

**Metropolitan Unified Fiber Network Consortium, Unincorporated Association Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, March 7, 2025**  
Virtual meeting

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**Agenda:**

1. **Call to order and roll call**

The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was met. Sarah Edgerton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm CST on Friday 3/7/2025.

**Present:**

Chet Bembenek, MMSD  
Patrick Christian, UW-Madison DoIT  
Sarah Edgerton, City of Madison  
Barry Gross, UW Hospital and Clinics

**Excused:**

Kika Barr, WiscNet

**Guests:**

Dan Parenteau, Marie Treazise, Brad Stone, Rachel Whitmore, Matt Apps

2. **Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2025, Oversight Committee meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Bembenek, seconded by Gross, to approve the minutes from February 6, 2025. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote.

3. **Public Comments on Agenda**

None

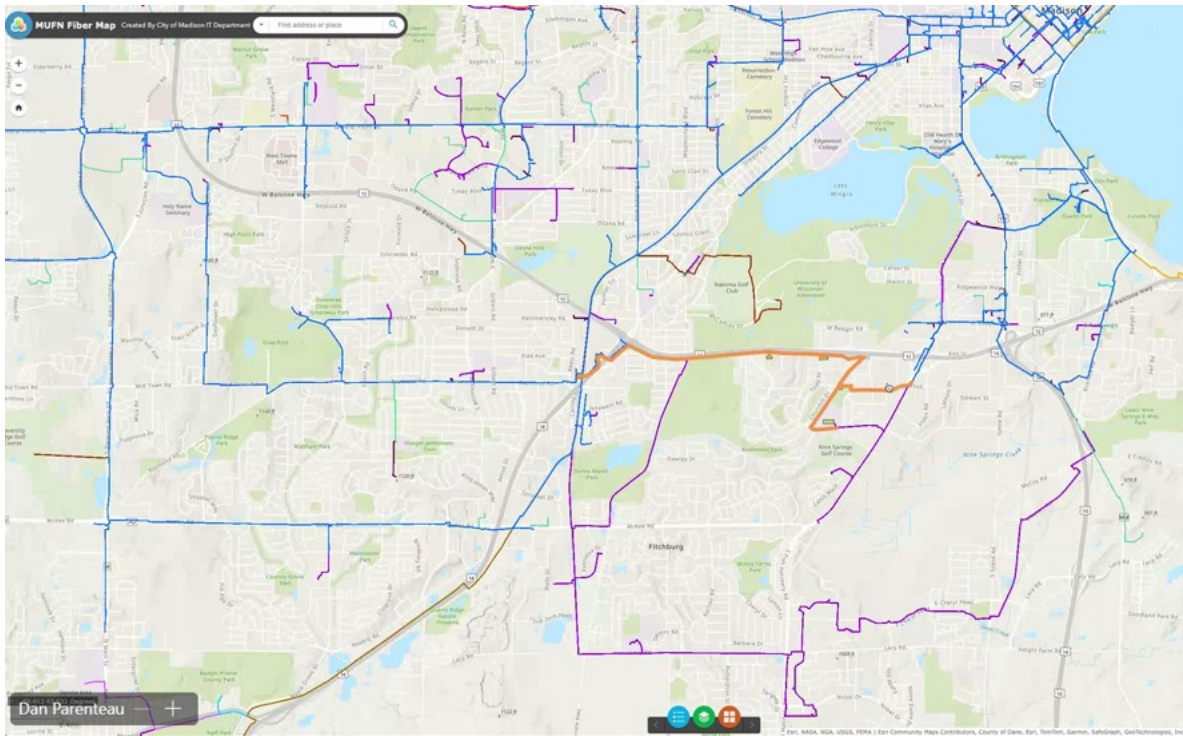
4. **Administrative Reports/Recommendations – Discussion and Possible Action items**

a. **Operations Subcommittee Report – Dan**

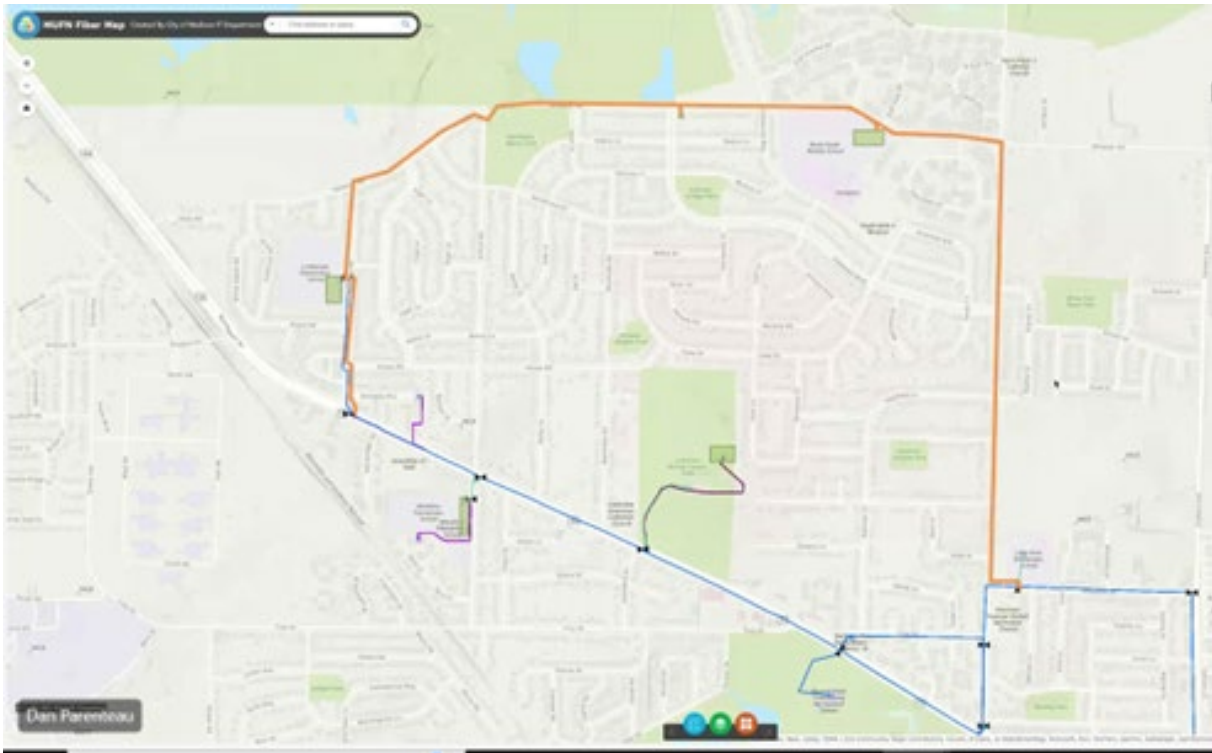
i. **State of WI Educational Communications Board (ECB) MUFN membership**

1. **Dan noted a potential fiber build as part of an ECB MUFN membership may cost \$700k**

a. **Build is between Fish Hatchery and Whitney Way primarily along the south beltline (as depicted in orange on the diagram)**



- b. The following MUFN Members have potential interest in this build: MMSD (Leopold), City of Madison (water utility and IT Dept), Dane County (?), prospective member ECB (WPTV, WPR), MUFN (?), SupraNet, UW SMPH (2601 W. Beltline Hwy), UW Health (2601 W. Beltline)
- c. Next steps:
  - i. ECB verifying they'll be in the Todd Dr building for a long time
  - ii. Potential Spring 2026 construction if financing plan is completed by 12/31/25
- ii. Black Hawk Middle School build
  - 1. Dan reported costs of a fiber build along School Rd-Wheeler Rd-N Sherman Ave are ~\$453,000
  - 2. Potential interested MUFN Members may include: City of Madison (water utility & IT), Dane County, MMSD (Leopold and Black Hawk schools), MUFN
  - 3. Next steps:
    - a. Continue discussing this potential conduit/build & soliciting partner interest



- b. City Fiber Project Updates – Taletha (provided by Sarah Edgerton in Taletha’s absence)
    - i. A developer built on top of City of Madison conduit along the Southwest Bike Path. City is working with the developer on a letter which must 1<sup>st</sup> be approved by the City Council Board of Public Works (BPW) Subcommittee in April '25. The City is waiting on the developer to send documentation to agree to pay for the corrective work needed on the bike path to be performed by Holtger Bros. Upon City April BPW approval, work will proceed.
  - c. MUFN Financial Report – Kika
    - i. No report – Kika excused
5. New business: Authorization of Dan Parenteau to manage the \$55,000 MUFN Fiber Facility Maintenance budget line item
- a. Barry thinks giving Dan flexibility to manage the \$55k is ok
  - b. Pat is concerned about parliamentary procedures and auditor controls issues
    - i. Potentially ask Jennifer Horan if we can do this w/o auditor concerns
      - 1. Can Dan & Kika potentially obtain access into City’s Munis system
    - ii. Group discussed an invoice limit (didn’t identify amount)
    - iii. Dan mentioned potentially reporting project details to an Oversight Subcommittee
    - iv. Sarah noted a potential protection for Dan and the Oversight Committee is potentially having Dan report on new invoices as part of the Operations Subcommittee report
    - v. Alternative is to set up a process with the Oversight Committee Operations Subcommittee Chair & an Oversight Committee member (e.g. Treasurer)
    - vi. Tabling decision when Kika is back next month (no decision made)
6. Adjourn MUFN, U.A. Oversight Committee Meeting
- A motion was made by Gross to adjourn the March 7, 2025 meeting and seconded by Bembenek. The motion unanimously passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.

**Reminder of meeting dates: April – June 2025**

**April 17, 3pm -4pm - Virtual**

**May 7 at 10am-11:30am - Virtual**

**June 7, 1pm - Virtual**