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**STATEWIDE OPEN-ACCESS MIDDLE-MILE BROADBAND INITIAL PROJECTS**

CDT is pleased to release the list of the initial eighteen (18) projects that have been identified by the CPUC in accordance with the process established in SB156. On November 16, 2021, the CPUC provided CDT with a letter in which Commission staff reported its concurrence with locations identified for eighteen (18) initial projects for the statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network. The initial list of locations was developed by the CPUC in collaboration with the Third Party Administrator (TPA), taking into consideration factors outlined in statute, including soliciting and receiving public comments and information regarding the need for the statewide open-access middle-mile network. CPUC has been prioritizing state highway rights-of-way and geographically diverse group of projects in rural and urban areas of the state, beginning with the 18 initial projects. The list is the outcome of significant collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including CDT, Caltrans, and the TPA. CDT has worked with the TPA and state partners to review information provided by the CPUC and the broadband industry, as well as information regarding work planned by Caltrans in order to begin to plan and develop the statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network. CDT will continue to build and develop the statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network in collaboration with the TPA and Caltrans as CPUC identifies additional locations for middle-mile buildout.