



A Bright Look Ahead™

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To: Office of the Chief Information Officer
From: John McCurdy, Executive Director Southwest Iowa Planning Council
RE: Fremont County Areas of Need for Broadband Service

To whom it may concern,

Utilizing the OCIO's broadband mapping tool, and in coordination with the County Board of Supervisors, we have identified three areas of need within Fremont County for broadband service. The first area includes the largest population centers in Fremont County, namely the cities of Hamburg and Sidney, as well as Riverton and the Interstate 29/Highway 2 interchange. We have also identified a northern area of need that includes the communities of Tabor and Thurman. Likewise, eastern Fremont County, though less populated, also has significant areas of need and is identified as a third location for broadband development.

The need for broadband connectivity is to many of us obvious and within these areas that we have identified are schools, a hospital, many businesses, industry, and several hundred homes.

Please consider these areas for broadband investment in the future. Fremont County is one of the poorest and least populated counties in the state and as it recovers from the impacts of the Floods of 2019 as well as the Covid Pandemic it's vital that its broadband infrastructure be improved for all residents.

Sincerely,

John P. McCurdy, AICP
Executive Director