

2022 Bedford County VATI Project – Shentel February 2024 Update

Project Summary

Shentel is working to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) service to 3,204 underserved/unserved homes in Bedford County. In 1Q2024, this project was rescope, reducing the total VATI passings to 3,204 (down from 4,734) and also allowing a one-year contract extension.

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 through the first quarter of 2024, permitting targeted through third quarter of 2024, and the release of all DSAs to construction by the third quarter of 2024.

General milestones:

- 368.3 miles* High Level Engineering Design completed
- 278 miles of permits submitted
- 288 miles* with job packages (under review, pending permits)

*Reduction of numbers from December is due to the removal of Montvale job packages due to rescope mentioned above

DSA Reports

Bedford

- BDFDVA.DSA.OO2B (Twin Lakes Drive): released to sales
- 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): connectivity between cabinet and Bedford DSAs complete, released to sales
- 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, preparing primary permits for submittal.

Goode

- GOODVA.DSA.001 (Goode Road, Bells Mill Road, remainder of Timber Ridge Road, Lowry Road, Founding Way Road): job package approved, pending permits
- GOODVA.DSA.002 (460 from Bells Mill Road to Thomas Jefferson Road, Goode Road, Terrace View Road, Bellevue Road, Goode Station Road): partial release to construction
- 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 revisions, primary permits submitted

Big Island

- BGISVA.DSA.001-004 (Big Island area): job packages under redesign/revision, permits submitted, broadband will now be buried due to high cost of pole attachments
- Big Otter Backbone, DSAs 001-008: job packages under redesign/revision, permits submitted. Broadband will now be buried due to high costs of pole attachments

Montvale

- Montvale Backbone: canceled due to project rescope

Overall Project Timeline

2022 Bedford County VATI Project – Contractual completion September 2025, extended by one year due to project rescope.