

Addressing the Digital Divide: A ULI Louisiana Symposium on Broadband and 5G Access

Tuesday, May 25th, 10:00AM CT – 3:00PM CT

Zoom Link to Follow

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions 10:00 – 10:30

- Anne Teague, ULI Louisiana and ULI/Curtis Infrastructure Initiative
- Chris Tyson, Build Baton Rouge
- Kim Marousek Capital Region Planning Commission and East Baton Rouge Parish

II. Facilitated discussion on National State of Broadband, Technical Considerations, State and Local Opportunities 10:30 – 11:30

- Veneeth Iyengar, Executive Director, Broadband Development & Connectivity
- Teles Fremin, Acting General Manager, LUSFiber
- Jeff Reiman, Principal, The Broadband Group

III. First Breakout: 11:30 – 11:50

- Facilitated Question: How could improved broadband help impact your community?

IV. Break 11:50 – 12:20

V. Report out on First Breakout Session 12:20 – 12:30

VI. Panel Discussion of Economic Development opportunities with Broadband 12:30 – 1:30

- Brian Andrews, LSU
- Chuck Kirby, Vice President, Smart Communities; Virginia Center for Innovative Technology
- Debra Lam, Founding Executive Director, Partnership for Inclusive Innovation
- Molly McKay, Principal, Willdan Financial & Economic Consulting Services

VII. Second Breakout 1:30 – 2:15

- Facilitated Question: What do you think digital equity means, and how do we achieve it?

VIII. Discuss Solutions, Wrap-up 2:15 – 3:00

- Goal: 8-10 concepts to consider to bridge the digital divide within their communities.