

CONTINUATION OF THE DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK FORCE

The Dane County Board created the Dane County Broadband Task Force via 2021 RES-415 in mid-2021. The task force has been meeting monthly since its creation to hear presentations on the various components of broadband, success stories, innovative ideas, and other counties' experiences. The task force also engaged UW River Falls to conduct a random mailed survey and an online survey to collect data points on broadband service throughout Dane County. Additionally, the task force held two public hearings and heard concerns and suggestions from residents throughout the County.

The Dane County Broadband Task Force is in the process of finalizing recommendations and a report for broadband expansion in Dane County. Throughout several discussions, it became apparent that there is a need to continue the work of the task force to improve access and affordability as well as to continue to work on some of the recommendations that were identified.

One of interim recommendations was to issue a request for proposals to hire a consultant to complete an engineering assessment. This process is currently underway. The work of the consultant is anticipated to last until at least February, 2023, and following completion, will have additional information to improve broadband in Dane County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby continues the Dane County Broadband Task Force in an effort to address the following:

- Increase outreach and awareness of the importance of improving broadband access and infrastructure in Dane County;
- Identify partnerships necessary to improve broadband access and affordability;
- Implement the broadband engineering assessment findings;
- Identify interim solutions to provide residents with access to the internet; and
- Continue research and innovation based on the recommendations from the Dane County Broadband Task Force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following members will be appointed by the County Board Chair unless otherwise specified:

- 3 Dane County Board Supervisors – at least one Supervisor that represents a district with at least one City in it
- 1 representative from a healthcare provider in Dane County
- 1 representative from a school district in Dane County
- 1 representative from Dane County senior focal point
- 1 representative from an internet/broadband provider
- 1 representative from a youth community-based organization
- 1 representative from Madison College
- 2 at-large members
- Dane County Executive or designee
- City of Madison Mayor or designee
- President of the Dane County Towns Association (DCTA), or their designee

47 • President of the Dane County Cities and Villages Association, or their designee

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Broadband Task Force will complete a report
50 on its findings and recommendations as well as a summary of the County's role in expanding
51 access to the internet throughout the County, with the Task Force sun setting in December 2024.

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53 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the staff support will be provided by the Planning and
54 Development Department, the County Board Office, and UW Extension as needed.

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56 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorizes per diem and
57 mileage payments for all members of the Dane County Broadband Task Force on the same basis
58 and under the same policies as other Dane County bodies that receive per diems and mileage.