

A CONFERENCE TO CONNECT VIRGINIA

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Virginia Municipal League
Virginia Association of Counties
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VCTA- Broadband Association of Virginia

In the 21st century, our ability to access broadband plays a significant role in how we live, work and play. Virginia's broadband industry is proud to connect our digital lives.

Broadband Association of Virginia (VCTA) members provide high-speed broadband connections to households and businesses of all sizes, educational institutions, hospitals, data centers, nonprofit organizations and many of Virginia's government and military facilities.

We are proud that Virginia is a leader in worldwide peak broadband speeds. But, the need to connect continues. Our members work every day to expand broadband access for unserved populations in urban, suburban and rural areas of the Commonwealth. We build responsible, sustainable additions to Virginia's fiber optic cable network – making our own investments and using existing infrastructure.



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VML- Virginia Municipal League

Since it was founded in 1905, the Virginia Municipal League's member cities, towns and counties have worked together to improve the quality of life in communities across Virginia by finding new and better ways to deliver essential services and making sure that people have the governmental resources necessary to live safe and productive lives.

Although the league's primary mission throughout its history has been to serve as a legislative advocate for Virginia localities, its important services also include training of newly elected local government officials, production of educational and networking events, provision of responsive member inquiry services, and publication of online resources, newsletters and a monthly magazine for members.

VACo- Virginia Association of Counties

VACo exists to support county officials and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia. VACo strives to be:

- Efficient, innovative and goal-oriented
- An effective force representing local governments at the state and national levels in legislative and regulatory processes
- A valuable resource network for planning and implementing new ideas and technologies

VACo is governed by a board of directors made up of local government officials. Its legislative steering committees monitor state and national legislative activities for changes affecting local governments and recommend an annual legislative program, which is adopted at the annual conference. Its annual conference is held each November, as well as educational seminars.

VACo publishes its newsletter, County Connections, twice a month. VACo's legislative bulletin, Capitol Contact, is published at least twice a week when the General Assembly is in session. VACo works cooperatively with its national counterpart, the National Association of Counties.

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AGENDA May 18

SESSION 1



11 - 11:40am

Broadband Legislative Recap

Moderator: Christopher Debosier, Verizon

Panelists:

Andrew Clark, Home Builders of Virginia Association
Joe Lerch, VACO
Terry Ellis, Comcast
Jacob Newton, VMDAEC
Rich Schollmann, VBIA

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SESSION 2



11:45am - 12:10pm

Reaching the Unserved

Moderator: Delegate Terry Kilgore, 1st House District

Panelists:

Chris Kyle, Shentel
Tad Deriso, Mid Atlantic Broadband
Robert Taylor, RiverStreet
Derrick Wood, Mayor, Town of Dumfries

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LUNCH



12:10 - 1:10pm

Working Lunch- Virginia Broadband Update

Introduction: J.D. Myers, II, Cox

Speaker: Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D, Director for the Office of Broadband at DHCD
VATI and Utility Leverage Program

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SESSION 3



1:10 - 1:50pm

Broadband in Economic & Commercial Development

Moderator: Christie Morton, VEDP

Panelists:

Ed Rowan, Comcast
John Amores, AEP
Joe Hines, Timmons Group
Derek Kelly, Lumos

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SESSION 4



1:50 - 2:30pm

The Future in 5G

Moderator: Dean Lynch, VACO

Panelists:

Matt Ogburn, Verizon
Matt Thabet, T-Mobile
Garrett McGuire, AT&T

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2:30 - 3pm

Networking Break

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SESSION 5



3 - 3:45pm

Workforce Issues

Moderator: Ray LaMura, VCTA

Panelists:

Cynthia Finley, Virginia's Community Colleges

Karen Jackson, New College Institute

David Walker, Dominion

Scott Crawford, VA 811

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SESSION 6



3:45 - 5pm

Broadband Affordability and Adoption

Moderator: Jeff Stoke, Prince George County

Panelists:

Sadie Gary, VMDAEC

Barrett Stork, Cox

Jessica Chait, Verizon

Nathan Daugherty, Comcast

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RECEPTION



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line up of speakers

AGENDA May 19



8 - 9am

Coffee & Light Breakfast

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9 - 9:30am

How Broadband Affects Home Ownership

Introduction: Ray LaMura, VCTA

Speaker:

Ryan Price, Virginia Realtors Association

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9:30 - 10am

Making the Case- Home Values in Rural Virginia

Moderator: Kristie Proctor, Virginia Rural Center

Panelists:

Catherine Stanley, Realtor

Rich Schollmann, VBIA

Craig Toalson, Home Builders Association of Virginia

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Home Builders Association of Virginia



10 - 10:30am

Telehealth

Introduction: Delegate David Reid, 32nd House District

Speaker: Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC)

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10:30- 11:45am

Smart Life & Smart Cities

Moderator: Senator Jennifer Boysko, 33rd Senate District

Panelists:

Kevin Broadhurst, Comcast

Garrett McGuire, AT&T

Holly Hartell, Arlington County

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SESSION 11



11:45am - 12:15pm

Broadband Availability Map Demonstration

Introduction: Ray LaMura, VCTA

Speaker:

Brandon Herndon, Center for Geospatial Information
Technology at Virginia Tech

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12:15pm

Lunch on your own



1:30pm - 3pm

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