

2022 Bedford County VATI Project – Shentel

November 2023 Update

Project Summary

Shentel is constructing 430 miles of fiber to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to 4,734 underserved/unserved homes in Bedford County. Project consists of approximately 33 Designated Service Areas (DSAs) for XGS-PON (fiber to the home) and 43 Node Packages for DOCSIS (coax cable).

Milestones Completed

Currently, the Outside Plant Engineering team is performing field walkout and design of the DSA areas proposed in the 2022 VATI award area. This will continue until the fourth quarter of 2023, with the release of all DSAs to construction by the third quarter of 2024.

General milestones:

- 424 miles High Level Engineering Design completed
- 287 miles of permits submitted
- 324 miles with job packages (under review, pending permits)

DSA Reports

Bedford

- BDFDVA.DSA.001A (Dickerson Mill Road area): released to sales on 3/30/23
- BDFDVA.DSA.001B (Near Route 43, McDaniel Road, Five Forks Road): under construction and released to sales 8/31/23.
- BDFDVA.DSA.002 (460 from Shiloh Church to Krantz Corner Road, Shiloh Church Road, Twin Lakes Drive): Construction started 9/25/23, Shiloh Church Road area complete
- BDFDVA.DSA.003 (460 from Krantz Corner to Bells Mill Road, Krantz Corner Road, Timber Ridge Road up to Belltown Road, E & W Otter Ridge drives): partial release to construction where make-ready is complete and/or safe to temporarily attach
- BDFDVA.DSA.004-006 (Moneta Road from Liberty High School down to Stony Fork, Joppa Mill Road, Dickerson Mill Road, Centerville Road, Peaks Road, Three Otters Road, Parker Road): job package design in progress

Goode

- GOODVA.DSA.001 (Goode Road, Bells Mill Road, remainder of Timber Ridge Road, Lowry Road, Founding Way Road): job package approved, pending a few permits from AEP
- GOODVA.DSA.002 (460 from Bells Mill Road to Thomas Jefferson Road, Goode Road, Terrace View Road, Bellevue Road, Goode Station Road): job package is under review, primary permits submitted

- GOODVA.DSA.003-006 (Forest Road from Goode Station to Perrowville Road, Everett Road, Ivy Creek area, Cottontown Road, Coffee Road, Old Cifax Road, Cifax Road): job package under review, primary permits submitted

Big Island

- BGISVA.DSA.001-004 (Big Island area): job packages under engineering review, permits submitted
- Big Otter Backbone, DSAs 001-008 (WHERE IS THIS): job packages reviewed and revisions requested from third-party engineering, permits submitted

Montvale

- Montvale Backbone: job package approved, all primary permits submitted. Field walkouts underway, preparing primary permits for submittal.

Overall Project Timeline

2022 Bedford County VATI Project – Contractual completion September 2024.

Shentel notes there is risk due to meeting deadline due the following

- AEP/Bedford Electric make-ready timelines
- Higher make-ready costs from Southside Electric Cooperative may require some re-engineering design
- VDOT requirements for 4-lane road crossings