



**AGENDA
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
WORK SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.**

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86793145297?pwd=bnAwSDM0c1dlL3lYcmVNMXZraVIPUT09>

One Tap Mobile: 1-719-359-4580 or 1-253-205-0468

Meeting ID: 867 9314 5297

Passcode: 391392

Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members Jackie Baker, Wendy Escoffier, Robin Godwin, Cris McPhail, Jessie Murdock, Vice Mayor Marie Moore, and Mayor Dee Jenkins
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Discussion and Possible Direction for next steps on Broadband.** Staff Resource: Molly Spangler Page 3
- 5. Adjournment**

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at the Town of Camp Verde and Bhasas on 3/9/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Cindy Pemberton

Cindy Pemberton, Town Clerk

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Agenda Item Submission Form – Section I

Meeting Date:

- Consent Agenda Decision Agenda Executive Session Requested
- Presentation Only Action/Presentation Work Session

Requesting Department: *Economic Development*

Staff Resource/Contact Person: *Molly Spangler*

Agenda Title (be exact): *Discussion and Possible Direction for next steps on Broadband*

List Attached Documents:

Estimated Presentation Time: *30 minutes*

Estimated Discussion Time: *30 minutes*

Reviews and comments Completed by:

- Town Manager: _____ Department Head: _____
- Town Attorney Comments: _____
- Risk Management: _____
- Finance Department
Fiscal Impact:
Budget Code: _____ Amount Remaining: _____

Comments:

Background Information:

Broadband is necessary infrastructure like roadways and other utilities. Access to broadband is essential for residents, businesses, education, healthcare, and many other key services our community depends on. In the recent strategic planning session, the Town Council identified broadband planning and infrastructure as a priority. Over the past couple years, the Town Council has discussed potential opportunities to engage in broadband projects in Camp Verde and the region. However, those projects did not move forward due to lack of internet service provider (ISP) engagement, lack of funding, and an overall lack of information for how a community leverage sufficient broadband access and deployment.

The purpose of this work session is to update the Town Council on the current status of how we can move forward with broadband access and deployment in Camp Verde. This will include information on the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant program; the role of the state's broadband office, recommendation process for staff to follow, and potential future budget implications. Additionally, staff will seek feedback from the Town Council regarding their priorities regarding broadband access for the community.

Recommended Action (Motion):

Instructions to the Clerk: