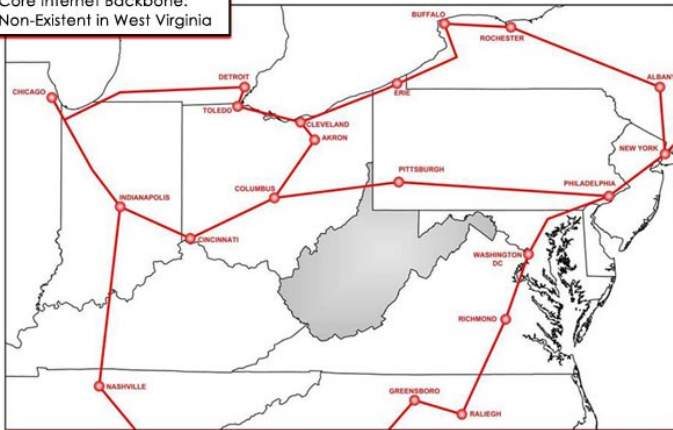


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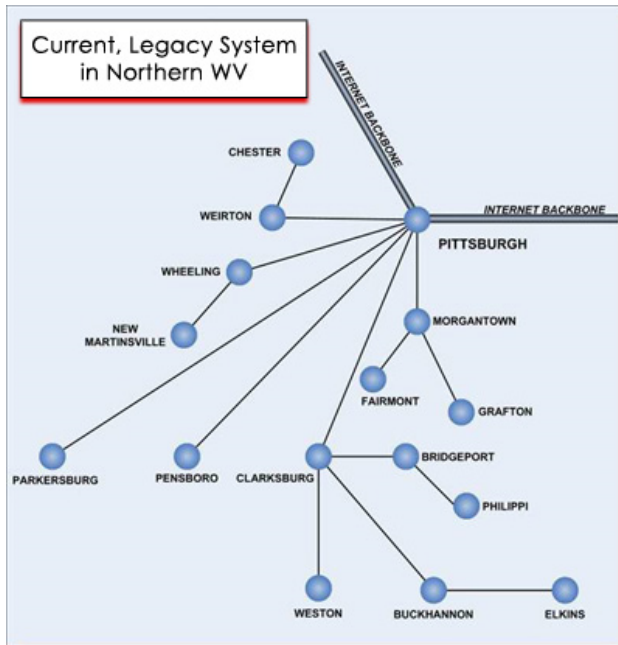


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National Tier 1 Markets (the top 50 Metropolitan Statistical Areas) are interconnected by next generation fiber systems capable of carrying massive amounts of bandwidth.

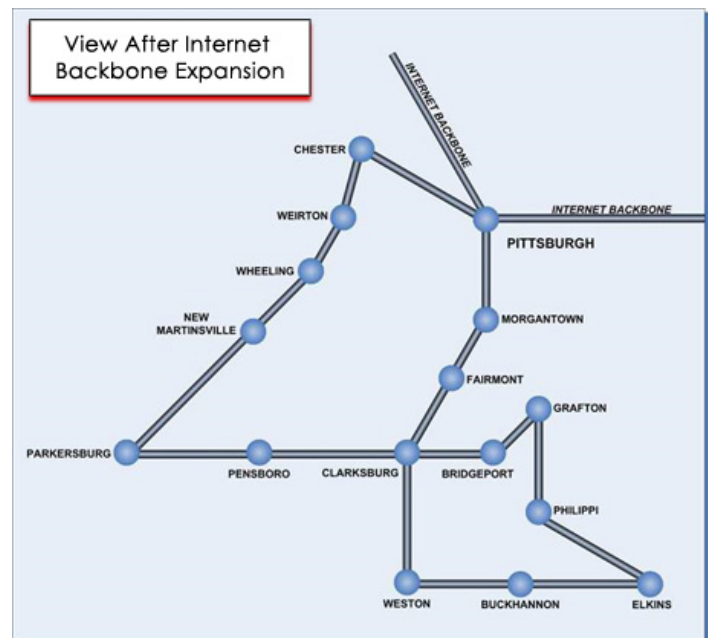
- ◆ West Virginia is an underserved state with no core Internet backbone facilities.
- ◆ Broadband Expansion cannot flourish without Internet backbone expansion.

Current Legacy System in Northern WV:



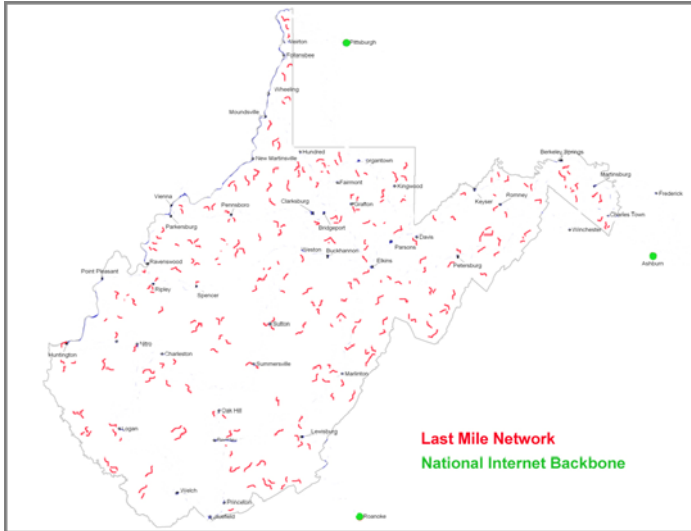
West Virginia markets are limited by legacy transport solutions that are costly and lack the technical abilities to deliver next-generation services currently available in national Tier 1 markets.

View After Internet Backbone Expansion:



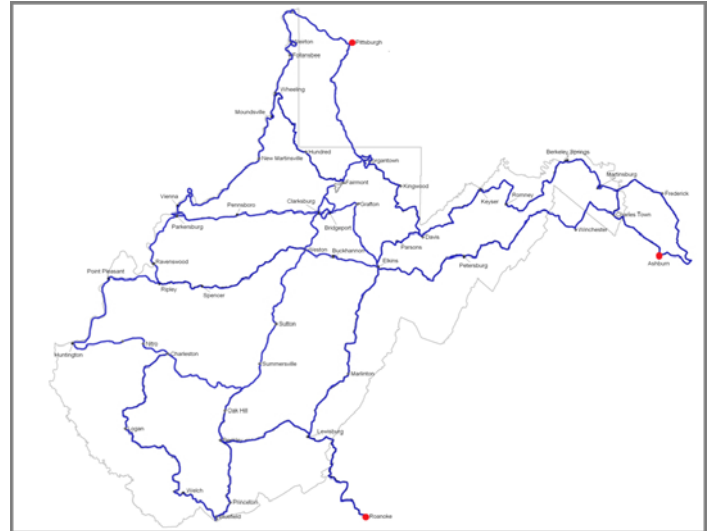
By expanding core Internet backbone facilities into West Virginia, this true Middle-Mile plan will enable hundreds of West Virginia markets with next-generation solutions while minimizing barriers that have inhibited broadband expansion in our State.

The Current West Virginia State Plan



- ✗ Isolated Fiber Assets
- ✗ Assets Transferred to Frontier
- ✗ Minimal Benefits Realized
- ✗ Provides ZERO long-term benefits

What a True Middle Mile Solution Looks Like



- ✓ Advanced Next Gen Technology
- ✓ Highly Cost Efficient
- ✓ Extends National Backbone into WV
- ✓ Data Super Highway
- ✓ 100% Open Access
- ✓ Grows Denser with Time