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No public comment or commission action will be taken at this Work Session.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Broadband and Washington Ports: Camille St. Onge, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Commission Affairs, Port of Olympia; Kara Riebold, Executive Director, Port of Whitman; Gina Stark, Economic Development Project Manager, Port of Bellingham
- D. Adjourn

	COVER MEMO
Briefing Date/Time:	May 20, 2024
Staff Contact/Title:	Camille St. Onge, Director of Strategic Initiatives & Commission Affairs, 564.669.3100 camilles@portolympia.com
Subject:	Broadband and Washington Ports
Purpose:	Information Only Decision Needed

Overview:

This work session discussion is an overview of broadband needs in Washington. We'll learn about the needs and how some ports delivering telecommunications services to fill community gaps. We'll share an overview of broadband coverage in Washington and Thurston County. The history of legislation will also be reviewed.

Kara Riebold, executive director for the Port of Whitman and Gina Stark, economic development project manager for the Port of Bellingham will both share presentations. Commissioners will learn about Petrichor Broadband. Guest presenters will share PowerPoints in the work session.

Background:

Below are links to resources:

- Washington State Broadband Office
- Five-Year Action Plan
- <u>State Digital Equity Plan</u>
- Washington's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment
- <u>Petrichor Broadband</u> (publicly owned, formed by six ports)
- <u>2SSB 5511</u>

Documents Attached:

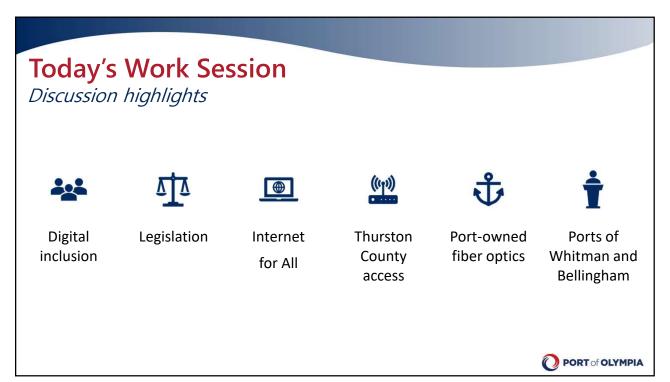
• PowerPoint presentation

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Broadband and Washington Ports

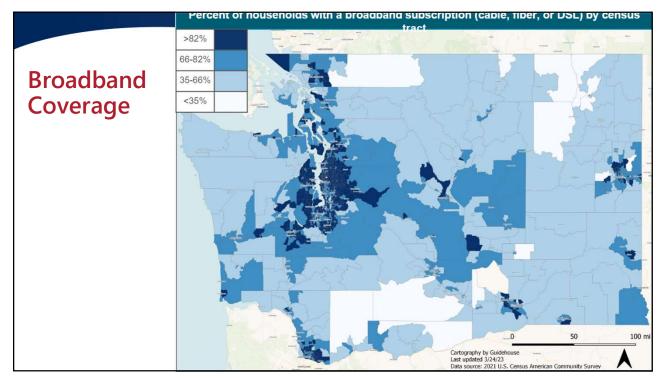
Camille St. Onge Director of Strategic Initiatives & Commission Affairs May 20, 2024



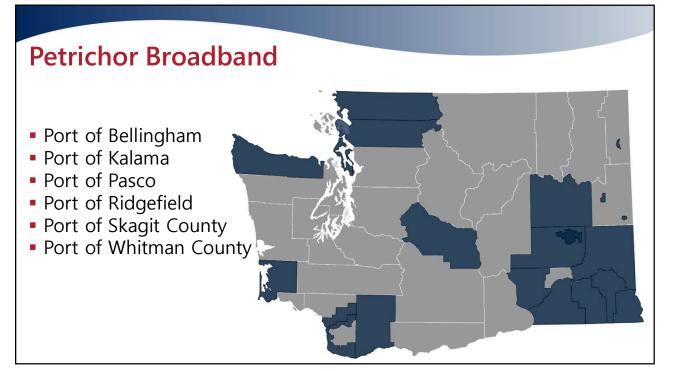
Digital Inclusion

"Access to broadband is the single most important economic development tool in our toolkit right now, and the most necessary to our state."

Governor Jay Inslee

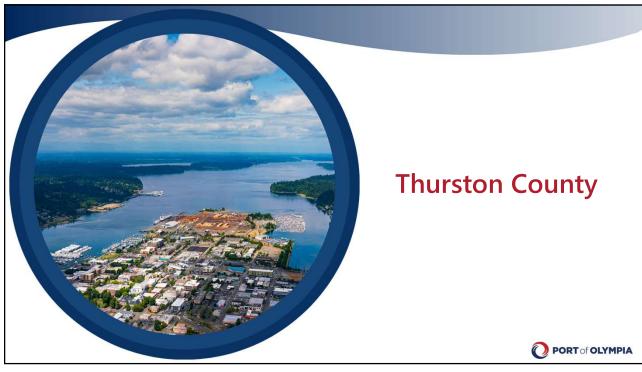












County	Unserved	Underserved	Served
Washington state	236,757	87,017	2,204,124
Spokane	17,754	8,008	156,885
Snohomish	14,801	5,940	230,164
Okanogan	14,385	1,592	6,567
Stevens	14,264	1,888	7,614
Pierce	12,044	5,325	265,442
Clark	11,714	5,332	144,086
Whatcom	11,647	1,962	70,196
Clallam	10,457	2,420	23,019
Lewis	10,249	7,928	18,361
Whitman	7,328	855	11,504
Thurston	7,267	3,306	94,337
Skagit	7,177	1,379	43,291

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