

10/15/21 Fiber Project Update

More delays, but some positive news!

As I stated in September, the progress of our project was dependent on the contractor for Brainstorm being successful in securing the machinery to cut the trenches in our roads to install conduit for the fiber. Well that has proven to be easier said than done. All the contractors working out there are scurrying to get work done before winter sets in so equipment is scarce. Additionally, while we have identified some of our own residents to potentially run the trenching equipment, staffing issues abound for the contractor as they are having problems hiring attendant personnel for all their projects. We still hold out some hope of getting started this fall (with supplies from another job), but with each passing week, it looks less likely.

On a more positive note, supplies for our project have been ordered and should be received in Deer Valley sometime this fall. The shipment will include very large spools of orange conduit, smaller spools of the actual fiber and a large number of hand holes to make underground connections to our homes. This is positive news because it will ensure that when the snow melts, supplies will not hold up installation. In anticipation of getting started as soon as the snow melts, we will be storing the supplies where they are easy to retrieve minimizing the mud issues that come with spring. Numerous owners have volunteered space on their properties, but most would involve the potential mud issues. We have two Owners who have established driveways and are not typically here in the early spring as potential sites; there are also a number of locations like cul-de-sacs and a few wide spots in the roads that may also be used. In the end, the contractor will select the best site(s) for storing the supplies over the winter recognizing that any damage to a site will need to be repaired.

Also on a positive note, we have full agreement with Brainstorm to begin spring work as soon as snow melt permits. The plan is to have the conduit buried in the roads in plenty of time so that normal spring roadwork can be completed while adequate water runs in the creek. This timing will help mitigate road damage from the trenching. With a few months of winter, the contractor should be able to solve the personnel and equipment issues and be ready to hit the ground running. Brainstorm is also eager to complete our project and begin providing us with high speed internet service.

On the financial side of the project, we want to acknowledge the wonderful cooperation from our Owners in paying the special assessment timely. THANK YOU OWNERS. Brainstorm has not requested any money from Deer Valley and they will not do so until the work begins and they have invoices to pay. The supplies mentioned above have been paid for by State grant funds by securing a full credit for the supplies ordered last March designed for the original overhead plan on the power lines. In short, the Association has the funds to pay our share of the project sitting securely in the bank.

While I wish I had more positive news to share about project progress, the fact that we should soon see supplies on the ground in Deer Valley gives further confirmation that this project will

get done. I continue to share your frustration over the delays, but greatly appreciate your patience.

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