

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL TO
SUPPORT CONSOLIDATED COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITTING
APPROACH TO CALIFORNIA'S MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND NETWORK
LOCATED IN THE COASTAL ZONE**

WHEREAS, in July 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Senate Bill 156 to create an open access middle mile network to bring high-speed broadband services to all Californians; and

WHEREAS, this effort involves installation of 5,000 miles of broadband infrastructure along state highways, particularly in unserved and underserved rural communities referred to as the Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN); and

WHEREAS, approximately 450 miles of the network is located within the Coastal Zone, mostly along Highway 1; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the proposed project has necessitated regular coordination between California Department of Technology, Caltrans, and Transportation Program staff from the California Coastal Commission in order to develop guidelines for work in the Coastal Zone; and

WHEREAS, the overall approach being coordinated is to bundle together each District's project segments that require a Coastal Development Permit and submit a consolidated permit application for processing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg is located in Caltrans District 1 and California Coastal Commission North Coast District, which includes Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte counties; and

WHEREAS, the City welcomes a coordinated approach to permitting the MMBN and desires to participate in the proposed consolidated coastal development permit process with other local governments and Coastal Commission staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby support a consolidated Coastal Development Permit approach to permitting the MMBN project within the Coastal Zone.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of February, 2023, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

BERNIE NORVELL
Mayor

ATTEST:

June Lemos, MMC
City Clerk