeline for BDAC - 2017

- April 21: Inaugural meeting
- May: Start up working groups (WGs)
- May-July: WGs begin initial work on recommendations
- July 20 (tentative): Mid-term BDAC meeting
 - WGs present and discuss progress to date.
 - Full committee discusses and provides input on each WG presentation.
- July-Oct/Nov: WGs continue to develop and finalize their recommendations.
- Oct/Nov (Date TBD): End-of-year BDAC meeting
 - WGs present recommendations to the full BDAC.
 - Full BDAC deliberates and votes on final recommendations.



Working Group Overview

- The WGs are crucially important to the success of BDAC.
- Each WG should plan to meet frequently, at least once a week.
 - WGs meet via teleconference.
- BDAC members will each be assigned to one or two WGs.
- Each WG will include BDAC members as well as other individuals who applied to serve on BDAC.



BDAC Working Groups

- Model Code for Municipalities
- Model Code for States
- Competitive Access to Broadband Infrastructure
- Removing State and Local Regulatory Barriers
- Streamlining Federal Siting



Working Group: Model Code for Municipalities

- Chair: Doug Dimitroff (NYSWA)
- Vice Chair: Mayor Sam Liccardo (San Jose CA)
- Draft a model code for municipalities to accelerate broadband deployment.
 - The code should include model provisions or guidelines related to issues such as franchising, zoning and permitting, and "dig once". The code may also address other aspects of broadband deployment that involve municipal governments.
 - The code should be designed to meet the needs of municipalities that differ in terms of size, geography, population density, background regulatory environment, and other factors.
- 2017 DELIVERABLE: Present a municipal model code for a vote by the BDAC at the October/November BDAC meeting.

Working Group: Model Code for States

- Chair: Kelly McGriff (Southern Light)
- Vice Chair: Commissioner Karen Charles Peterson (NARUC)
- Draft a model code for state governments to accelerate broadband deployment.
 - The code should include model provisions or guidelines related to issues such as franchising, and the role of state regulatory agencies and of state broadband councils in deployment.
 - The code may also address state government efforts to promote more robust deployment at the municipal level, as well as other aspects of broadband deployment that involve state governments.
 - The code should be designed to meet the needs of states that differ in terms of size, geography, population density, background regulatory environment, and other factors.
- <u>2017 DELIVERABLE</u>: Present a state model code for a vote by the BDAC at the October/November BDAC meeting.



Working Group: Competitive Access to Broadband Infrastructure

- Chair: Ken Simon (Crown Castle)
- Vice Chair: Brent Skorup (Mercatus Center, GMU)
- Develop recommendations on measures to promote speedier and more efficient competitive access to utility poles while ensuring safety and the integrity of existing attachments.
- Examine and develop recommendations on measures to promote competitive access to other broadband infrastructure, e.g., ducts, conduits, rights-of-way.
- Recommend steps to improve the transparency of information regarding the availability of utility poles, rights-of-way and other broadband infrastructure.
- 2017 DELIVERABLE: Present recommendations for a vote at the October/November BDAC meeting, including possible recommendations for further study.



Working Group: Removing State and Local Regulatory Barriers

- Chair: Robert DeBroux (TDS Telecom)
- Vice Chair: Kim Keenan (MMTC)
- Identify patterns of specific instances of actions at the state and local level that serve as barriers to broadband deployment, and provide recommendations to the Commission on how to address.
- Identify examples and discuss the consequences of local governmental restrictions that may "prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting" service (e.g., by requiring "undergrounding for wireless facilities") and recommend solutions.
- Examine the extent to which municipalities may single out communications-related deployments for more burdensome treatment than other deployments and make recommendations for addressing such disparate outcomes.
- <u>2017 DELIVERABLE</u>: Present recommendations for a vote at the October/November BDAC meeting, including possible recommendations for further study.

Working Group: Streamlining Federal Siting

- Chair: Jonathan Adelstein (WIA)
- Vice Chair: Valerie Fast Horse (Coeur d'Alene Tribe)
- Develop recommendations to improve the process of siting on federal lands and federally managed properties, such as by:
 - Recommending standard procedures for facility siting;
 - Examining and providing recommendations on how to standardize the duration of leases and easements;
 - Considering whether to recommend a shot clock for the processing of applications for facilities siting on Federal land by Federal agencies
 - Exploring and reporting on possible methods for Federal agencies to identify and report on coverage gaps and deficiencies and;
 - Recommending procedures for creating and maintaining a publicly accessible inventory of space that can be used to attach or install broadband infrastructure.
- <u>2017 DELIVERABLE</u>: Present recommendations for a vote at the October/November BDAC meeting, including possible recommendations for further study.