AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FUND ENTITLED "BROADBAND SERVICE FUND (510)" AND DIRECTING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the City of Hudson ("City"), through its Velocity Broadband service ("VBB"), has installed 60 miles of fiber optic cable (the "Fiber Path"); and

WHEREAS, through the Fiber Path, VBB has connected 230 businesses to high speed internet and/or telephone service; and

WHEREAS, in proximity to the existing Fiber Path, there are additional future users to connect to high-speed internet and/or voice service; and

WHEREAS, opportunities also exist to provide extraterritorial high-speed internet and/or voice service to users outside of the City's borders; and

WHEREAS, the City's Downtown Phase II redevelopment project presents the opportunity for the City to connect many future users to high-speed internet and/or telephone service; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to connect the users referenced in the above recitals to VBB so as to maximize the City's return on investment from VBB's existing capital infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it supports the VBB Business Plan as presented at the Council workshop on February 26, 2019 (attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A") and directs staff to implement said business plan's policies, recommendations, and initiatives that are not in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 15-209, passed on December 15, 2015, this Council created the Broadband Capital Fund (402) for the purpose of receiving and disbursing capital funds generated from debt proceeds issued for the purpose of paying the capital costs of the buildout of the Fiber Path; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City to create a second special fund for VBB to be known as the "Broadband Service Fund (510)" to allow for the proper administration of a Broadband communication service to be managed and maintained by the City of Hudson for the benefit of its citizens and businesses and to serve them with high-speed internet and voice service for a fee; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the "Broadband Service Fund (510)" is to account for receiving and disbursing funds from charges for services, the cost of connections, management and maintenance of the broadband system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. There is established, effective retroactively to January 1, 2019, a special fund to be known as the "Broadband Service Fund (510)" under the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.12 and for the purposes set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 2</u>. The Clerk of Council is authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Auditor of the State, pursuant to the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.12.

<u>Section 3</u>. The City Manager is authorized to provide VBB high-speed internet and/or telephone service to the users set forth in the recitals of this Ordinance.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Director of Finance is authorized to appropriate for VBB purposes the \$221,305.88 remaining in the Broadband Capital Fund (402).

<u>Section 5</u>. The appropriations heretofore made for current expenses and other expenditures for the City of Hudson during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the sums hereinafter indicated by fund are amended:

That the current appropriations be amended in the General Fund (101) as follows:

Description	·	Current	Amended	Increase(Decrease)
101-7520	Broadband Service			
	Personnel Expenses	\$229,693.00	\$0.00	(\$229,693.00)
	All Other Expenses	\$389,787.00	\$0.00	(\$389,787.00)

That the current appropriations be amended in the Broadband Service Fund (510) as follows:

Description	-	Current	Amended	Increase(Decrease)
510-7520	Broadband Service Personnel Expenses All Other Expenses	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$229,693.00 \$389,787.00	\$229,693.00 \$389,787.00

<u>Section 6</u>. The Director of Finance is authorized to fund the repayment of the outstanding Velocity broadband debt from the Broadband Service Fund.

<u>Section 7</u>. For the period from January 1, 2019 to the effective date of this Ordinance, the Director of Finance is authorized to make all necessary General Fund journal entries to reflect previously posted journal entries related to VBB that are now properly identified and reflected within the newly created Broadband Service Fund (510).

<u>Section 8</u>. This Council authorizes Staff to take the steps necessary to prepare to increase the currently outstanding VBB note from \$3.4 Million to \$3.85 Million.

Section 9. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:	
ATTEST:	David A. Basil, Mayor
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Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council	
•	ion No. 19-7 was duly passed by the Council of said_, 2019.
	Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

First Reading: January 22, 2019 Second Reading: February 5, 2019 Third Reading: February 19, 2019



Enterprise Business Plan

February 26, 2019

Velocity Broadband Today

Our Goal

The core goal of Velocity Broadband is to enable connectivity and commerce at unparalleled speeds across our community. This is fundamental to Economic Development and it improves community outcomes in every way.

Our Progress

In just three years Velocity Broadband has grown into a **60 mile fiber network** connecting **230 businesses**, generating **over \$500,000 in annual revenue**, while serving Hudson businesses and enabling business growth. With faster, more reliable and affordable internet and voice services, we empower our local businesses to compete in today's high-speed, data-driven world. We have quickly taken a \$6.9M concept and executed on it for just \$3.4M or one-half the open market cost. Customer satisfaction also continues to be a high point with a retention rate of 99.5%.

Key Indicators



Over \$1.05 million in NEW income tax from VBB customers over 36 months



10 of the top 20 income tax payers are on Velocity Broadband



Months cash flow positive in the last 24 months

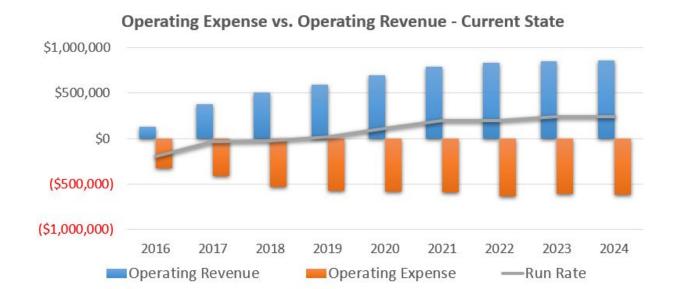


Revenue Growth in 2018

Petention Rate 99.5

Current Take Rate

New Customers - Last 30 Days



The current business proforma shows a positive operating cash flow in 2019 of \$20,026.

Broadband Financial Forecast As of 1/1/19 Current State

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Forecast	2020 Forecast	2021 Forecast	2022 Forecast	2023 Forecast	2024 Forecast
Operating Revenue	\$129,048	\$381,793	\$504,714	\$589,506	\$693,090	\$787,067	\$834,896	\$846,425	\$856,273
Operating Expense									77/01/27
Personnel	\$184,433	\$195,483	\$213,719	\$229,693	\$234,287	\$238,972	\$243,752	\$248,627	\$253,599
Operating	\$142,086	\$215,576	\$318,354	\$339,787	\$343,304	\$346,860	\$392,117	\$354,507	\$358,052
Operating Expense	\$326,519	\$411,059	\$532,073	\$569,480	\$577,591	\$585,833	\$635,869	\$603,134	\$611,651
Operating Run Rate	(\$197,471)	(\$29,266)	(\$27,359)	\$20,026	\$115,499	\$201,234	\$199,027	\$243,291	\$244,622
Non-Operating Expense									
Capital	\$3,366	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$284,806	\$284,806	\$284,806	\$284,806	\$284,806
Non-Operating Expense	\$3,366	\$0	\$0	\$67,000	\$334,806	\$334,806	\$334,806	\$384,806	\$384,806
Net Income	(\$200,837)	(\$29,266)	(\$27,359)	(\$46,974)	(\$219,307)	(\$133,572)	(\$135,779)	(\$141,515)	(\$140,185)
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Operating as an Enterprise Going Forward

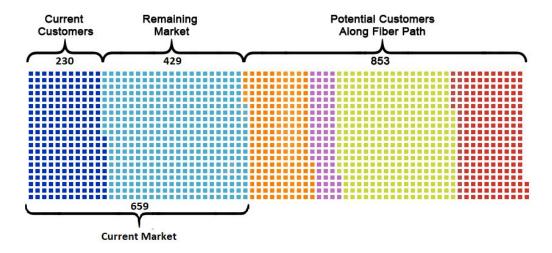
The Goal

Optimizing our existing network by targeting profitable growth along our current fiber lines.

Addressable Market

The target customer for Velocity broadband is one who has a need for reliable, high speed internet and voice services. Currently that market is 659 potential customers of which Velocity has captured 230. As of January 2019 our sales team anticipates capturing an additional 105 of the remaining 429 customers by the end 2021 within our existing market.

By maximizing our entire existing fiber network, we can increase our market from 659 to over 1500 target users with no need to significantly expand beyond the current fiber path. Business growth is largely driven by an increase in customer volume rather than an increase in subscriber service levels. Increasing the available market will result in an increase in the stability and cash flow of the existing Velocity business.



Within the untapped market of 853 prospects there are four groups of customers. Those four groups are broken down based on the cost and speed with which they can be connected.

Group 1 - 191 Customers Group 2 - 79 Customers Could be connected in 12 months. Quick to connect, under 6 months. Average cost is \$1,100 per connection. Existing capital can be used to connect. Some construction Little to no construction Average Return on Investment = 17 months Average Return on Investment = 8 Months Group 3 - 365 Customers Group 4 - 218 Customers Could be connected in next 24 months. Could be connected in 6-18 months. Average cost is \$1,900 per connection. Average cost is \$500 per connection. Moderate construction MDU users Average Return on Investment = 30 months Average Return on Investment = 9 Months

Our goal would be to prioritize the fastest and lowest cost customer connections first. These customers are largely concentrated in Group 1.

Target Market

Our target market is defined by the following key points:

- Physical location of our fiber network
- Type and quantity of internet used by potential customers
- Willingness to purchase a premium product, Fiber, versus DSL and Cable.

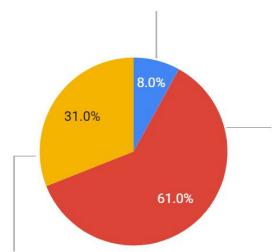
The target customer base is split into three segments:

- Enterprise Customers
- Mid Market Customers
- Small Market Customers

Specific, targeted marketing and a portfolio of products will be designed to appeal to each customer segment and enable sales goals to be achieved.

Enterprise Customers

The enterprise customer is "fiber dependent". Their business requires high speed internet service, and large volume voice trunk services. These customers consist of the Top 51 income generating businesses in Hudson. Our goal is to earn the trust to provide services for at least 4 of these businesses per year.



Mid Market Customers

The mid market customer is a large part of the Velocity portfolio. These customers are "fiber friendly". They want more than the basic Cable and DSL offerings, are willing to pay a small premium, have critical business needs, and are an integral part of the larger business community in Hudson. These customers do not need the features of a dedicated fiber service and are happy with a best effort service along with a quality phone product. Our goal is to earn the business of at least 5 of these customers per month.

Small Market Customers

Our small market customers are the bulk of the Velocity customer portfolio. These customers have limited financial resources, need a quality service, value local customer support, and add a significant value to the community as a whole. These customers range in market segment from small retail shops to one person offices. Our focus is to provide a no fluff, cost competitive product and marketing plan to fit within the needs of these customers. Fiber is a "nice to have" for these businesses. These customers are not as "sticky" so the best experience and quality of customer service is essential. Our goal is to connect at least 3 of these customers per month.

Our Sales Strategy for the Fiber Path

Increasing revenue via **organic growth** is our primary goal for Velocity. Optimizing the number of potential customers along the fiber line through awareness marketing is an essential tenet to our strategy. We will utilize the following methodologies for each customer group:

Enterprise Customers

- The enterprise sales plan revolves around having a discussion with the key decision maker.
- On a quarterly basis we evaluate and determine who the 15 customers we focus on will be.
- The sales team will identify the key decision maker and contact information.
- A member of the sales team will call and visit the key decision maker.
- Tailored marketing materials will be compiled and sent to the key decision following the visit..
- Based on discussions with the customer, we will provide the key decision maker with a customized quote.

Mid Market Customers

- These customers are grouped in and engaged by industry type such as Medical, Technology, Services, Legal, etc.
- Each group will be sent targeted mailings each quarter. The key benefits of Velocity and Fiber will be identified in each mailer.
- Prospects from one or more industry group will be called each quarter. Groups will be rotated through so all customers are called each year.
- Cold calls and on-site visits will be made to all of these customers as appropriate.

Small Market Customers

- We will group small market customers by industry type as well as indicators including business location and if there is a retail storefront.
- All of these customers will receive targeted mailers. "Buck Slips" will be included in the utility bills for specific customers.
- Phone calls and cold call introductory visits will be made.
- Special incentive promotions and referral promotions are used to encourage relationship building. These include items such as one month speed increases.

Network Wide Marketing Strategies

- Integrated Marketing Platform Targeted, customized emails are sent 15 to 20 times a year to all Hudson Businesses. They are designed by segment and fine tuned by level of engagement. Leads are generated through this platform.
- Social Media Communications showcasing Velocity and the benefits will be featured in all City of Hudson social media platforms. Posts will include ads, video, testimonials and promotions designed to engage the community and target small market prospects.

- **Velocity.com** A fresh website including product knowledge, FAQ's, bill paying and all the most current information available about Velocity Fiber Broadband.
- **Community Outreach** Active engagement in community groups such as Hudson Chamber of Commerce, Women's Networking Groups, Technology themed Library Events and related community activities are key to spreading our awareness, brand and knowledge.

Refined Sales Metrics

Measuring our effectiveness and priorities on a day to day basis is essential to achieving our goals. We will design and introduce a new monthly "snapshot" of month to month goals which supports the annual proforma. The following elements are among the stats that will be planned, measured and discussed.

- Revenue target by month with Seasonal Considerations, tied to the quarterly pro-forma.
- Customer Increase and YTD counts by month.
- Customers lost due to service or competition and due to business closing or relocation.
- Take Rate as a business indicator with reasons tracked for accepting or declining.
- Customers on Hot List (Customers who have expressed interest in Velocity or are opening a location in Hudson).
- Customers on Target List (Customers we are targeting and will seek to convert to Velocity).
- Property owners, landlords, and realtors will be targeted as potential prospects with a goal of building trust.
- Use of software tools such as Salesforce will aid in the tracking and delivery of performance metrics.
- The use of Salesforce to track all metrics and continue building our database of critical customer information.

Operating Model

The entire Velocity team, including subcontractors, is focused on delivering value to the organization and the customer base through efficient and effective operations. The operations model of Velocity Broadband will focus in on the following core areas:

- Efficient Day to day staffing and operations
- Maximizing critical cost opportunities
- Optimizing existing capital infrastructure
- Execution

Efficient Staffing and Operations

The Velocity team consists of a Sales and Customer Service Manager and a Broadband Manager. These two employees are responsible and take ownership of the following processes:

- Daily operations including scheduling
- Customer support, Billing
- Sales and Marketing
- Technical support and technical delivery
- Design and engineering
- Outage management
- Subcontractor coordination
- Contract Management and FCC Reporting

SWOT View of the Enterprise Environment

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
 Speed Trust Local Provider 3+ Years Experience Customer Service 	 Uncertain Funding Public Perception Subcontractors Redundancy Just In Time Inventory 	 Competition IoT and 5G Regional Partnerships Project Cost Savings 	 Speed to market Technology Changes Telecom Lobby Construction Costs

Maximizing Critical Cost Points

As internet and voice service take rates increase, the Velocity team is committed to effectively measuring and maximizing the bandwidth used while working to drive down material costs. As contracts for upstream services start to come due, our team is engaging with all known vendors to try and source either reduced rate or better quality services for the same cost. Contracts for all vendors are annually reviewed to make sure they are in-line with market rate and that the best value is received.

Timeline for Maximizing Growth at the Lowest Cost

Our goal is to maximize the entire capital investment made by the City to generate new revenue and service those along the existing fiber path. The timeline of how and when this will be achieved is shown below:

March 2019 - December 2019

- 191 addresses directly next to the fiber path have been deemed "Ready to Connect".
- No new capital infrastructure is needed.
- Standard install process, identical to current process for makested areas.
- Anticipated take rate in 36 months 63 customers

April 2019 - May 2020

- 79 addresses within 300ft of the existing fiber path.
- Minimal construction is needed to install splice closures.
- Install process is identical to current process.
- Anticipated take rate in 36 months 26 customers

July 2019

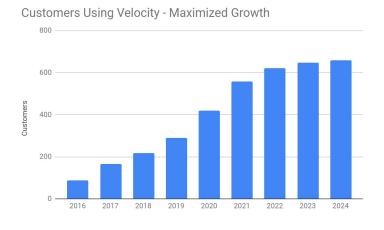
- Fiber along the city limits would be open for extending outside of Hudson.
- All capital costs will be paid for by the external entities wishing to use Velocity.
- Customers will pay a premium over Hudson service rates.

July 2019 - December 2020

- 365 addresses along the existing fiber path which require work to make "Ready to Connect"
- Moderate capital construction is needed to install splice closures and last mile fiber segments.
- Addresses would be marketed to during 2019.
- Construction would start in high return sections.
- Anticipated take rate in 36 months 120 customers

January 2020 - December 2022

- Up to 218 addresses in MDU (multi dwelling units) units along the fiber path.
- 143 new addresses in Downtown PII.
- Capital investment will be asked of developer or MDU owner.
- Anticipated take rate in 36 months 120 customers



Enterprise Fund Financials

Shifting the Velocity Broadband service out of the General Fund and into an Enterprise Fund creates the opportunity for Velocity to solidify its operation and demonstrate the financial success of the service.

Key Assumptions

Option A - The existing debt service will remain in the general fund and the business will be put into the enterprise fund without the expectation of paying the debt service. The expectation would be that any future shortfall made up by the General Fund would be treated as an advance to the VBB Enterprise Fund that will be repaid.

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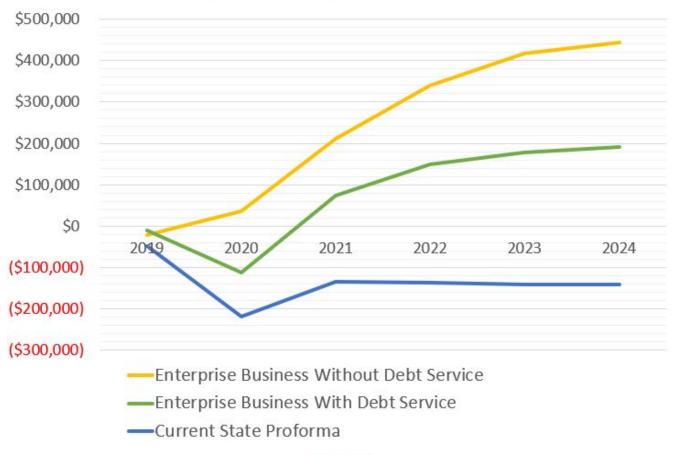
Option B - The existing debt service will be placed in the enterprise fund. The expectation would be that any future shortfall made up by the General Fund would be treated as an advance to the VBB Enterprise Fund that will be repaid.

- The debt service would be increased from \$3.4M to \$3.85M.
- The debt service would be for 20 years to account for the 20+ average lifespan of the fiber network
- The increase in debt service funds would be used for the installation of splice closures, splicing, drop cables, customer premises equipment and optics as well as contracted installers and related professional services.
- The remaining unallocated portion of the previously approved but not yet spent \$3.4 million in funding will be appropriated and used for additional connections. The current remaining balance is \$141,359.
- Downtown Phase II will be built and fully fibered.
- Structures within the proximity to the fiber path are target customers.
- Within the additional market of 853 potential customers, take rates are projected to reach 33% within three years with a growth rate of about 10% each year. This will mirror our current take rate growth.

Financial Forecast

Focusing on net income and the financial forecast, optimization of the fiber network will result in a positive net income over the current proforma. This will result in Velocity being able start growing cash reserves, and operate without additional support from the General Fund.

Net Income
With and Without Debt Service Payments



Net Income

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Enterprise Business Without Debt Service	(\$21,294)	\$36,921	\$210,292	\$338,936	\$417,117	\$444,196
Enterprise Business With Debt Service	(\$10,904)	(\$111,598)	\$72,790	\$148,801	\$178,023	\$191,637
Current State Proforma	(\$46,974)	(\$219,307)	(\$133,572)	(\$135,779)	(\$141,515)	(\$140,185)

Key Decision Points

- Council directs staff to move forward with option A or option B from the key assumptions.
- The remaining unallocated portion of the previously approved but not yet spent \$3.4 million in funding will be appropriated and used for additional connections.

Enabling Velocity Broadband to take ownership of the business model and optimize the use of the entire fiber network will result in an increase in revenue and financial sustainability. The Velocity team is committed to operating the City's fiber network to maximize the capital investment, increase economic development, and grow revenue sustainably. This business plan represents the future of Velocity and enables quality economic development and the resulting community growth.

We need to begin the new era on a solid financial footing with a strong statement of support and commitment for this valuable business.



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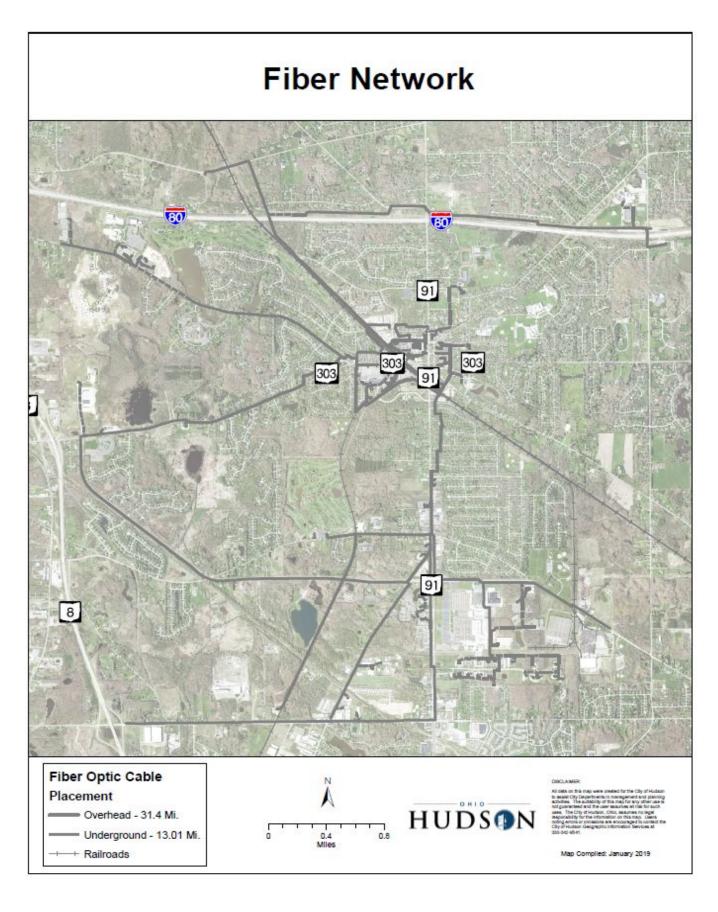
- Enterprise Business Proforma Without Debt Service
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- Map VBB Fiber Network
- Map Potential Fiber Customers
- Map Known Home Businesses / Telecommuters
- Sales "Buck Slip" Example

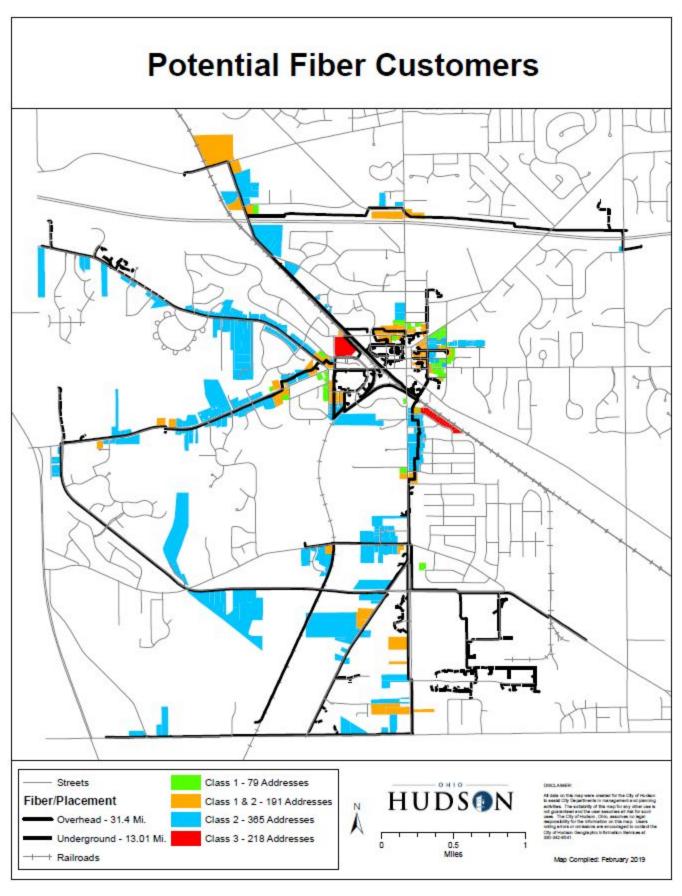
Broadband Financial Forecast As of 2/13/19 Enterprise Business Without Debt Service

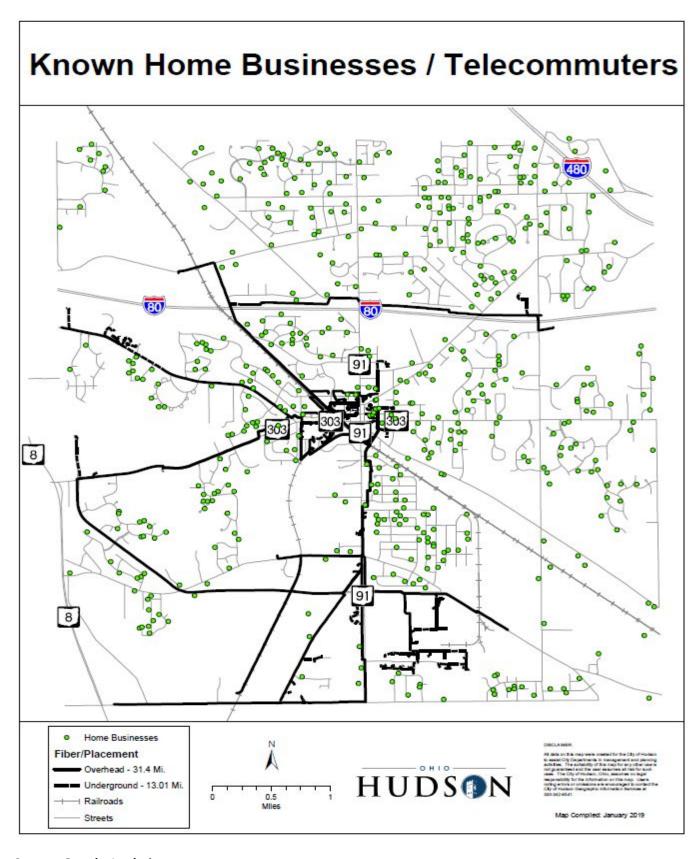
	Net Income		3.00	Non-Operating Expense	Debt Service	Additional Capital	5 Year Plan Capital	Non-Operating Expense		Operating Run Rate	Operating Expense	Additional Operating	5 Year Plan Operating	Additional Personnel	5 Year Plan Personnel	Operating Expense	Operating Revenue		
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	\$210,292			\$177,296	\$0	\$127,296	\$50,000			\$387,588	\$605,367	\$19,534	\$346,860	\$0	\$238,972		\$992,955		2021 Forecast
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	\$417,117			\$125,704	\$0	\$25,704	\$100,000			\$542,821	\$634,478	\$31,344	\$354,507	\$0	\$248,627		\$1,177,299	The state of the s	2023 Forecast
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Broadband Financial Forecast As of 2/13/19 Enterprise Business With Debt Service

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\$364,799	\$364,799	\$314,799	\$314,799	\$314,799	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,366	Non-Operating Expense
\$264,799	\$264,799	\$264,799	\$264,799	\$264,799	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Debt Service
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\$1,200,807	\$1,177,299	\$1,127,054	\$992,955	\$790,303	\$612,074	\$504,714	\$381,793	\$129,048	Operating Revenue
Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Actual	Actual	Actual	
2024	2022	2022	2021	2020	2010	2010	2017	2016	







Source: Google Analytics

Sample Buck Slip



HIGH SPEED FIBER INTERNET...OWNED AND OPERATED FOR HUDSON

BIG Business Deserves the FASTEST, MOST RELIABLE ALL FIBER NETWORK.

AT THE SPEEDS AND PRICES YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS!



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