

**SOUTHSIDE NETWORK AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING**

**December 11, 2020  
12:30 PM**

**The Regional Building  
723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake**

Pursuant to the declared state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to protect the public health and safety of the SNA members, staff, and the general public, the SNA meeting will be held electronically.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval/Modification of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comments**

Members of the public are invited to address the Southside Network Authority (SNA). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, interested persons may submit comments to the SNA in advance of the meeting by email to [kmiller@hrpdcv.gov](mailto:kmiller@hrpdcv.gov) or phone (757) 366-4370. Each oral comment is limited to three minutes. All comments received as of 48 hours before the meeting will be provided to the SNA Members and included in the official record.

- 4. Meeting Minutes (Attachment 4)**

Attached for the SNA's consideration are the minutes from the following SNA meeting:

- November 16, 2020 (2:30 pm)

- 5. Strategic planning process to facilitate the development of an approach to fiber ownership, operation, and private partnerships**

During the November 16, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, a revised fiber route was approved, and estimated construction costs were presented to the Board. The estimated construction costs for Phase I of the fiber ring is \$23.5M. During this meeting, Ms. Joanne Hovis, President CTC will facilitate a review of various strategic options for financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the regional fiber ring. The facilitation process will include the following information:

- Review SNA goals and vision for the fiber ring project
- Examine various operating models being employed nationally

- Consider best industry practices
- Review Business Case Analysis developed for the Southside Network Authority
- Using the information gained through the facilitated process, the SNA will begin to determine the path of action going forward for the fiber ring project by:
  - Identifying a shortlist of strategies for financing and constructing the fiber ring
  - Establishing a timeline for completing locality review of short-listed options and a decision point for the SNA.

***Action Requested: The SNA Board should take action to define and approve next steps leading towards a decision on funding and operating strategy for the fiber ring.***

**6. Old/New Business**

**7. Adjournment**