



Fresno Coalition for Digital Inclusion (FCDI) Policy Agenda

- **Comprehensive data gathering on internet access and speed** ensures genuine and **community-informed representation** of digitally unserved and underserved populations.
- The actual fiber optic cable infrastructure needed for internet connectivity known as **the “middle mile” is routed to reach unserved rural populations.** Middle-mile cable is available to multiple internet providers (open access) **in underserved areas of urban poverty and multi-dwelling units.**
- Through better data collection and unrestricted access to fiber optic cable **the equity gap is reduced** by improving services for the underserved **through competition and choice.**
- **Solutions which bring internet connections to people across their daily journey-at home, at work, and everywhere in between,** known as the “last mile” are affordable and fast to deploy (like LTE cellular networks) while bringing fiber optic cable as close to people as possible.
- **Many more people are able to connect to and use the internet** and overall internet adoption is improved through funding of services and building of capacity to provide support and literacy training.
- **A regional exchange is constructed in Fresno** to bring faster, less expensive internet to businesses and people.
- **Anchor institutions share internet assets** where possible and stretch investment funds to reach those with unmet needs.

