



#### **Summary – Generate Vision**

#### The purpose of generating a vision was to:

- Reach consensus within the workshop of a defined target state
- Identify reasons why that state is a necessary end
- Highlight area that support achieving the stated vision

#### **Outcomes**

#### Each workshop session:

- Created a vision for future local broadband
- Created a series of use cases supporting the vision and supporting structures necessary to achieve it

### Rural Session Affinity Diagramming Output





#### **Vision**





- Education
- Telehealth
- Social Connectivity

- Future Technology (5G / IOT / Smart Cities)
- Economic Development

#### **Supporting Structures**



- Coordination and Planning
- Availability of plans on Roadwork

- Documentation of existing access
- Public Private Partnerships







#### **Exercises used for analysis of the Vision and Use-Cases**

#### **SWOT**

	Helpful to achieving the objective	Harmful to achieving the objective
Internal origin attributes of the organization	Strengths	Weaknesses
External origin attributes of the environment	Opportunities	Threats

## Weaknesses

#### **Rural Focused - SWOT Exercise**

### Strengths

- Consortiums / IRU
- Longevity of fiber
- · Existing private public partnerships
- · Governor's office of broadband (cautiously optimistic)
- · Some regulatory flexibility
- · There are more entities allowing conduit
- · Bedroom communities offer higher demand and desire
- Multiple providers level of interest
- WIX acts as a connection between entities
- Electric Co-ops
- · Solidarity and organization (RFC)
- Champions: County public consortium, City broadband plans engagement

- · Lack of middle mile connectivity
- · Bottleneck in Eugene Springfield
- · Understanding requirements
- ODOT should be opportunity are not cooperative
- · Large carriers / incumbents
- · Federal funding does not materialize
- Municipal regulations challenging
- Open access in conduits is not being addressed (dig once)
- · Outdated regulations (micro-trenching)
- · Lack of foresight playing long game
- Leadership change during long time horizon projects
- Digital divide
- The incumbent's ability to secure investment / government money

# **Opportunities**

- Telehealth growing and extending to households
- Government bonding may be useful to overcome ROI demands
- Political support for overcoming barriers is present and potentially growing
- · Abandoned areas create openings for small companies
- Partnerships with private partners to work with infrastructure development by governments
- · State restructuring on telecom
- Using examples of first served areas to recruit slower areas
- · Anchor tenants can be used to leverage build out
- Public agencies / government to educate citizens on fiber
- Public private synergies and priorities

- · Access to federal funding for small local entities cumbersome
- · Challenges with perceived government slowness
- · Competing priorities take money and attention
- 5G won't happen in rural areas for a decade if ever
- Incumbents abandoning copper wherever allowed
- Lack of knowledge and misunderstanding about realities of rural rollout
- Rural communities falling behind (harder to cross the growing chasm)