

## **Recitals**

Cited below are sections from both the City of Port Townsend's and the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plans and actions taken by Jefferson County recognizing the value and supporting the creation of a public fiber network.

In The Port Townsend City Comprehensive Plan, Telecommunications Infrastructure is a major area of emphasis within the Economic Development strategy which states:

“ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER VIII - Telecommunications

Goal 8: To provide Port Townsend with state of the art telecommunications infrastructure for business, education, public affairs and consumer uses.

Policy 8.1: Encourage local utilities to install telecommunications infrastructure, especially high-capacity fiber optic cable. “

Contained in another sections of the City's Comprehensive Plan are:

“Policy 4.6: Promote the location, retention and expansion of small and medium sized businesses which access their markets and suppliers through telecommunications and available shipping.”

“The City's strategy pays special attention to upgrading telecommunications infrastructure to promote home based personal and professional service businesses. The City, in cooperation with the Economic Development Council (EDC) should play an important role in researching and identifying aspects of the City's infrastructure which must be upgraded in order to make our community "tele-friendly" for the many "footloose" businesses moving to our area. It is anticipated that implementation of this strategy will result in the installation of high capacity fiber optic cable in our area, ...”

“... The Strategy also seeks to revitalize Port Townsend's Commercial Historic District and upgrade the City's telecommunications infrastructure for the jobs of tomorrow. The overall goal of the Plan is to facilitate the provision of at least 2,700 more "family wage" jobs by the year 2016. “

In December 2001, SUPPLEMENT DIRECTIONS PORT TOWNSEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN includes:

“**Goal 29:** To coordinate with telecommunications utilities to ensure high quality service.

**Policy 29.1:** Promote improvements and additions to communications facilities needed to accommodate demand, using such techniques as public-private partnerships.

**Policy 29.5:** Implement the recommendations of the Economic Development Element of this Plan to assist in providing state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure for business, education, public affairs, and consumer uses. “

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Jefferson County's Comprehensive Plan includes:

“EDP 6.4 Encourage the provision of technology that fosters home-based businesses, (i.e., telecommuting, fiber optics, etc.). “

In addition, Jefferson County in 2002 hired an engineering consulting firm to produce an Evaluation/Feasibility Study on a fiber network. In mid-2004, County officials asked WSU to provide an alternate project plan. This report is a result of that request.