



INTERNET FOR ALL: NEW MEXICO BROADBAND SUMMIT

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MAY 24, 2023 | SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

AGENDA

This event is co-hosted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion, Connect New Mexico Council, New Mexico Association of Counties, and New Mexico League of Municipalities

Virtual Access Link

9:00 am – 9:25 am

Welcome: Governor Jenelle Roybal, Pueblo of Pojoaque

Invocation: Samuel Villarreal Catanach, Director, Tewa Language Department for the Pueblo of Pojoaque

Introductions: Kelly Schlegel, Director, New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

9:25 am – 10:30 am

Connecting the Dots: Broadband is Everybody's Business

This session will look at the state of broadband in New Mexico and the goals and purposes of the BEAD and Digital Equity programs. It will also look at how the state is developing their BEAD and Digital Equity plans and how stakeholders can work with the broadband office to provide input, find information on resources and future funding opportunities, technical assistance and other critical information.

- **Kelly Schlegel**, Director, NM Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

Community Spotlight: Mobilizing for Connectivity

Learn how our communities are working to connect their residents.

- **Kevin Shendo**, Education Director, Pueblo of Jemez
- **Community Voices**, open forum for quick updates from local communities

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:30 am

Digital Access Challenges and Solutions for New Mexico

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to addressing the unique digital equity challenges in the state. Panelists will discuss some of the critical challenges communities face with regard to broadband adoption and use and how to focus efforts to address those challenges.

Moderator: **Knowledge Build Hudson**, Digital Equity Advisor, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

- **Catherine Nicolaou**, Broadband Director, City of Albuquerque, and Co-chair, Connect New Mexico Council Digital Equity and Inclusion Working Group
- **Eli Guinee**, State Librarian, New Mexico, and Chair, Connect New Mexico Council Digital Equity and Inclusion Working Group
- **Godfrey Enjady**, General Manager, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc., and Chair, Connect New Mexico Council Tribal Working Group
- **Maria Chaparro**, Founder, Mamacitas Ciberneticas (*Virtual*)

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Workforce Development Strategies for New Mexico

This panel will focus on workforce development needs and how the state can develop strategies to meet current and future needs while creating a path to economic success for its residents.

Moderator: **Sarita Nair**, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions and Contract Training

- **Kimball Sekaquaptewa**, Chief Technology Officer, Santa Fe Indian School, and Chair, Connect New Mexico Council
- **Kris Swedin**, Dean, Santa Fe Community College, Office of Continuing Education and Contract Training
- **Lenelle (Elle) Sernam**, Teeniors: Tech Savvy Teens Empowering Seniors
- **Shara Montoya**, CTE Director, Tularosa Municipal Schools, and Student Tech Support Team
- **Tamara Rosenberg**, Business Advisor, Small Business Development Center at Western New Mexico University, and Letter from Bryan Simpson, Early College High School Principal, Deming Public Schools

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch and Community Networking

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Connecting the Dots on the Map: FCC Data & Mapping Update

This session will provide an update on connectivity, Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment, and the status of the state's mapping efforts and the FCC map challenge process.

- **Sayuri Rajapakse**, Acting Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- **Kimia Nikseresht**, Assistant Counsel, Broadband Data Task Force, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- **Natalie Runyan**, Geospatial Information Officer, New Mexico Department of Information Technology and New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Shared Missions: Interagency Coordination for Universal Connectivity

Representatives from the federal and state government will discuss current broadband programs and interagency coordination.

Moderator: **U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján**

- **Xochitl Torres-Small**, Under Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- **Geoffrey Starks**, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
- **Heidi Todacheene**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of the Interior
- **Courtney Dozier**, Deputy Director, BEAD Program, NTIA
- **Kelly Schlegel**, Director, New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Fireside Chat

- **U.S. Senator Ben Ray Luján**
- **Alan Davidson**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator, U.S. Department of Commerce

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm

Closing and Next Steps

- **Kelly Schlegel**, Director, New Mexico Office of Broadband Access & Expansion