



NTIA and Grant Update - 4/29/11

There was a brief update call with NTIA on Monday 4/25/11.

FTTP Technology – The official paperwork requesting NTIA approval of the technology change has cleared the first stage of approval by NTIA, but not the final stage. There is nothing to be inferred from this other than that the staff at NTIA are very busy.

Budget Revisions – Both the University's Grants and Contract staff and our NTIA Program Officer are still reviewing the revised budget. I have not received any feedback from either as of today.

Revised Environmental Assessment – NTIA has a laundry list of 13 questions about our proposed route changes. There are reasonable answers to all of the questions, but it will take some serious uninterrupted writing time to provide the answers. In the meanwhile we have been told to go ahead and start the approval process with the various state and federal agencies that must approve our route changes. That essentially means that NTIA will approve our changes from a programmatic perspective once we provide documentation more to their liking.

Construction Update – Shive-Hattery has been working with staff from the University and both cities to nail down the remaining construction details and get the drawings ready for bidding. I am not directly part of that process, but I know that everyone has been very busy working on this. Brittney, Craig or Tony should be able to speak authoritatively on where the process is at on Wednesday.

IDOT IRU - The cities have worked out an arrangement with IDOT concerning the requested IRU that will result in the IDOT permits being released on Monday – May 2nd. Others who were part of those negotiations can speak to the details on Wednesday.

FTTP Electronics RFP – No update from the State Procurement Office.

Quarterly Performance Progress Report – I will be working on that this weekend. It is due Monday night. I will forward to Missy once it is complete.