



Capital Project Fund Grant Public Comment

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

September 2022

Contested Application

“Brightspeed Sumner”

Evidence Presented By

SKT

Comments

SKT is submitting information to show that it provides broadband service in areas targeted by the “Brightspeed Sumner” Capital Project Fund Grant application.

In the Public Project Proposal, Brightspeed indicates that it would serve the City of Belle Plaine, along with rural areas of Belle Plaine.

SKT provides 1 Gbps/15 Mbps Cable Modem service within the Belle Plaine community and rural areas east and north. In total, more than 800 homes/businesses are passed by SKT in which overlaps the proposed Brightspeed service area.

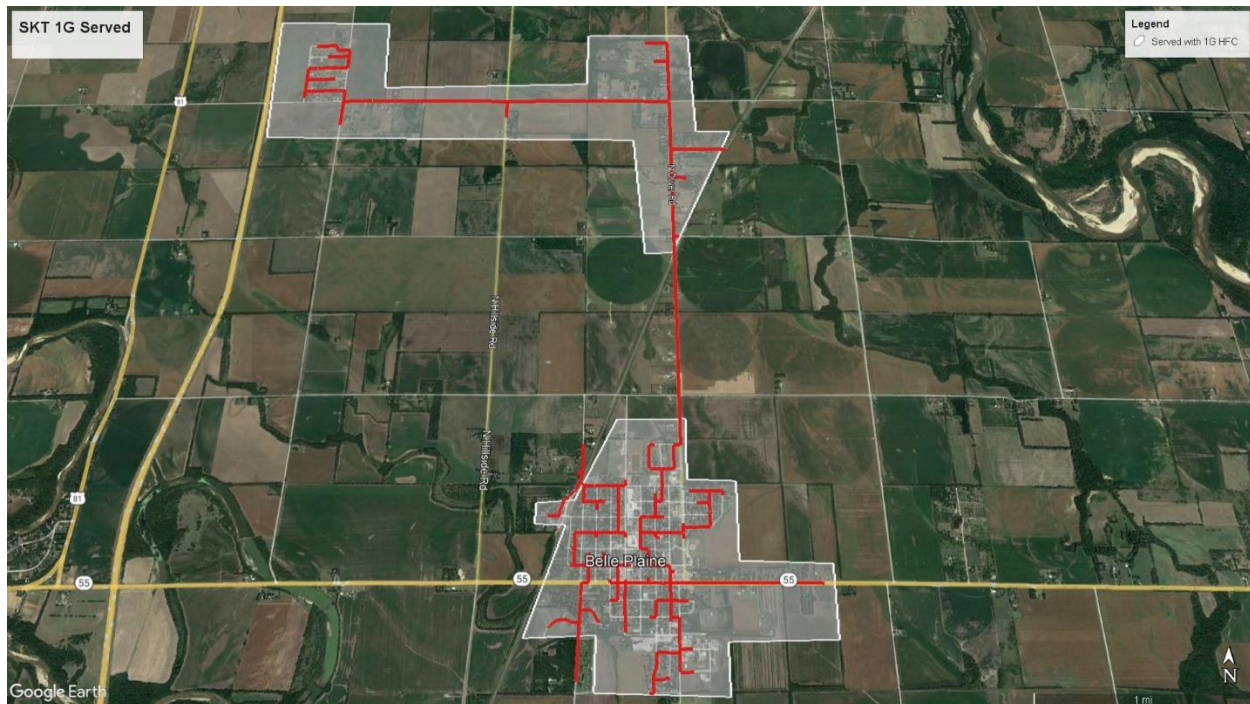
SKT will be upgrading its broadband facilities in September, allowing us to provide 1 Gbps/20 Mbps service, which meets and exceeds the 100/20 Mbps broadband speed requirement for the Capital Project Fund Grant.

The SKT facility upgrade makes the grant application dollars unnecessary and allows funding to be focused on areas with greater need.

For documentation, refer to the SKT service area map at SKTC.net/map. A screenshot has been included on the subsequent page, showing the SKT existing service areas in white, and the proposed Brightspeed service areas in red.

The FCC 477 Map indicates that SKT offers 150/15 Mbps in Belle Plaine and surrounding rural areas. Facility upgrades were completed since that time, allowing us to provide 1 Gbps/15 Mbps across these areas now, and 1 Gbps/20 Mbps later this month.

Map – Belle Plaine and Surrounding Rural Areas



SKT partners with federal and state entities to provide customers with financial assistance for broadband service through the Affordable Connectivity Program and Lifeline.