



Capital Project Fund Grant Public Comment

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

September 2022

Contested Application

“Cox Communications Sedgwick G18”

Evidence Presented By

SKT

Comments

SKT is submitting information to show that it provides broadband service in areas targeted by the “Cox Communications Sedgwick G18” Capital Project Fund Grant application.

In the Public Project Proposal, Cox Communications indicates that it would serve rural areas of Sedgwick County.

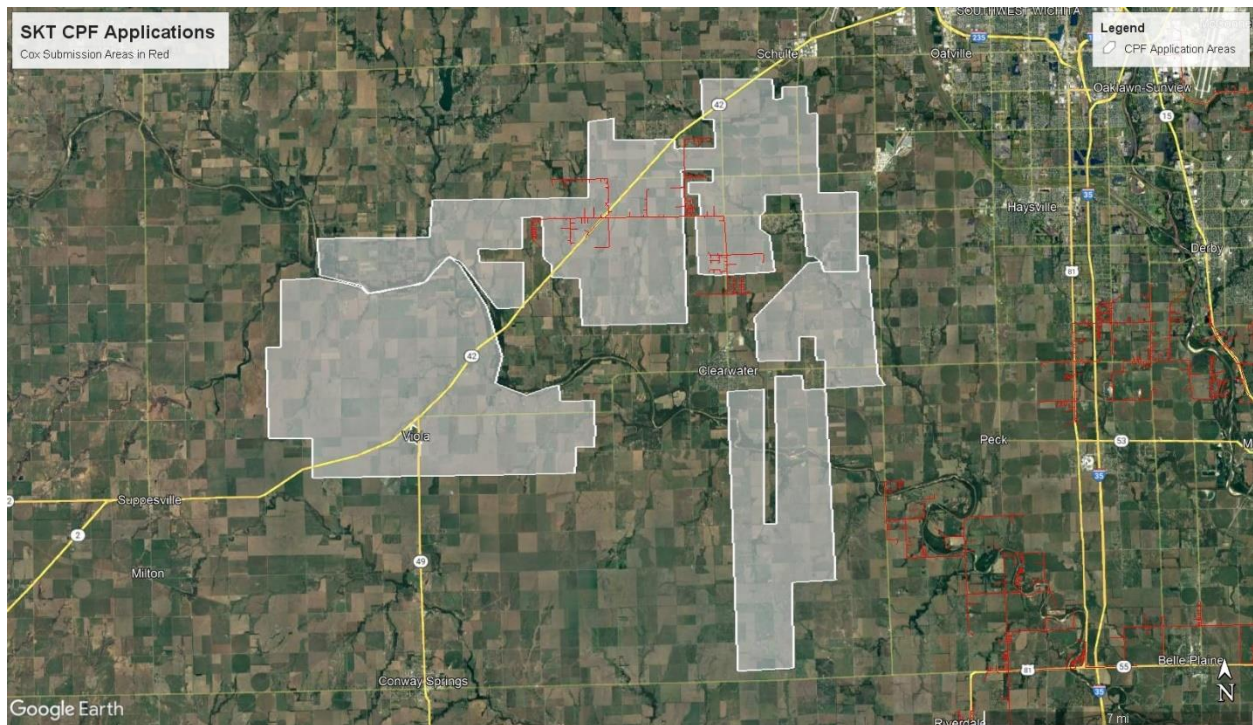
SKT provides 1 Gbps symmetrical fiber service within several of the proposed areas, which will be upgraded to 2 Gbps symmetrical fiber in mid-2023, making the Cox grant application dollars unnecessary. The FCC 477 Map indicates that SKT offers 75/10 Mbps in these areas, which is outdated due to these recent fiber upgrades.

The first screenshot included on the subsequent page shows the SKT areas which are upgraded to fiber in white, and the proposed Cox areas in red.

The second screenshot included on the subsequent page shows areas of Sedgwick County that SKT submitted for the Capital Project Fund, and the proposed Cox areas in red.

SKT is best suited to upgrade the remaining areas within the Cox application and the areas defined in the SKT Capital Project Fund application, as it has fiber facilities within close proximity. Having fiber facilities nearby makes an SKT upgrade the most cost-effective option, while also reaching many more underserved homes and businesses in great need.

Maps – Rural Sedgwick County



SKT offers competitive rates and partners with federal and state government to provide the Affordable Connectivity Program, Lifeline, and Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance benefits, to help foster digital inclusion in the state of Kansas.