

<http://www.MSCNews.net/news/index.cfm?nk=75528>

Rainbow announces major fiber project in Doniphan Co
(KNZA)--The Doniphan County Commission Monday heard about Rainbow Communications plans to expand their current fiber broadband network in the county.

Angie Kreider, Director of Business Development with Rainbow, said they plan to expand their fiber broadband network in the cities of Elwood, Highland, Troy and Wathena with fiber to all residential locations.

According to the unofficial meeting minutes, Rainbow will fully fund the \$12.4 million dollar construction project that will consist of nearly 190 miles of fiber, bringing gigabit internet speeds to more than 4,100 people

Construction is slated to begin by 2025 with the projects completed in each city by 2027.

Kreider also updated the Commission on a fiber broadband expansion along the US Highway 36 corridor east of the Troy City limits to west Wathena City limits, two miles north and south of Highway 36.

The buildout project will cover 200 homes.

Fiber materials have been ordered and project staking began three weeks ago. The county is assisting with GIS mapping and Rainbow Communications is working on education materials for county residents and the process for customer interest/sign-ups for internet service.

Doniphan County partnered with Rainbow on the broadband expansion project dedicating nearly \$1.5 million of America Rescue Plan Act funds.

The project is to be completed by December 31, 2026.

Many Signals Communications