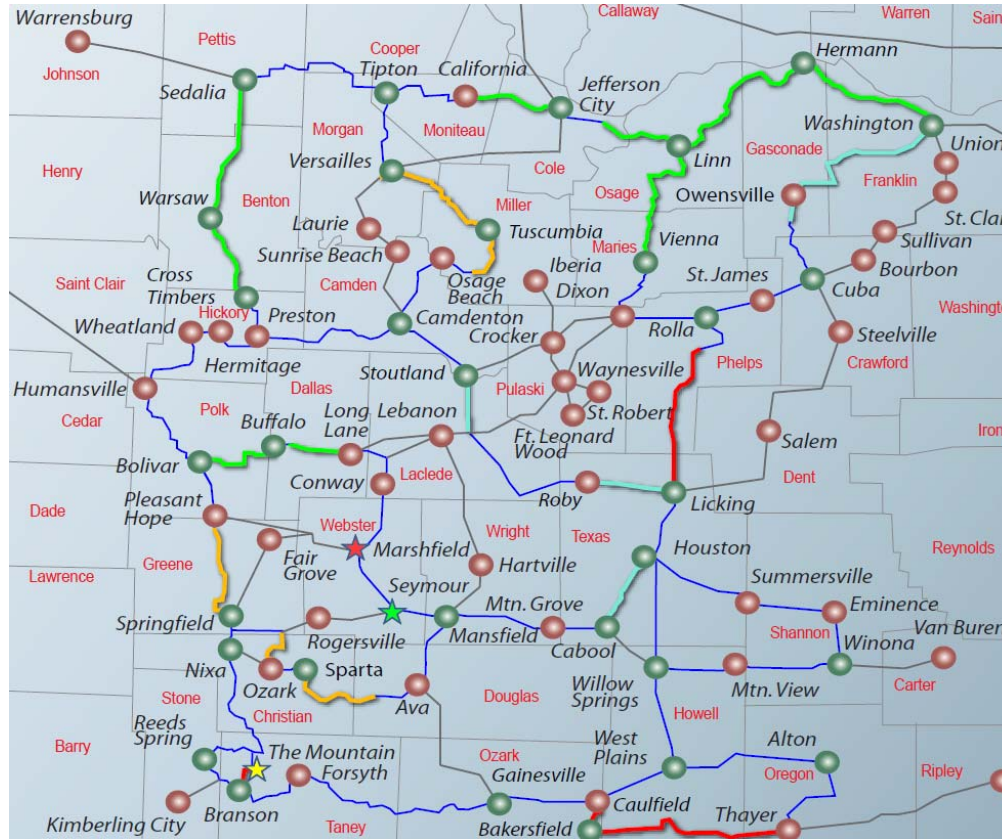


Project Update

Weekly Update

January 24, 2011

Even though construction won't begin for another couple of months, there is still plenty of work to be done on the Sho-Me MO project. This week, RFP SMM002 was released. In conjunction with this release was the addition of the Sho-Me MO tab to the Sho-Me Tech website. The Environmental Assessment is still in progress and the engineering team is verifying last mile fiber routes and construction requirements for the Community Anchor Institutions. Below are a couple of short updates. As always, we welcome your comments and questions.



- Proposed Point of Presence
- Existing Point of Presence
- ★ The Mountain Complex
- ★ Sho-Me Technologies NOC
- ★ Sho-Me Technologies Back-up NOC
- Phase One
- Phase Two
- Phase Three
- Phase Four
- Existing In-Kind Fiber
- Existing Sho-Me Technologies Network



Community Anchor Institutes.... Coming Soon

One of the main goals of the Sho-Me MO project is to connect Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs), such as public safety, education, libraries, and health care facilities. We are pleased that the monies set forth in this grant will allow us to build our network into at least 100 of these entities. But deciding who we can connect has not been easy. Since receiving word that Sho-Me Technologies was chosen for this opportunity, we have been working to finalize the list of CAIs. The process started with identifying potential locations, contacting each location to inform them of the opportunity, establishing interest, and then completing an environmental assessment on each site. Each of these steps have been completed and we are approaching the time to announce the sites. Our Engineering staff is still visiting each site to verify the fiber route and construction into the buildings. It has been a hard task determining the top 100 and unfortunately, we will not be able to serve everyone who showed interest. We are currently working with the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) and will soon release the list of CAIs.

Calendar of Events

January 31, 2011
RFP SMM002 Closing
 This RFP is requesting bids for DWDM and Ethernet services. Bids are due by close of business January 31st.

March 16 -17, 2011
MOREnet Spring Conference
 Come visit us and learn more about the Sho-Me MO project and how it will impact your school district.

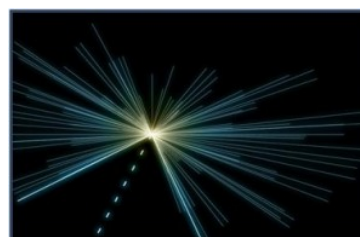
Environmental Assessment

Sho-Me continues to work toward completing our environmental assessment. This week we will submit the Section 2.3 to the National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA). Section 2.3, in other words, is a draft of our environmental assessment. We are also working with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to better understand the changes they are implementing. How these changes will affect our plan is still yet to be seen, but we plan to work with the organization to meet all requirements set forth. We have had to push back the date we anticipate to submit our final environmental assessment, however the time frame we are working toward is still a month and half ahead of schedule.

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Your Source for Sho-Me MO

The Sho-Me Tech website might look a little different these days. That's because we've added a new section dedicated to bringing you the very latest updates and information about the Sho-Me MO project. We want you to know what's happening right now and what's scheduled to happen next. Most importantly, this is a place where we can share the impact this project is having on the citizens of rural Missouri.



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