



SC Broadband Advisory Council

Enabling South Carolinians to Thrive in the Global Digital Economy

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff | Apr. 9, 2024

Agenda

Welcome / Roll Call
Review / Approve Minutes
Introductions

Jim Stritzinger, Co-Chair
Anna Berger, Co-Chair

SC Broadband Office Update

Jim Stritzinger, ORS

Digital Opportunity

Tom Allen, ORS

Other Business

All

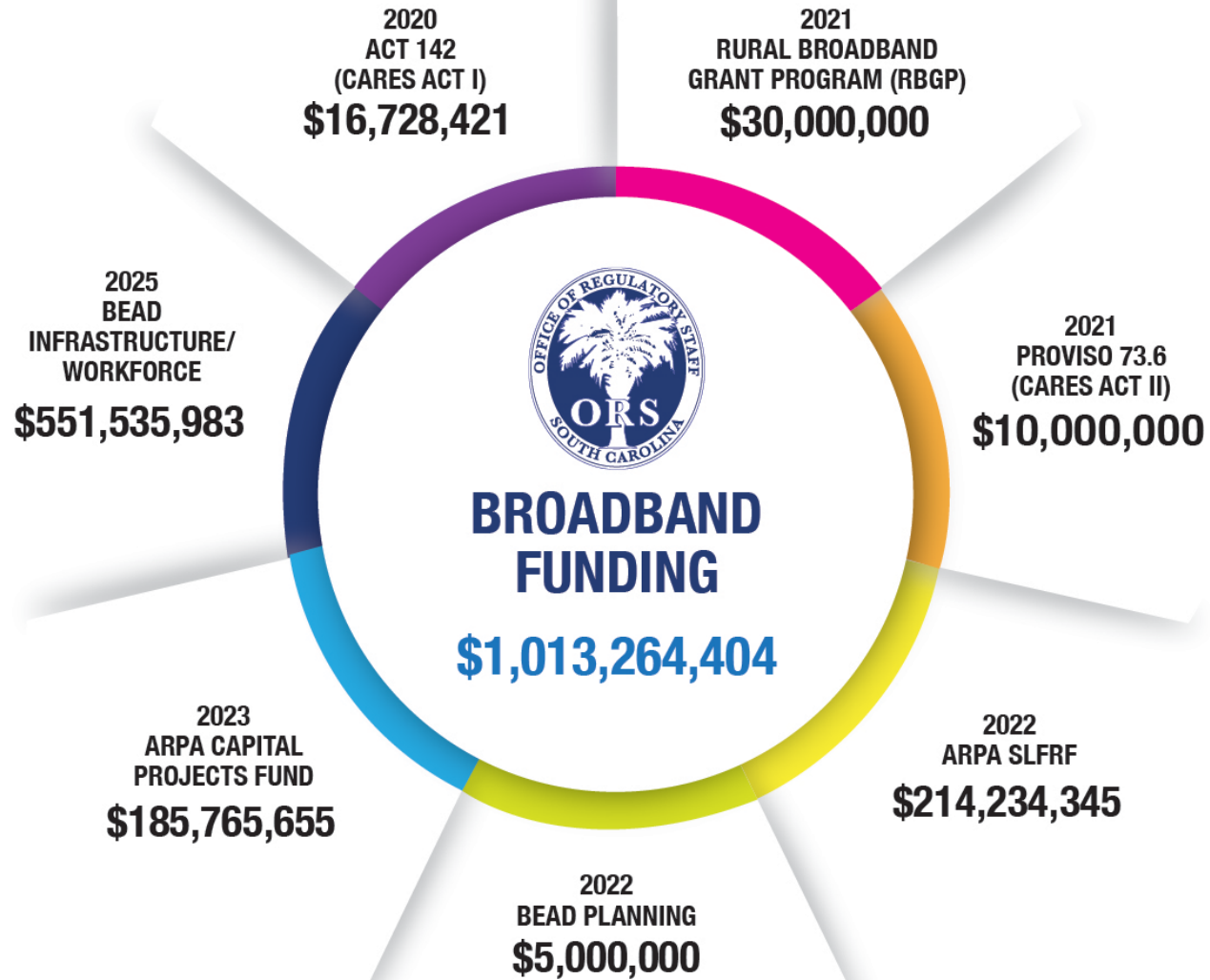
Next Meeting – Tuesday, Apr. 9, 2024
Adjourn

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2023 Awards

- Esri | Special Achievement in GIS
- SC Information Technology Director's Association | Innovation Award



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

H. 4408 \$400 Million for SC Broadband Infrastructure

Act 244 Enacted
May 13, 2022

State Fiscal
Recovery Fund

- \$214.2 Million

Capital
Projects Fund

- \$185.8 Million

The funds in the ARPA Broadband Account shall be used to expand broadband infrastructure to households, businesses, and communities in the State that are unserved or underserved by broadband services.

ARPA Capital Projects Fund



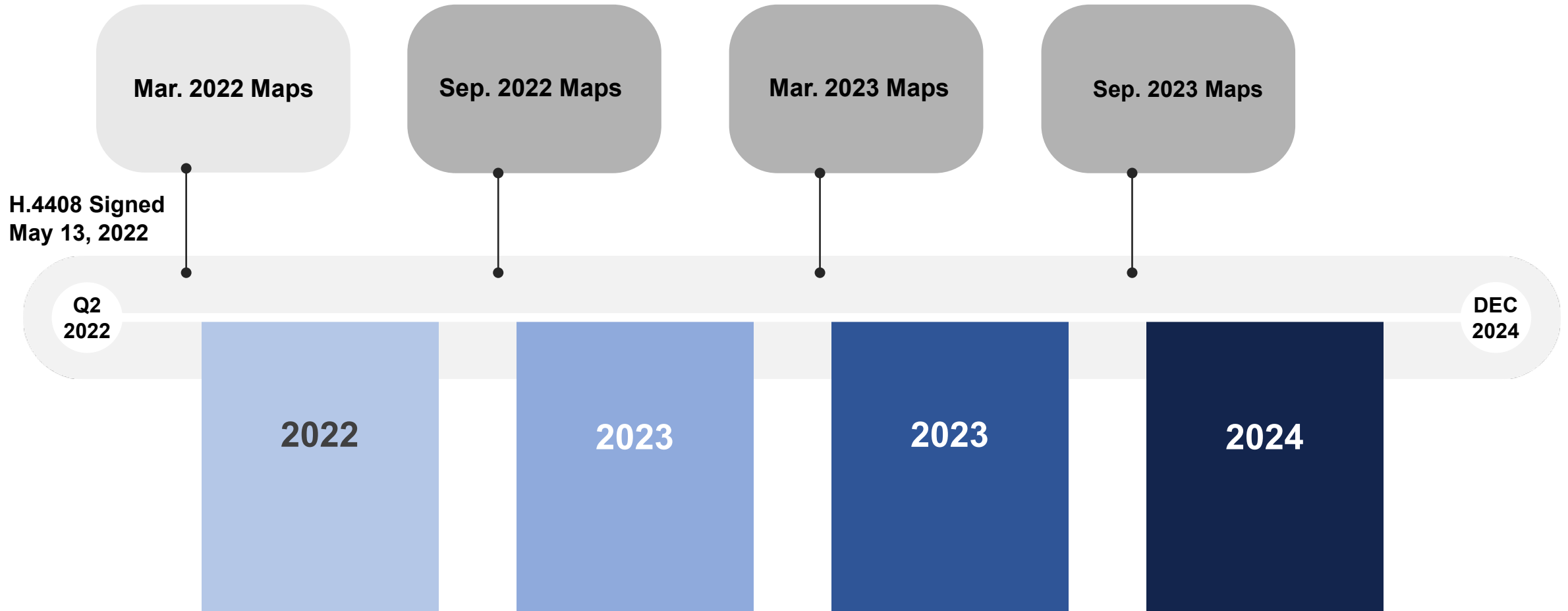
Unserved 2020 Census Blocks with:

- 1) More than 20 public K-12 student households; **or,**
- 2) Difficult Development Areas (HUD); **or,**
- 3) No Internet Service Provider (ISP); **or,**
- 4) Underserved Main Street Communities

Requires 100 Mbps Symmetric (100/100)

Source: Act 244 (H.4408), Section 9: Priority must be given to unserved areas with no current Internet Service Provider, Difficult Development Areas as identified by U.S. Housing and Urban Development, and census blocks that have a high concentration of unserved public K-12 student households as documented by the South Carolina Department of Education. Capital Projects Fund plan approved by US Treasury on March 7, 2023.

SC BROADBAND INVESTMENT ROADMAP



SCBBO Invests to Eliminate the Main Street Digital Divide



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Main Street CPF Kickoff Events

Mar. 16 – Charter, Ridge Spring, SC

Mar. 20 – Charter, Norway, SC





Main Street Workshops

09 APRIL (Tuesday)

Main Street 101

14 MAY (Tuesday)

Local Market Dynamics

18 JUNE (Tuesday)

Community Outreach

hosted monthly
@ 1:00 p.m.



3 Crosses Ministry
231 Lexington Avenue

09 JULY (Tuesday)

Planning & Implementation

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***SCBBO Completes \$185.1 Million
CPF Investment Round, Launches
ARPA 3.0 Grant Program***



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CPF Kickoff Events

Mar. 6 - UpCountry Fiber, Anderson

Mar. 19 – Lumos, Spartanburg

Mar. 25 – UpCountry Fiber, Pickens

Mar. 26 – HomeTel, Berkeley/Dorchester

ARPA SLFRF 2.0 Accelerated Deployment Grant

- Construction from Mar. 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022
- 10 ISPs, 23 Counties
- Total Project Cost: \$48.1 million (1:1 match)
- SLFRF Funds: **\$24,063,566**
- **19,341** Broadband Serviceable Locations
- **2,097** Fiber Miles

COMPLETE!

What are Priority Areas?

Unserved/Underserved 2020 Census Blocks with:

1) K-12 student households; **or,**

- ✓ Broadband maps include data from 785,000+ public school students that was provided by SC Department of Education

2) Difficult Development Areas as identified by US Housing and Urban Development (HUD); **or,**

- ✓ Defined geographies that are updated annually by HUD and are the basis for deploying Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in the United States.

3) No Internet Service Provider

- ✓ FCC Broadband Data Collection (BDC) shows no wireline ISP.

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Eligibility	BSL	Units
Residential	49,986	64,633
Business	10,329	10,646
Total	60,315	75,279

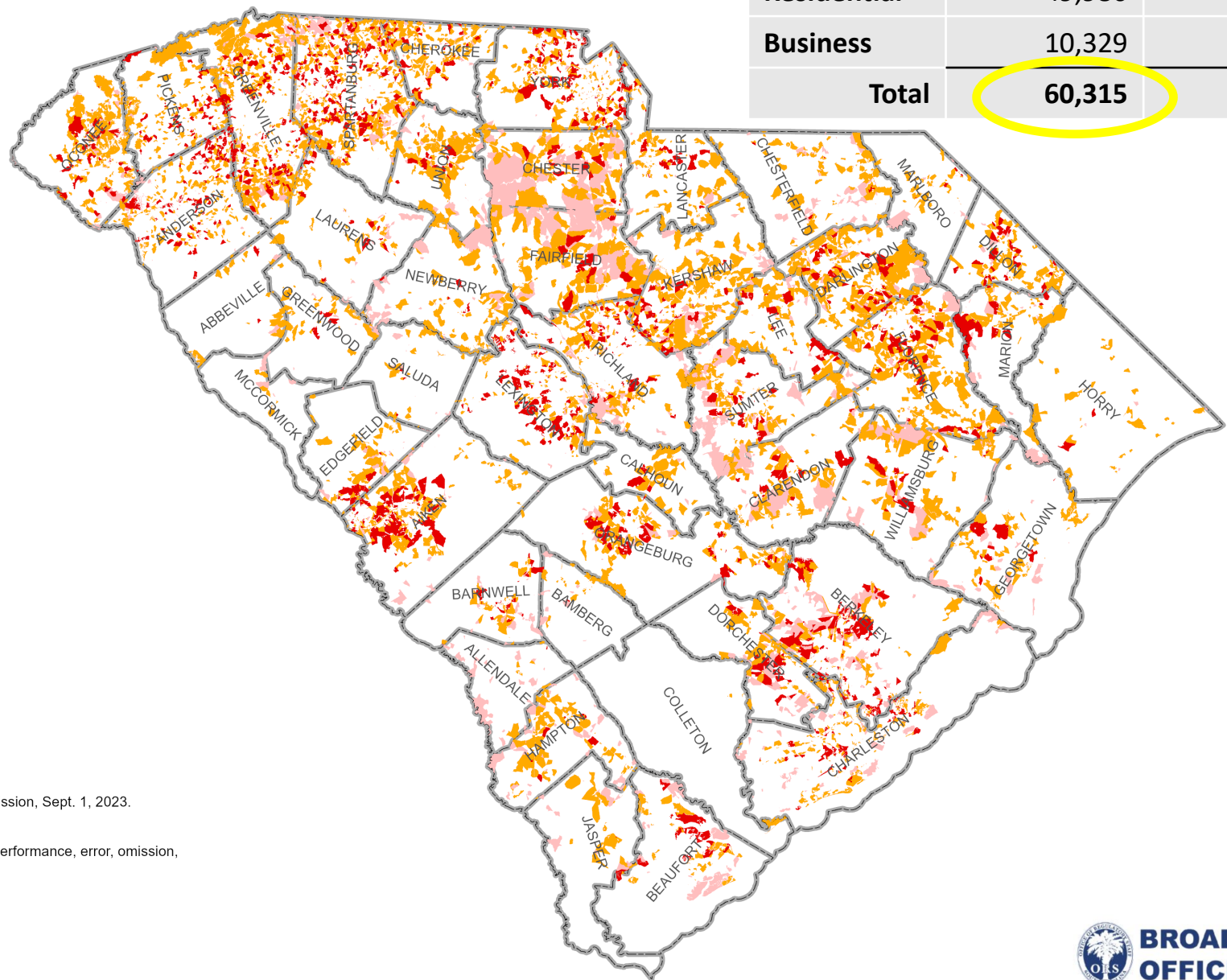
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ARPA SLFRF 3.0 Eligibility

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ARPA SLFRF 3.0 Eligibility Status

- Priority Area
- Unserved
- Partially Served

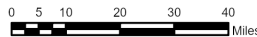


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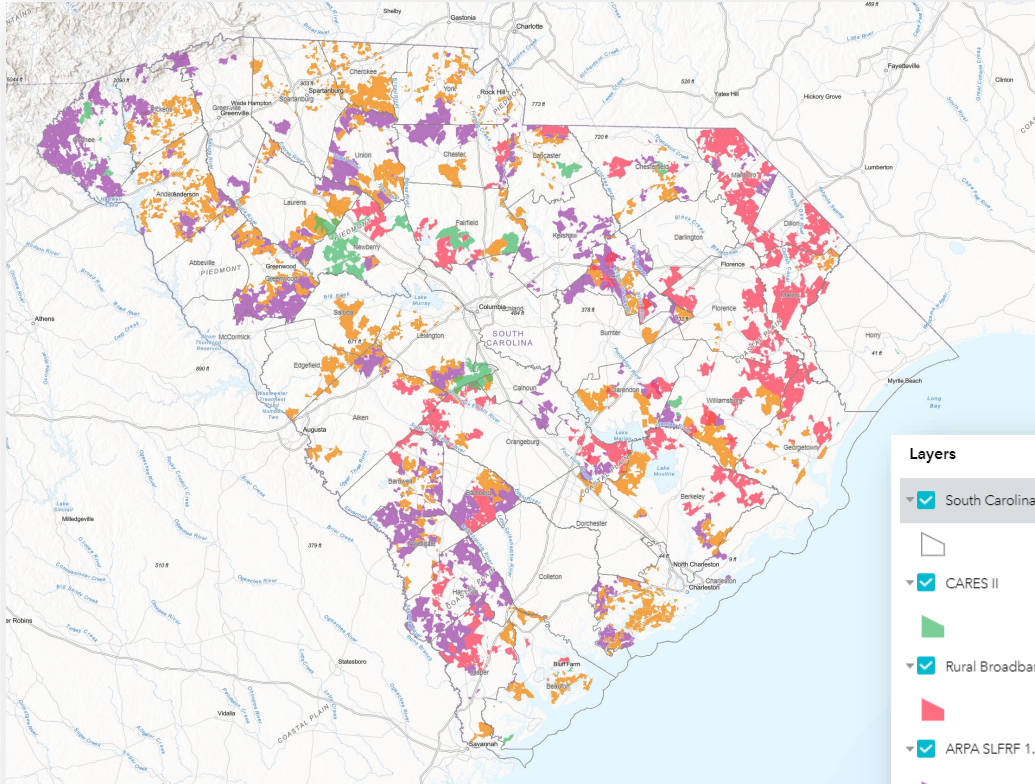
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SCBBO Managed Projects



Layers

- South Carolina Counties
- CARES II
- Rural Broadband Grant Program (RBGP)
- ARPA SLFRF 1.0
- ARPA CPF 1.0



SCBBO Investments SC Broadband Office

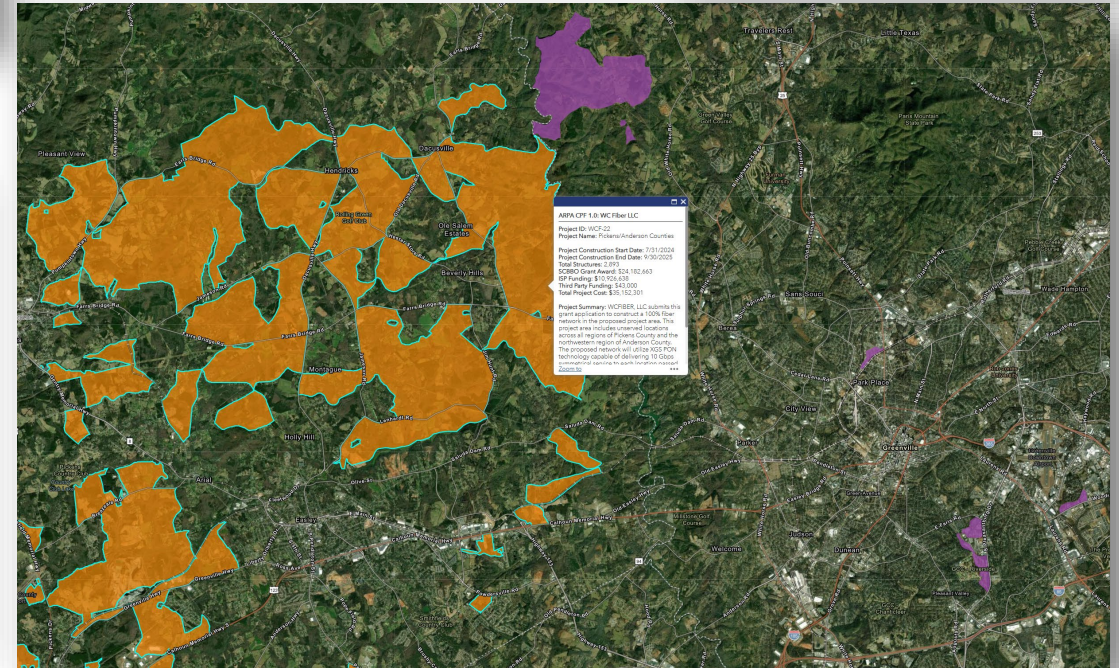
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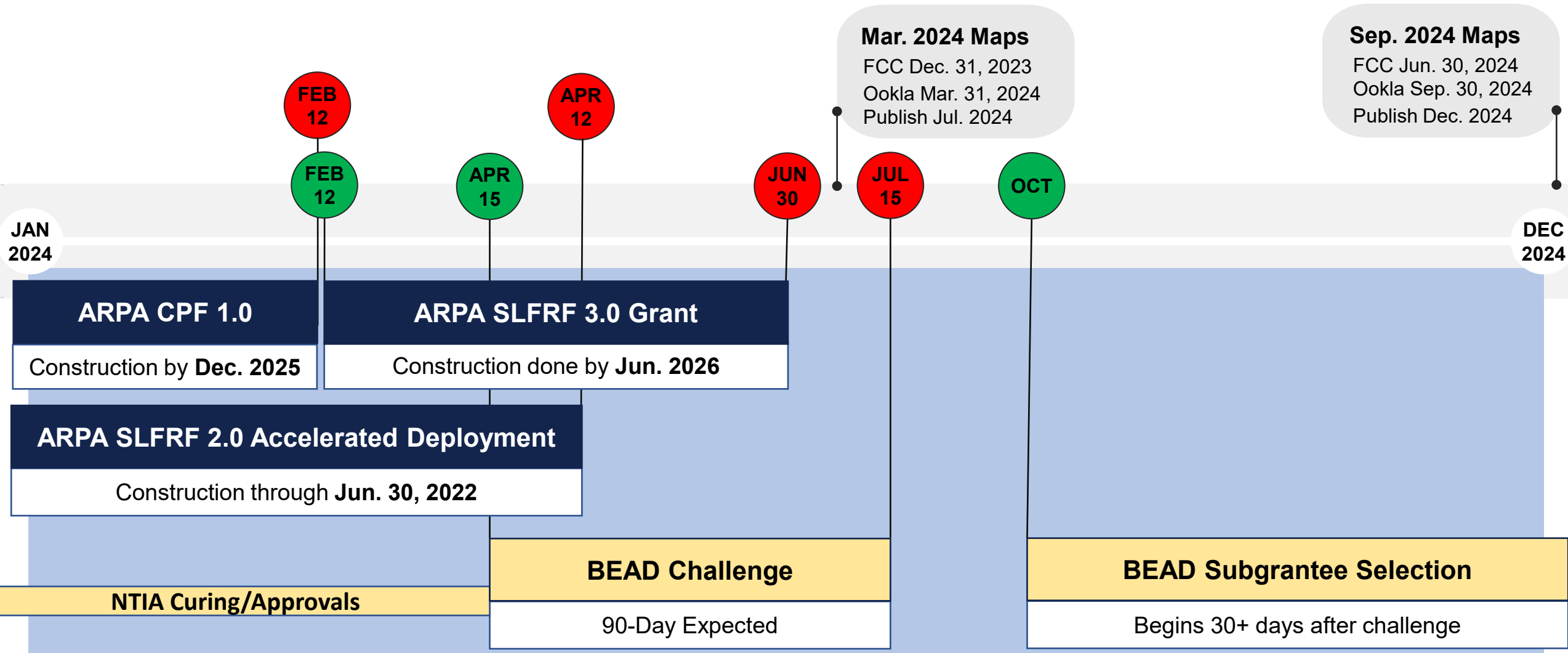
Project ID:
Project Name: Pickens/Anderson Counties

Project Construction Start Date: 7/31/2024
Project Construction End Date: 9/30/2025
Total Structures: 2,893
SCBBO Grant Award: \$24,182,663
ISP Funding: \$10,926,638
Third Party Funding: \$43,000
Total Project Cost: \$35,152,301

Project Summary: submits this grant application to construct a 100% fiber network in the proposed project area. This project area includes unserved locations across all regions of Pickens County and the northwestern region of Anderson County. The proposed network will utilize XGS PON technology capable of delivering 10 Gbps symmetrical service to each location passed.

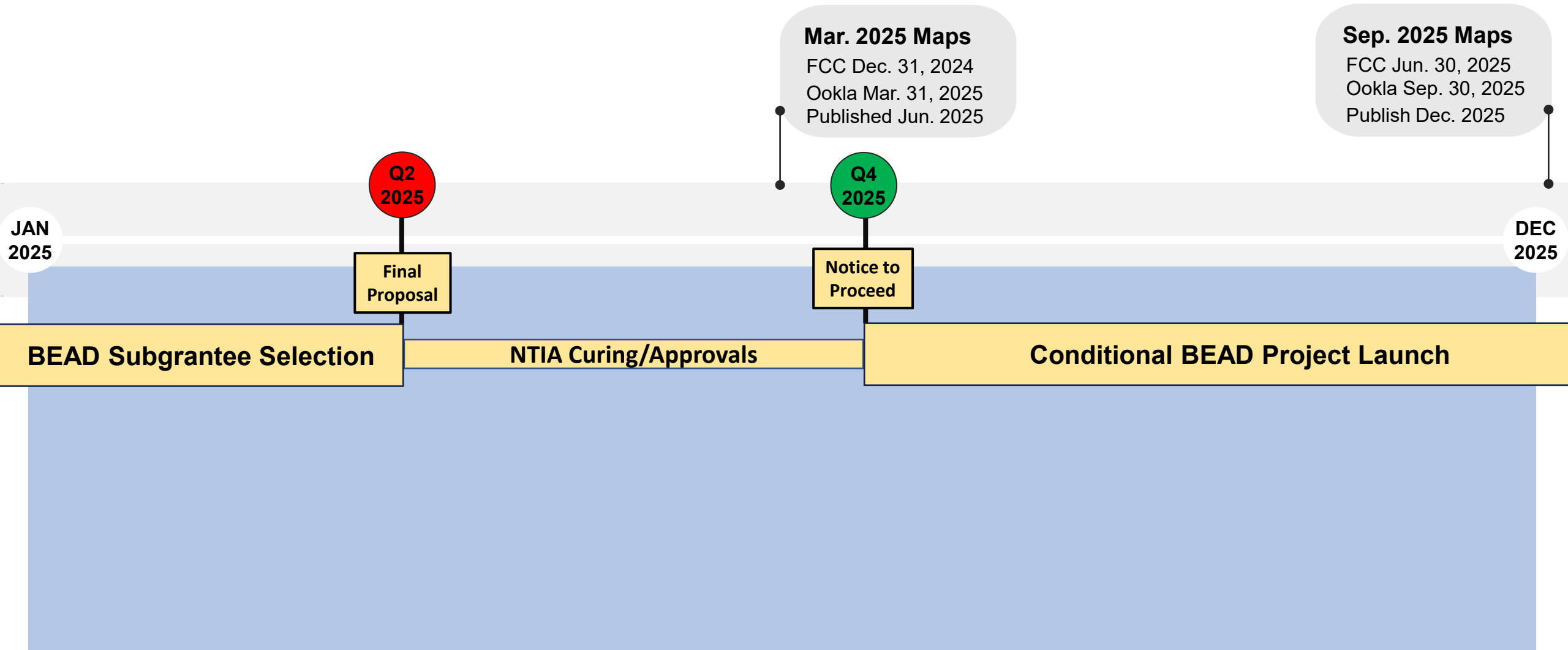


2024 SC BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAMS



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2025 SC BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAMS



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About BEAD

- **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**

- Digital Equity (DE) – Adoption and Use
- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) →

- ✓ **\$551.5 million allocation for SC**

- ✓ **Broadband Deployment**

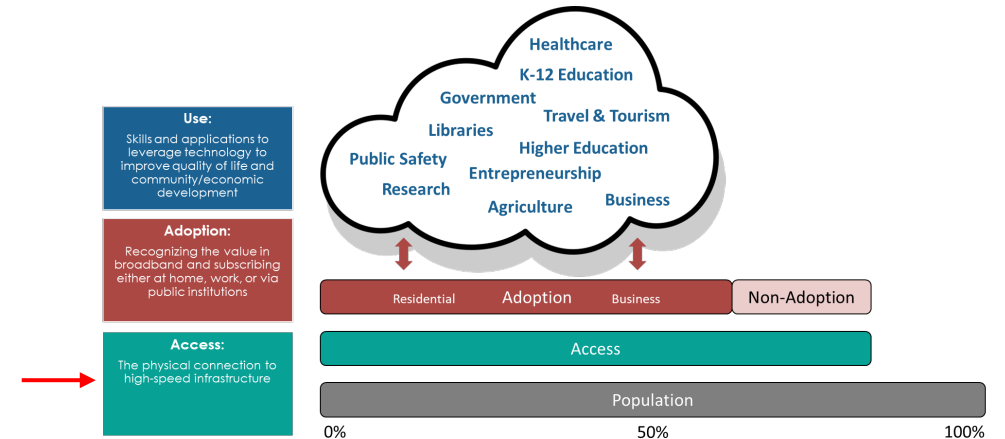
- Must provide access to all homes and businesses throughout state (first)
- Next, must connect Community Anchor Institutions (< 1Gbps symmetric)

- ✓ **Non-Deployment**

- Only occurs after SCBBO confirms enough allocation available to provide access to all homes and businesses throughout state

- ✓ **Initial Proposal**

- Volume 1 – **Approved (3/22/24), BEAD Challenge begins 4/15/24**
- Volume 2 – Establishment of BEAD Grant Program



BEAD | Key Themes

- **End of ARPA = Beginning of BEAD**
- **County-Managed ARPA Broadband Projects**
 - ✓ Please Coordinate w/SCBBO Right Away
- **BEAD Zip Code Project Areas → Internet for All!**
- **BEAD Challenge Q2-2024**
 - ✓ Residents must contact units of local government
 - ✓ Recommend Identifying Single Point of Contact
 - ✓ FCC Fabric is Confidential → Procure CostQuest Tier E License (free)
- **Broadband-Related Workforce Opportunities**
 - ✓ Apprenticeships
- **Community Anchor Institutions**
 - ✓ "... facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations."
 - ✓ **MUST Lack ACCESS to 1 Gbps symmetric**



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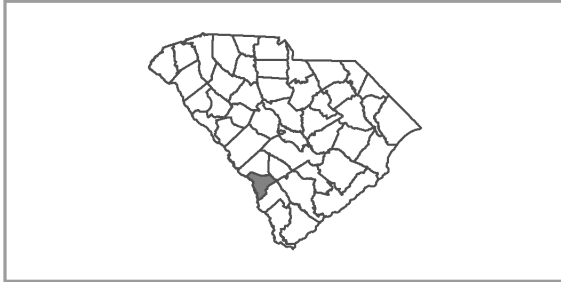
Near Real-Time Broadband Construction Status

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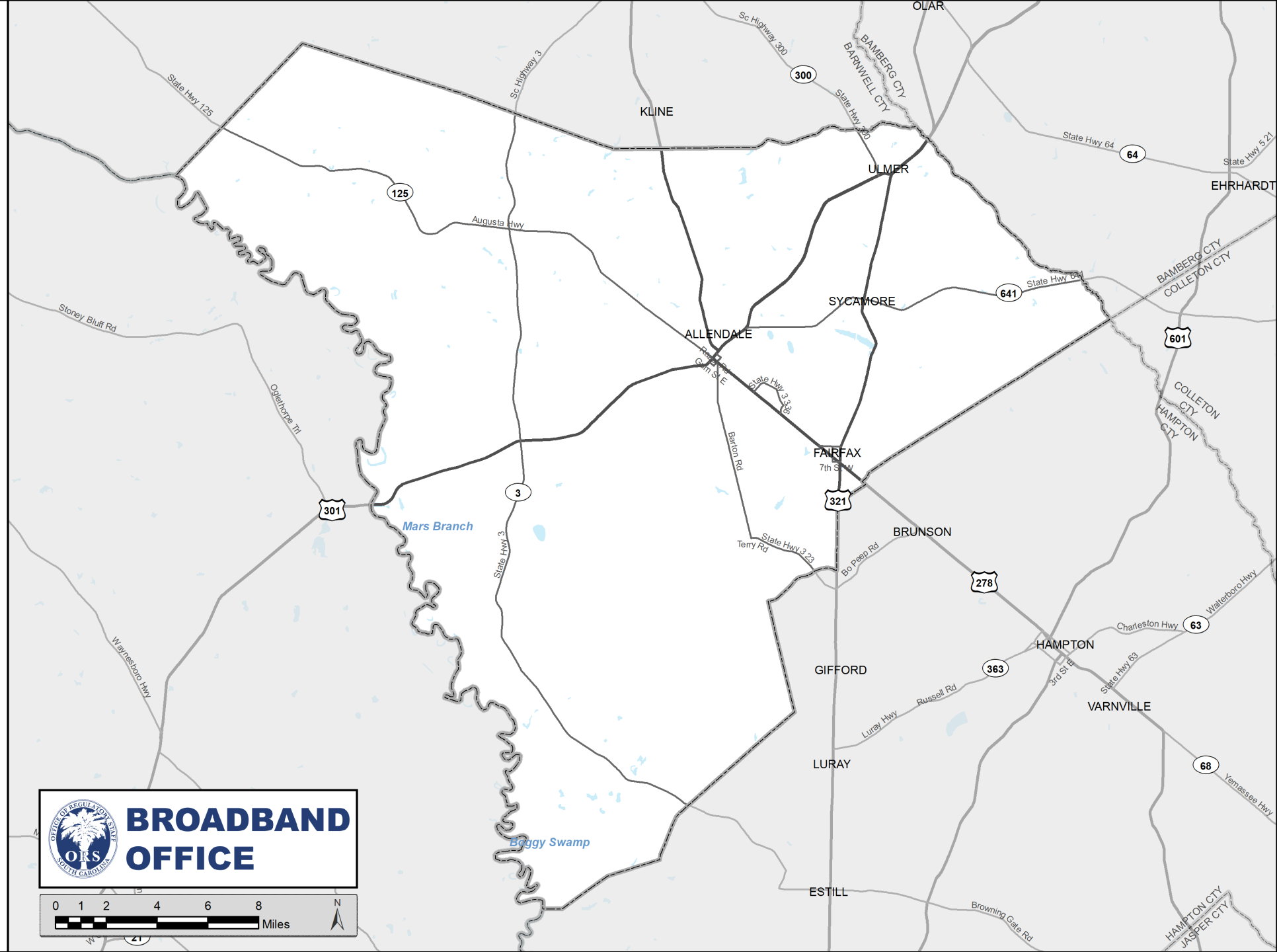
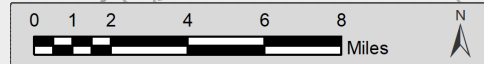
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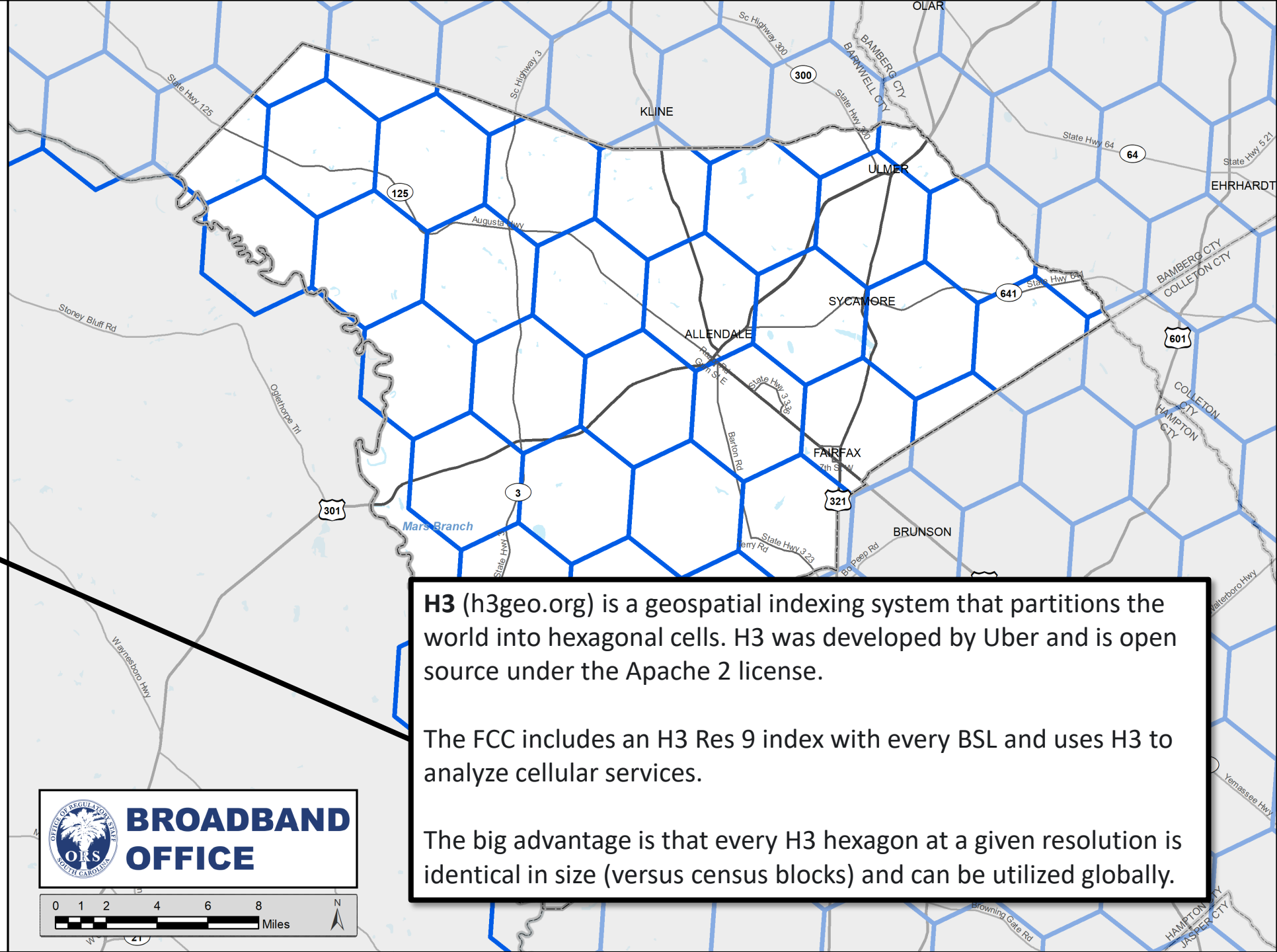
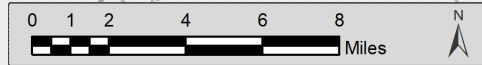
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The FCC includes an H3 Res 9 index with every BSL and uses H3 to analyze cellular services.

The big advantage is that every H3 hexagon at a given resolution is identical in size (versus census blocks) and can be utilized globally.

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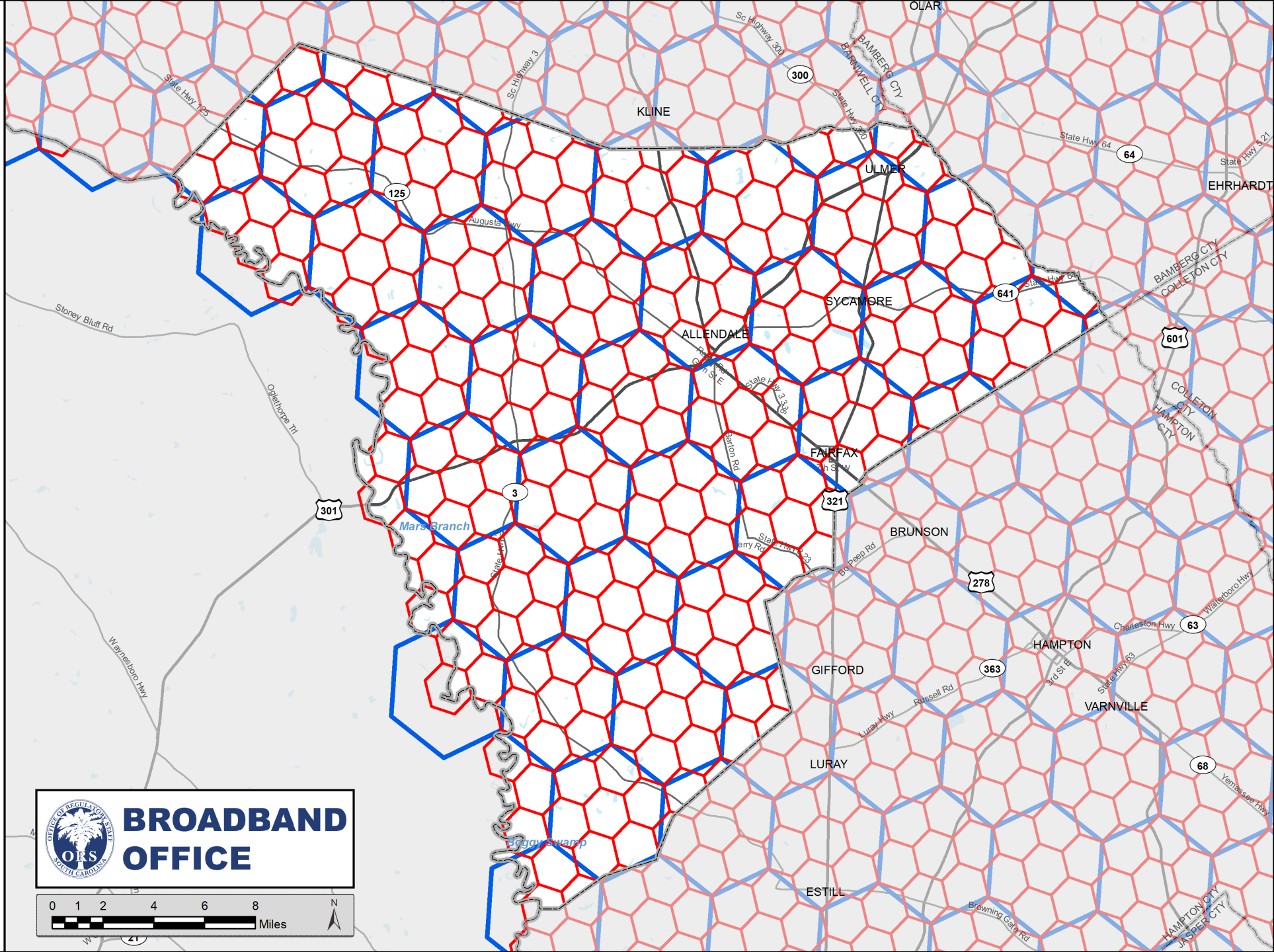
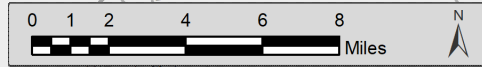
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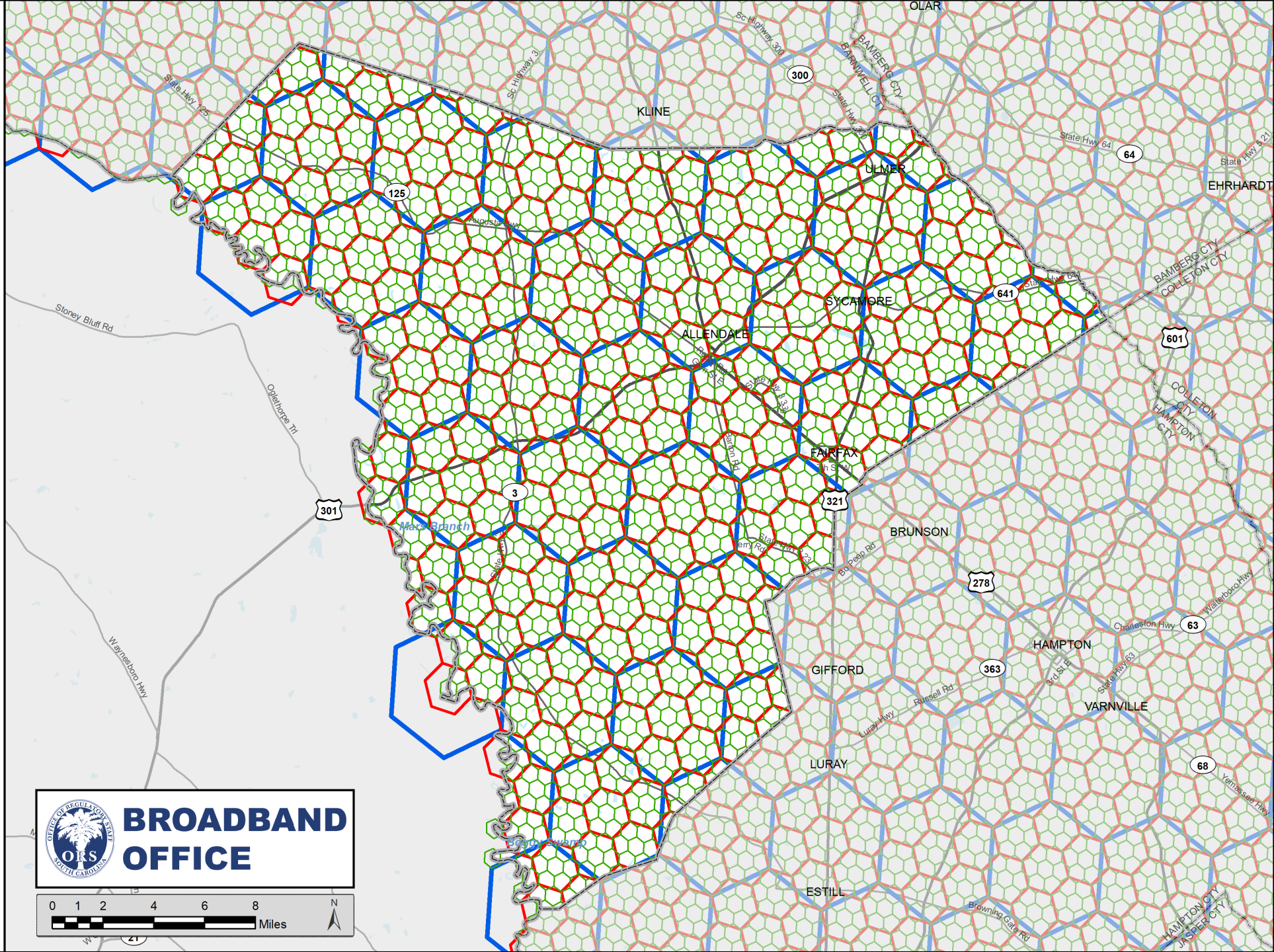
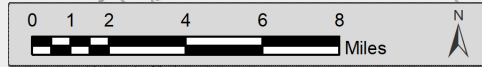
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ISP A GRANT AGREEMENT - APPENDIX

Location ID	Street Address	Other BSL Attributes	H9 Index
1010827461	714 Sample Lane	...	8944d14b403fff
1010827463	726 Sample Lane	...	8944d14b403fff
1010827465	730 Sample Lane	...	8944d14b403fff
1030897265	427 Broadband St.	...	8944d14b417fff
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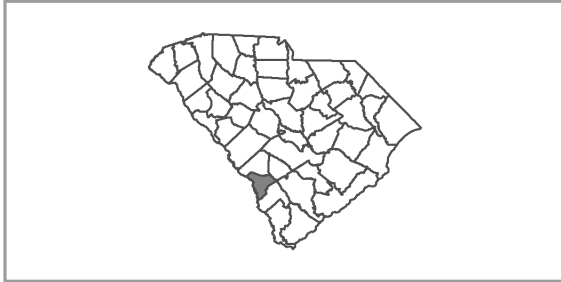
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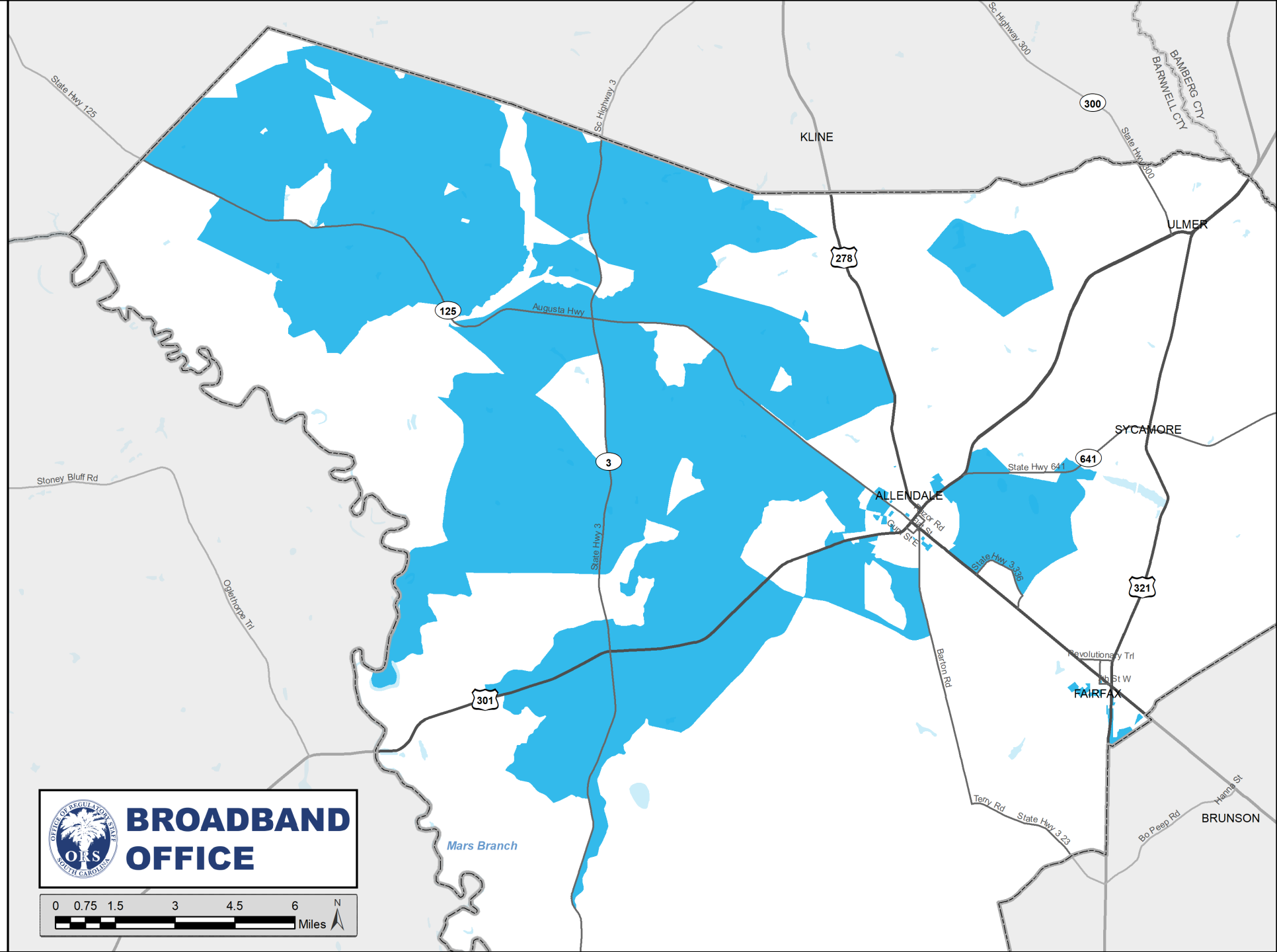
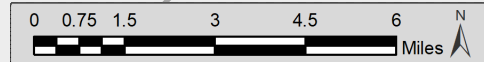
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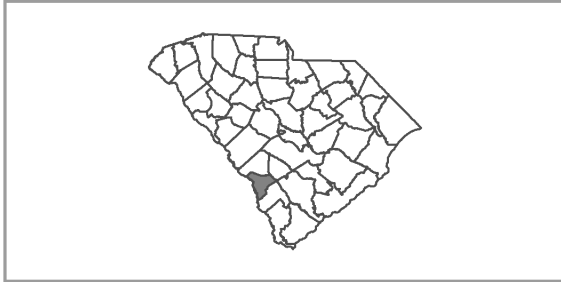
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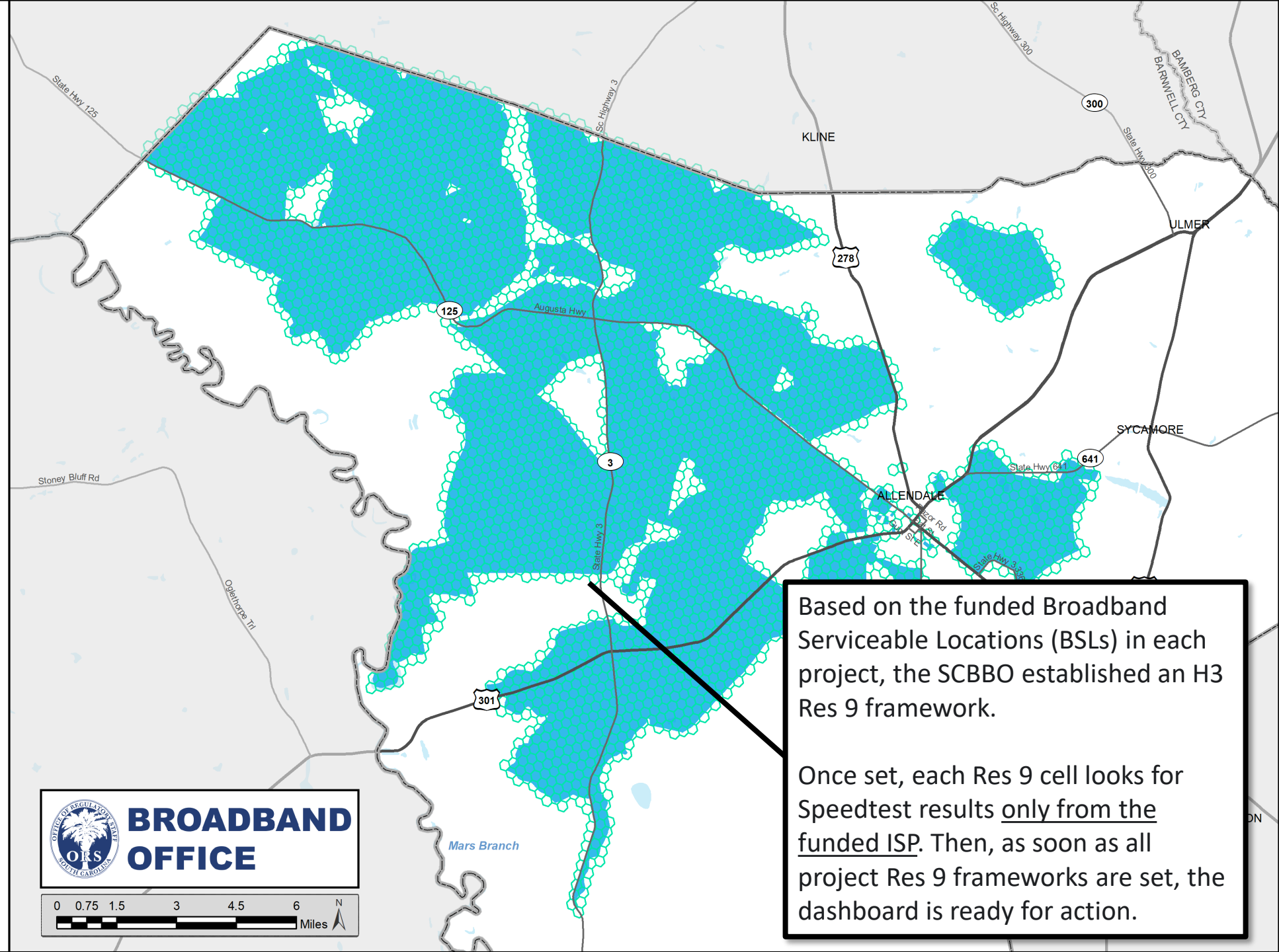
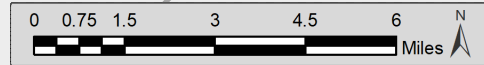
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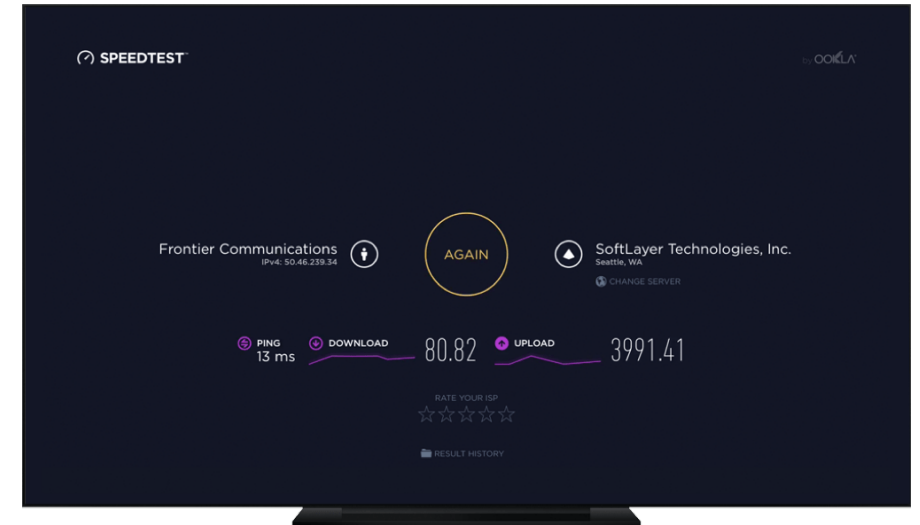
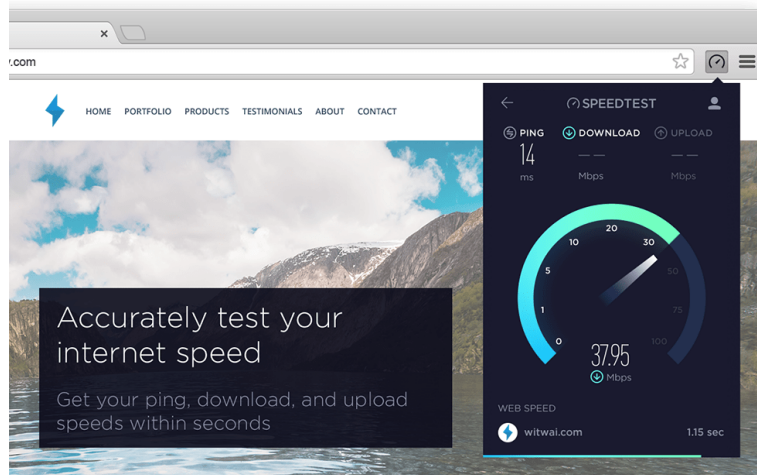
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Based on the funded Broadband Serviceable Locations (BSLs) in each project, the SCBBO established an H3 Res 9 framework.

Once set, each Res 9 cell looks for Speedtest results only from the funded ISP. Then, as soon as all project Res 9 frameworks are set, the dashboard is ready for action.

Ookla's mission is to make the internet better, faster and more accessible for everyone



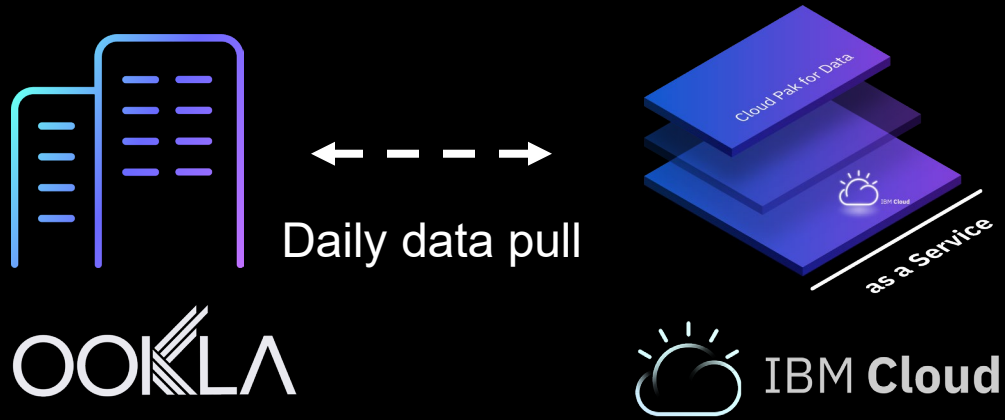
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Speedtest is available for:

Web, Android, iOS, macOS, Windows, AppleTV, Chrome

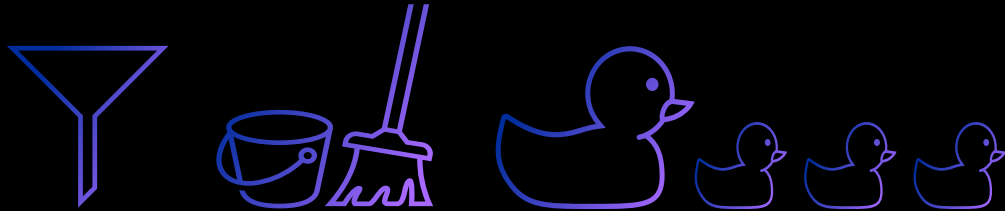
STEP 1



FILTER / FORMATTING / GEOPROCESSING:

- SCBBO Blacklist Applied
- Download Speed ≥ 100 Mbps
- Comes from GPS-equipped device
- Location Accuracy < 500 m
- Geocoded for H3 Res 6, 7, 8 & 9

STEP 2



FIXED WIRELINE

CUMULATIVE JAN. 1, 2019 through APR. 7, 2024:

4,098,514 Speedtest Results

STEP 3



Receive ~2,000 to 3,000 new tests daily

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Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

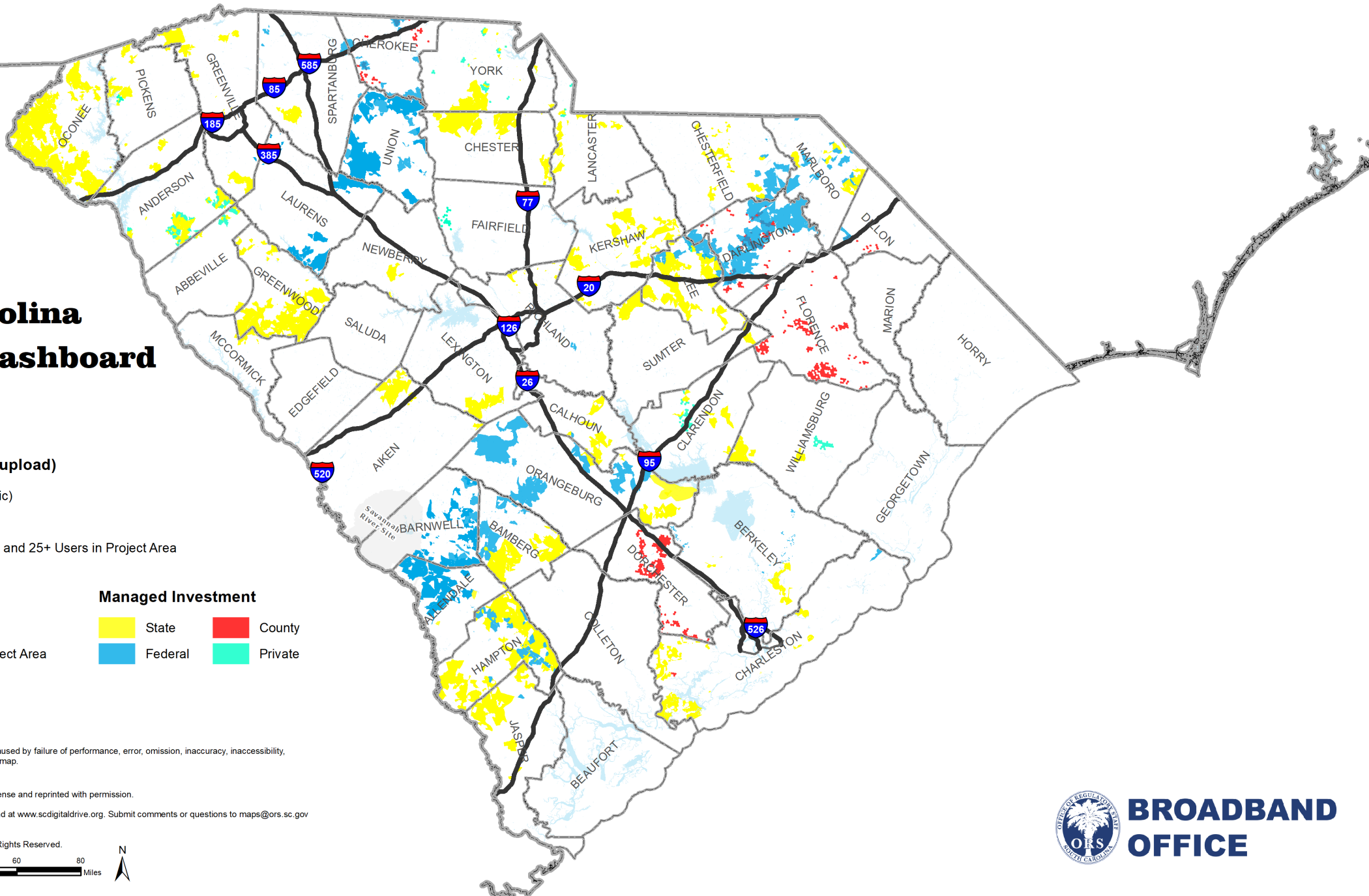
- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
 - >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps
- with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

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Mapped at Res 6 at State Level. Looking for 250+ Speedtests and 25 Users for funded ISP.

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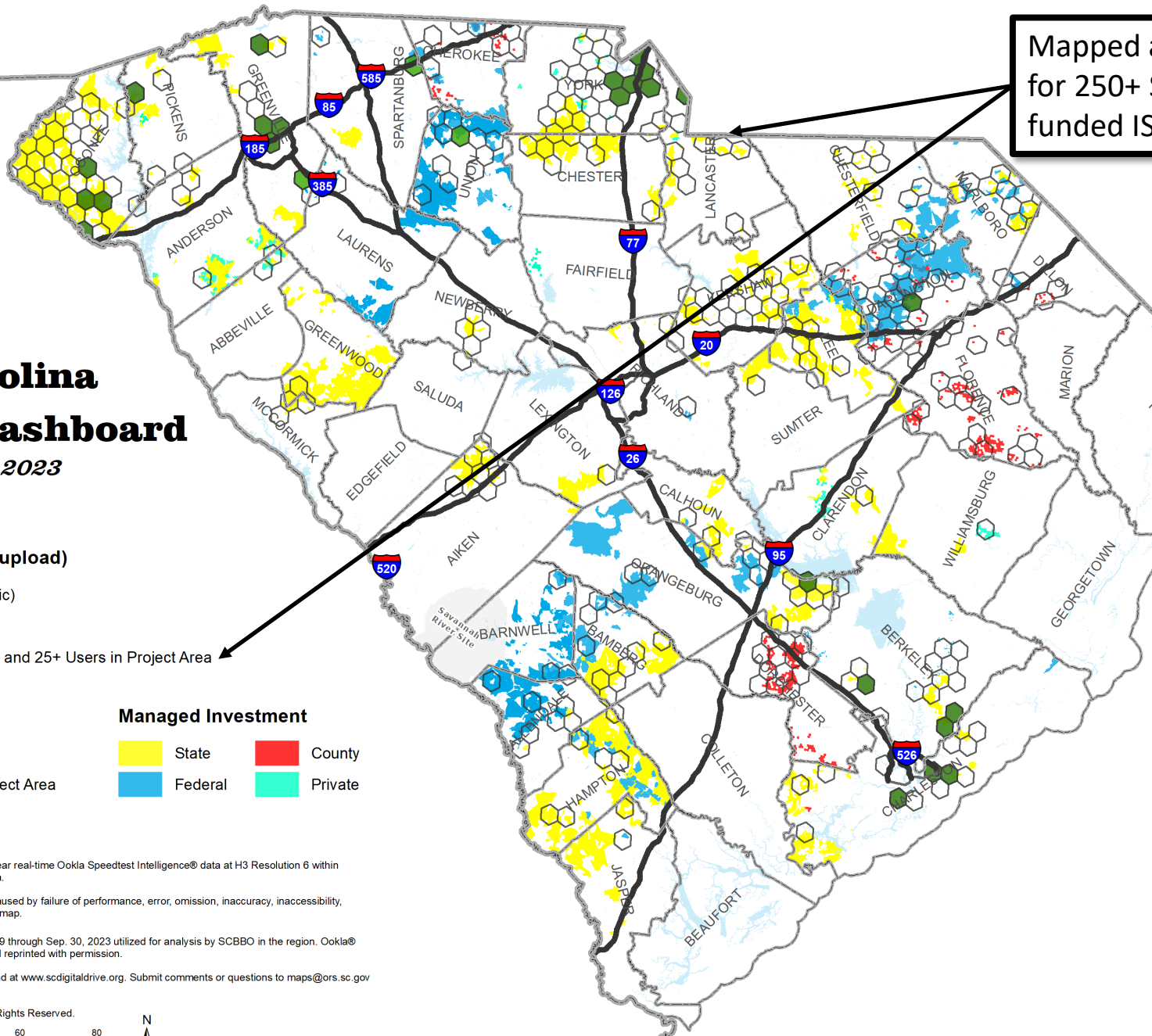
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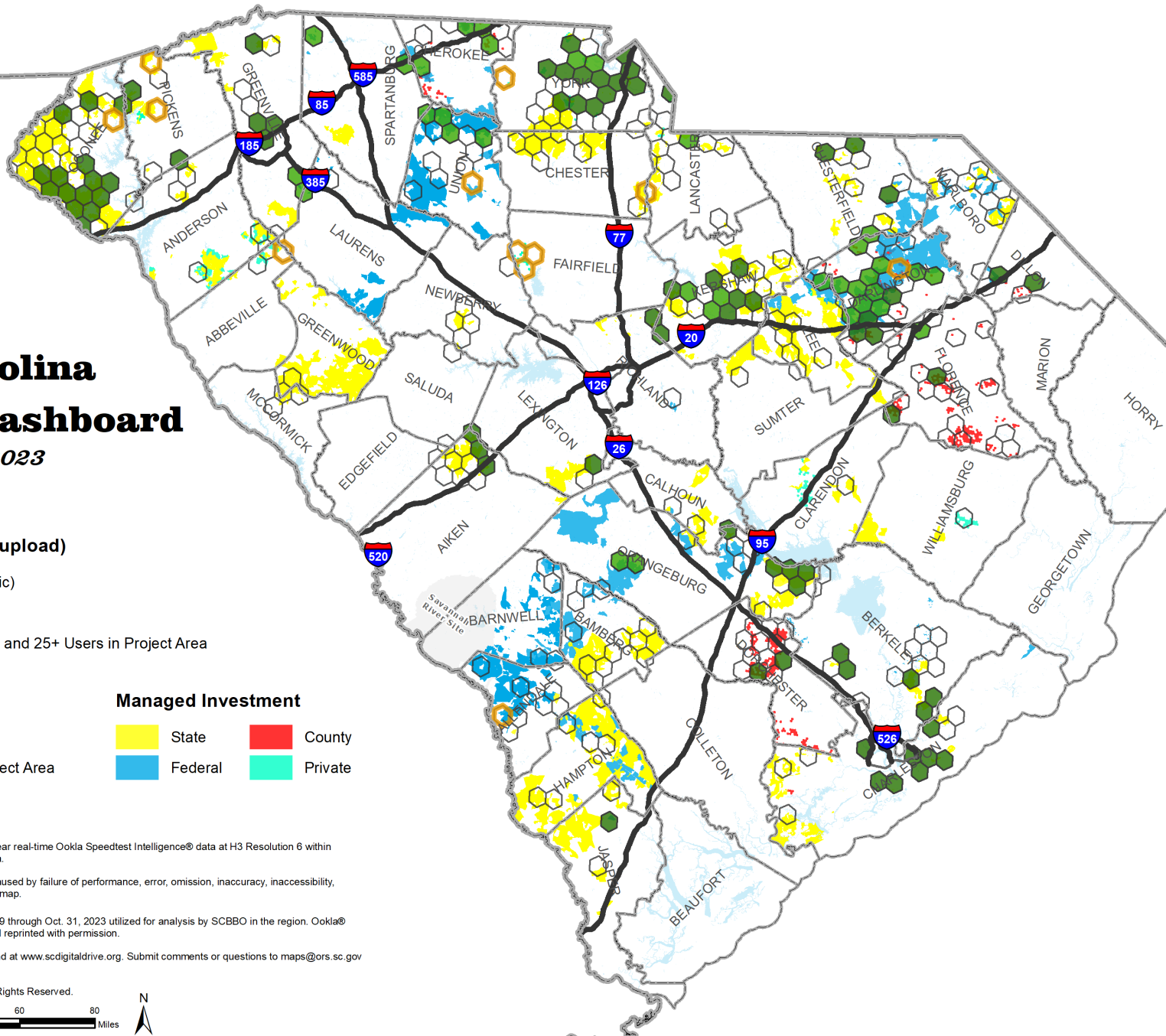
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South Carolina Construction Dashboard

November 30, 2023


Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)


 >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

 >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

 Network Live in Last 30 Days

 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

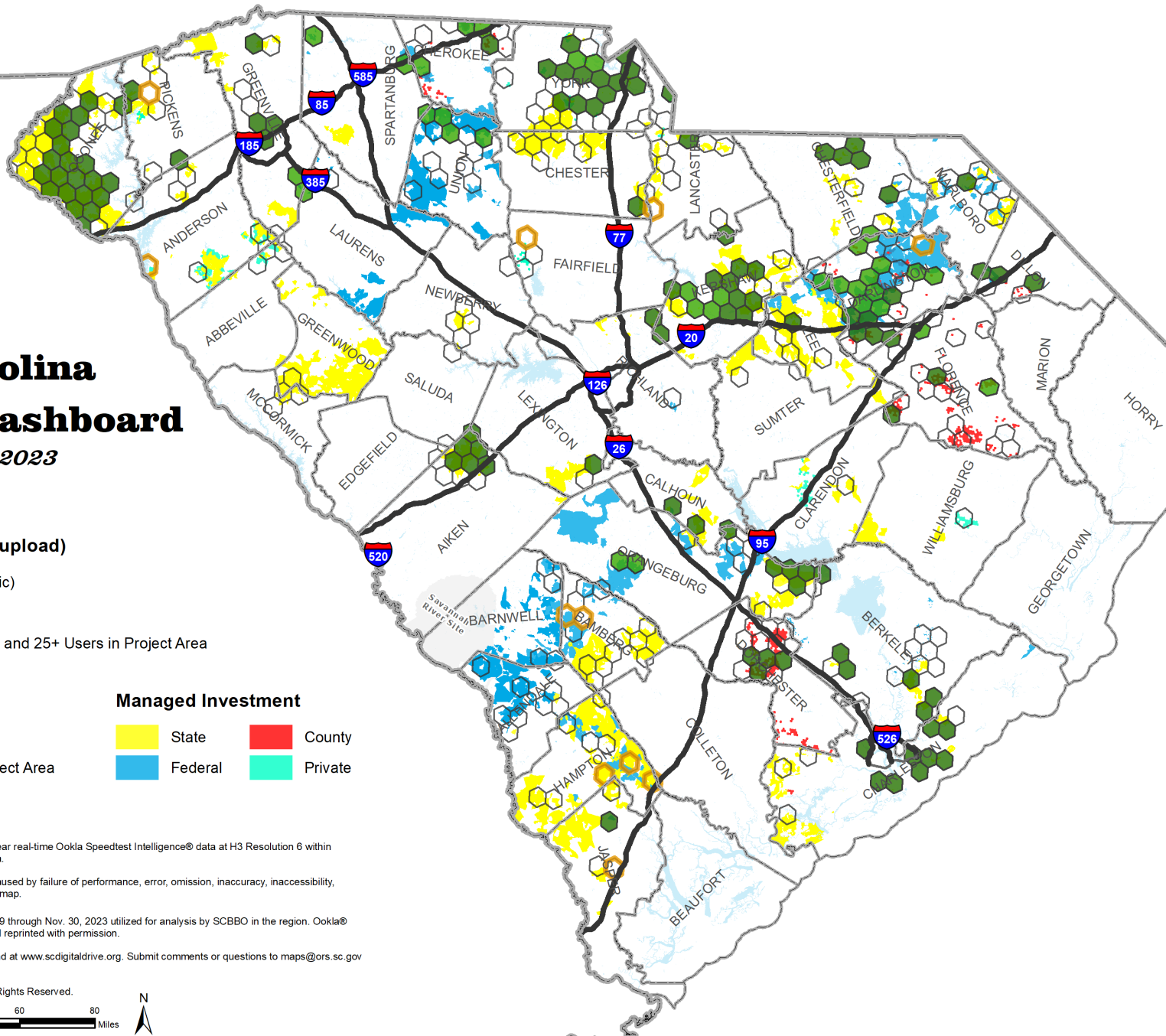
Managed Investment

 State

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 County



 Private



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December 31, 2023

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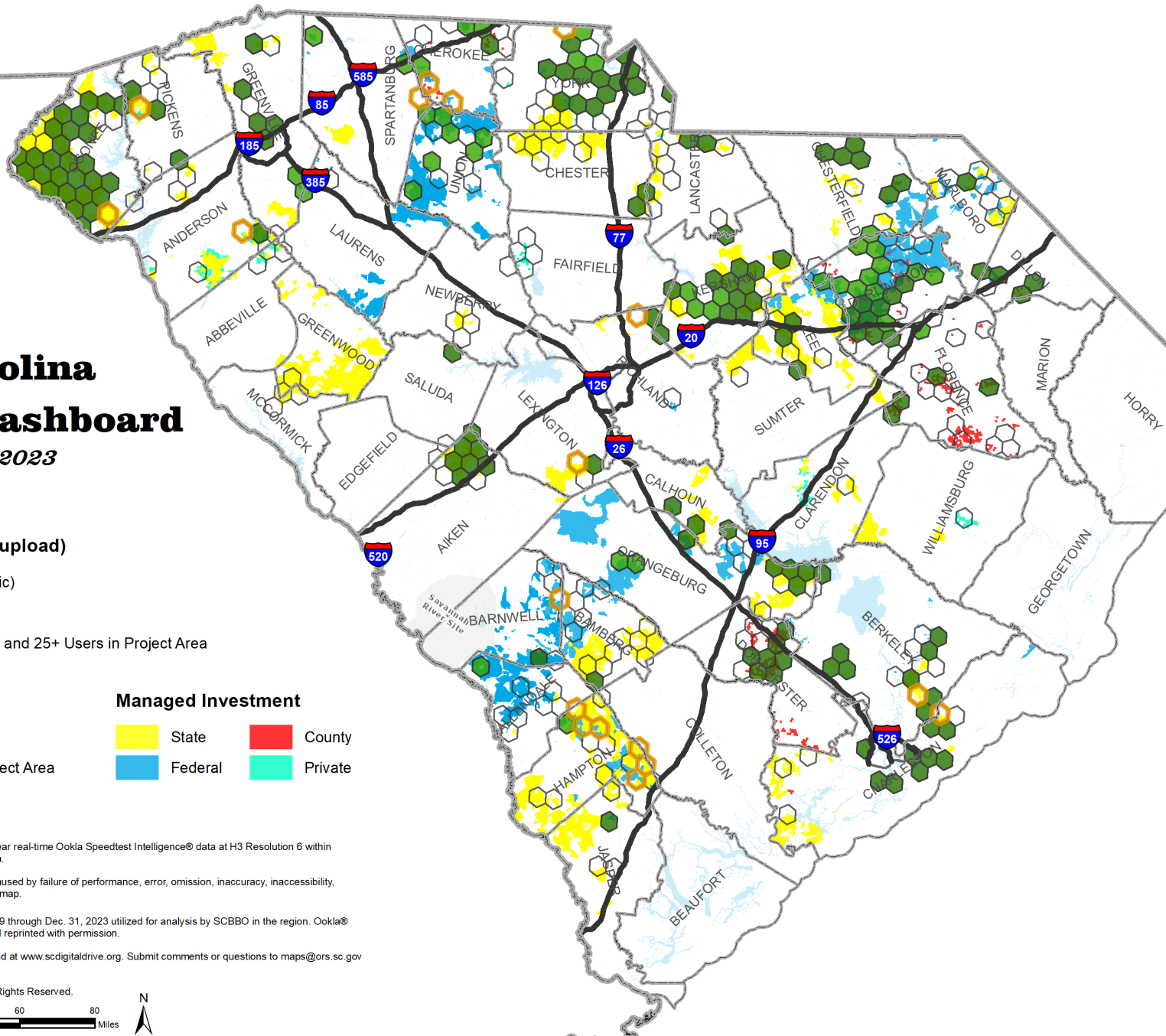
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- with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private



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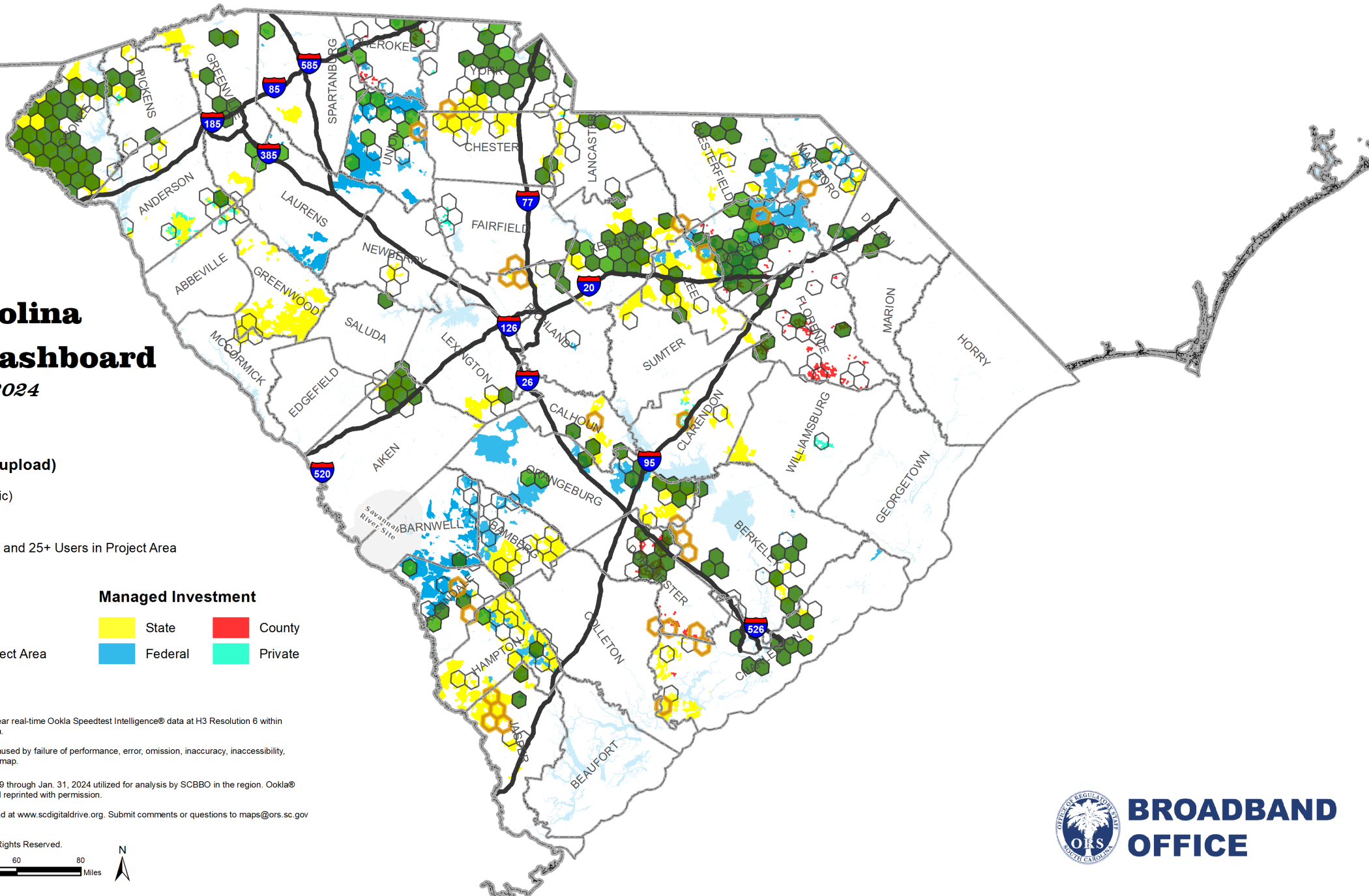
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Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area


Managed Investment

- State
- County
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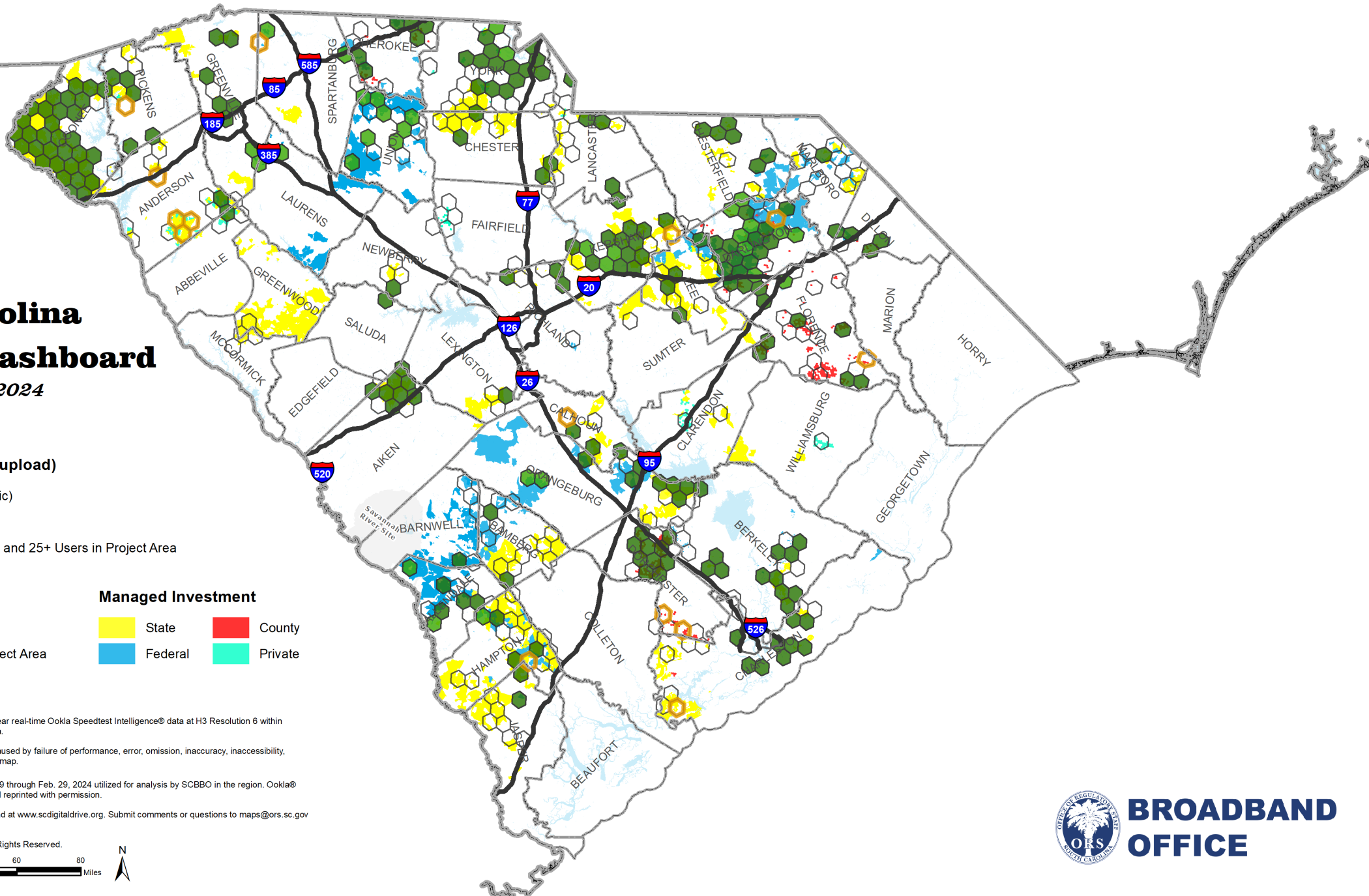
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- with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area


Managed Investment



- State
- County
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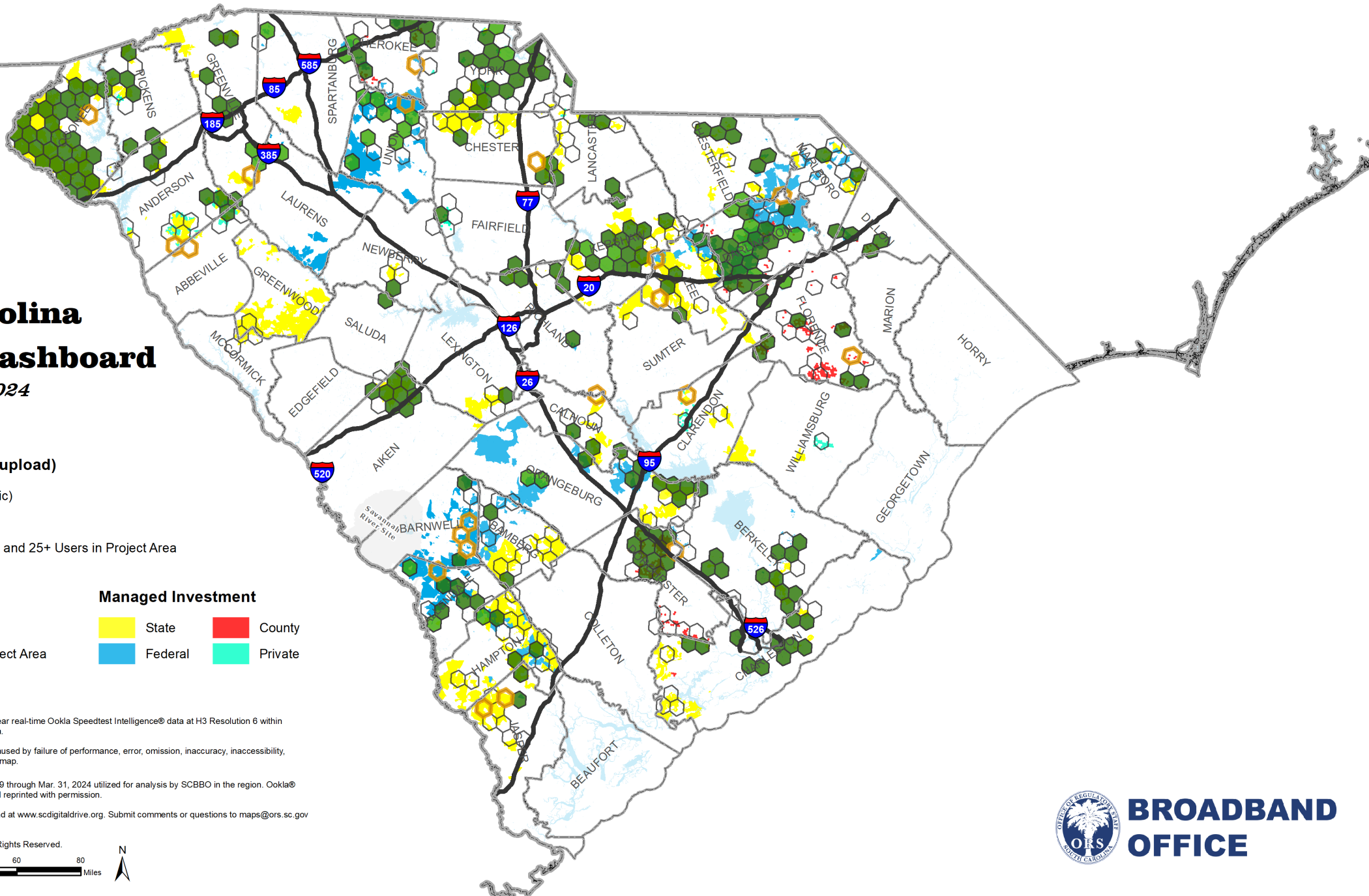
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 - >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps
- with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
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South Carolina Construction Dashboard

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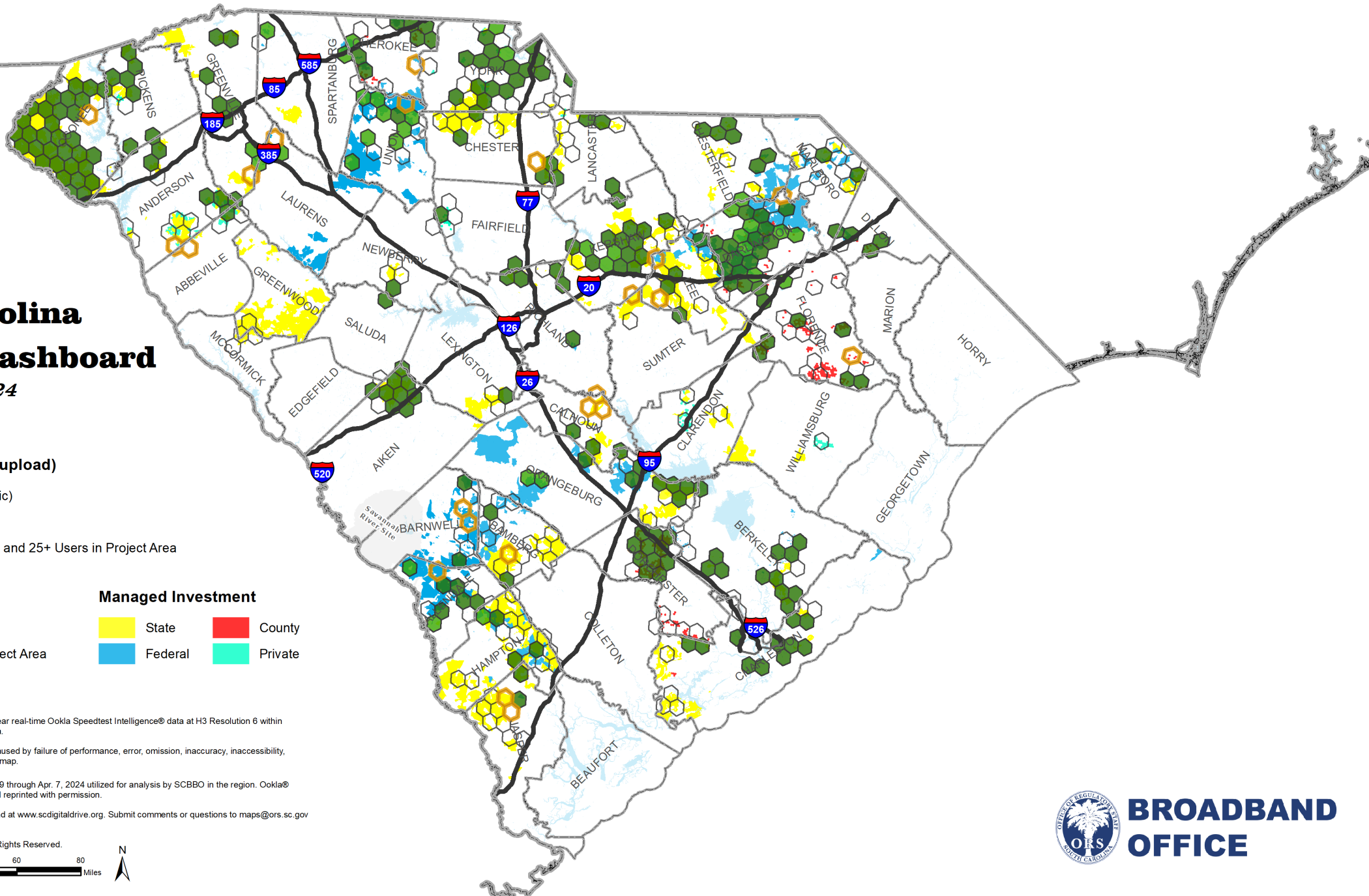
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 - >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps
- with 250+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 25+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private



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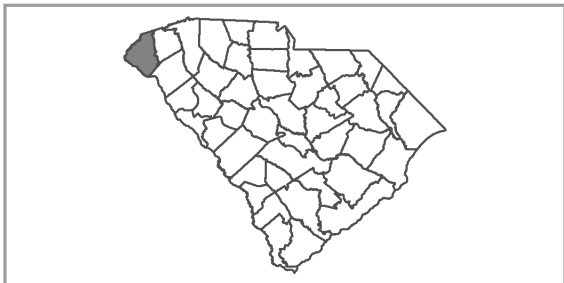
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Oconee County South Carolina Construction Dashboard

September 30, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

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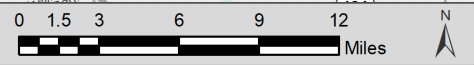
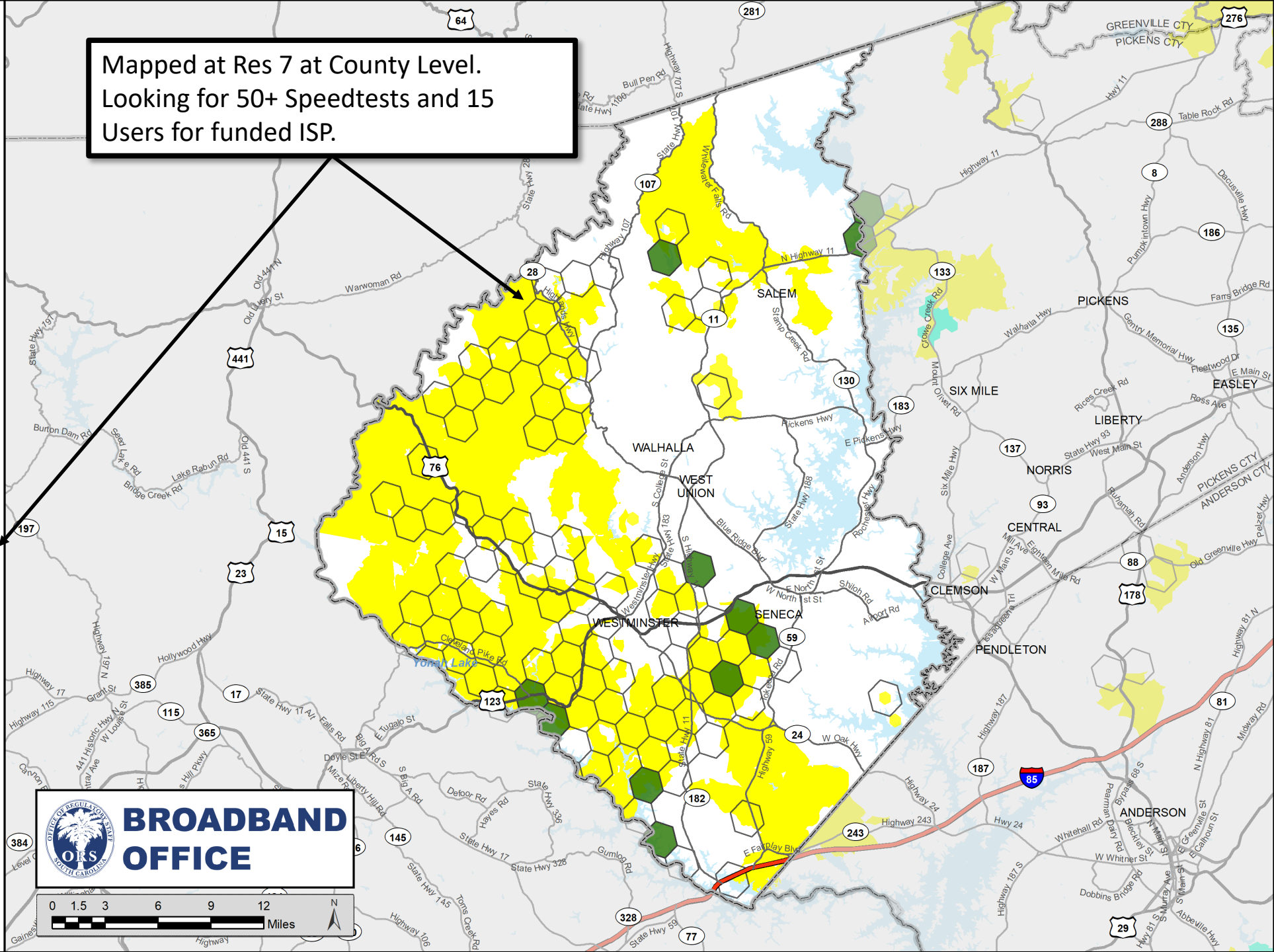


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Mapped at Res 7 at County Level.
Looking for 50+ Speedtests and 15
Users for funded ISP.



Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

October 1, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

Network Live in Last 30 Days

1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

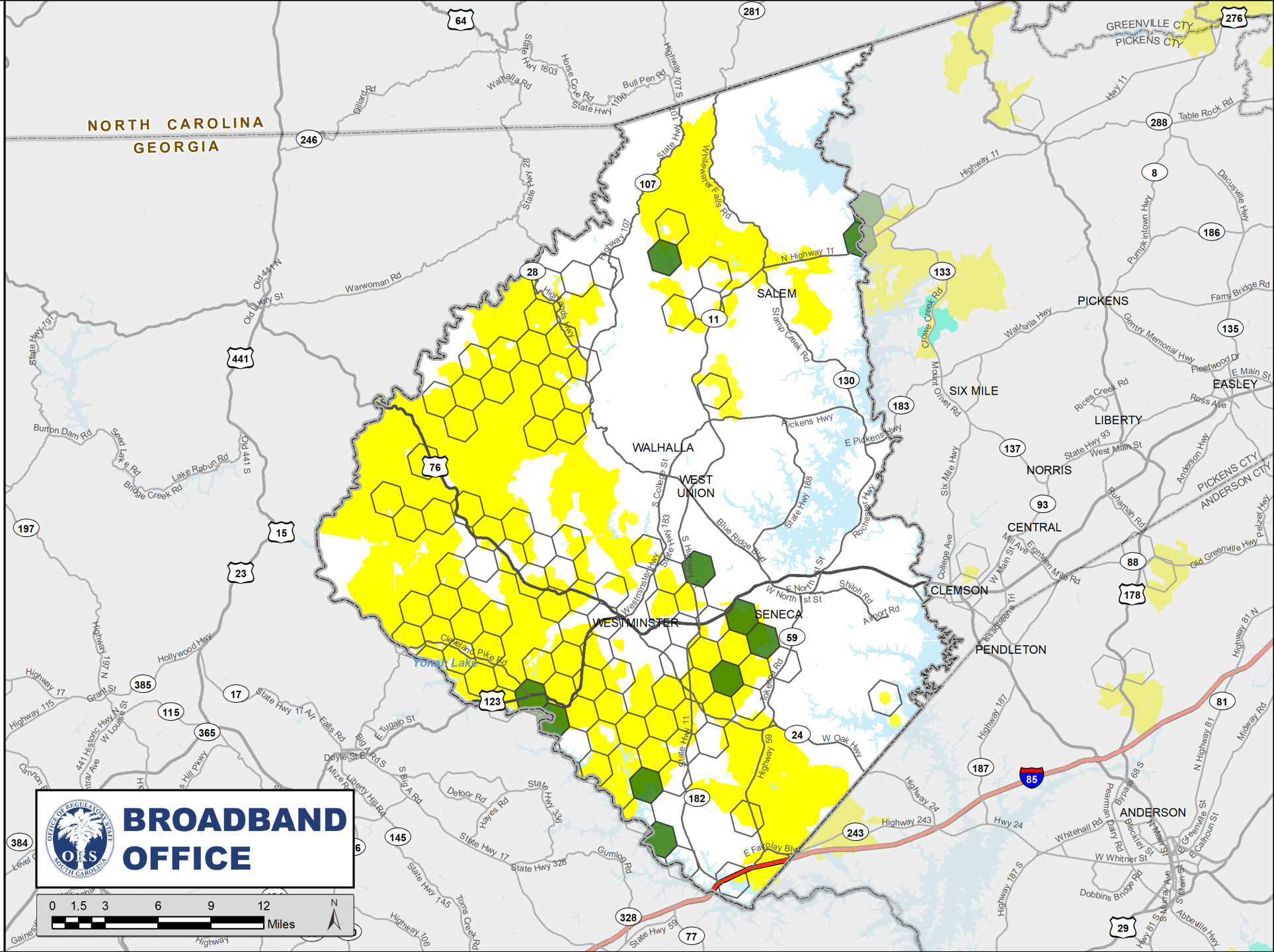
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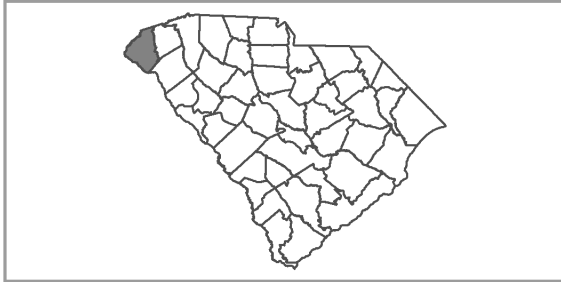


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

October 8, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

Network Live in Last 30 Days

1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

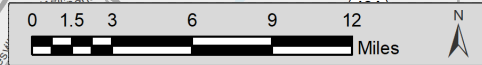
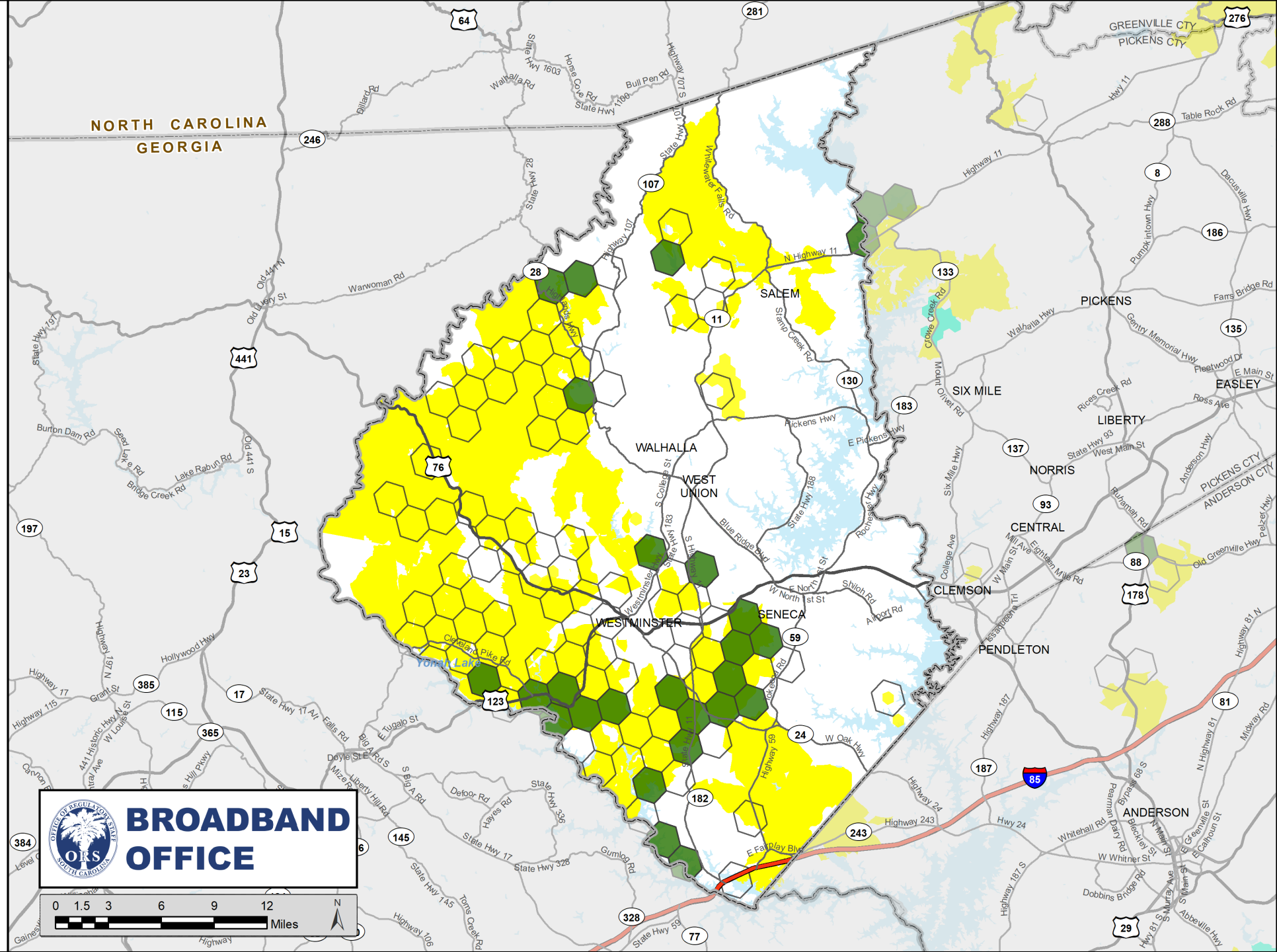
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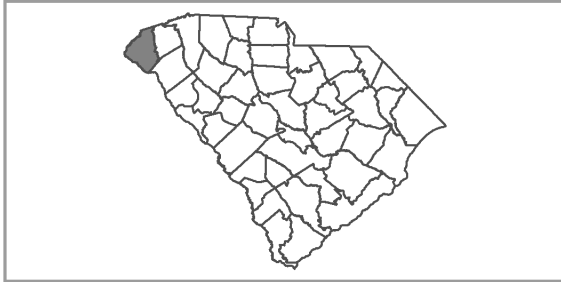


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

October 15, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

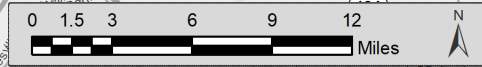
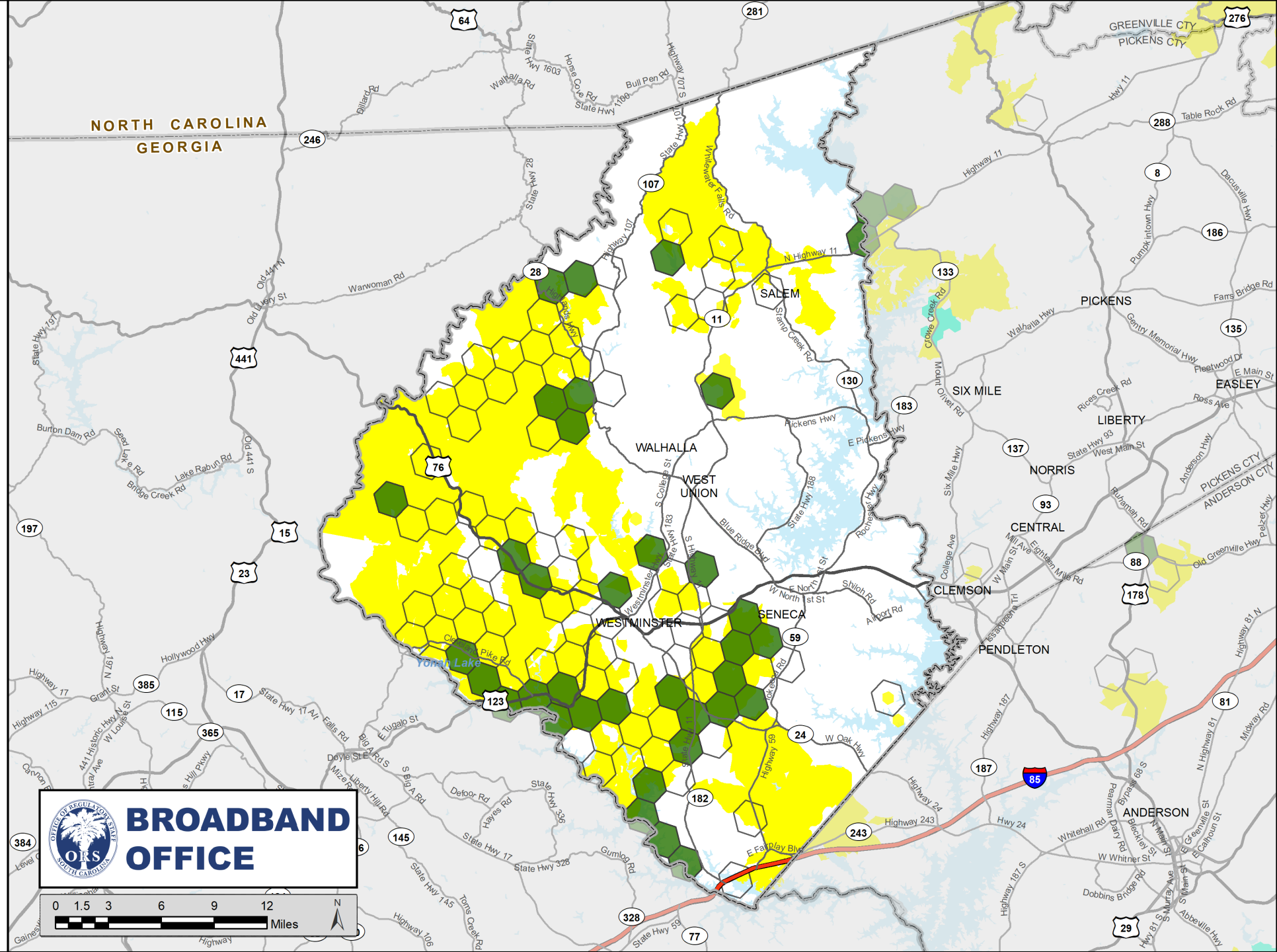
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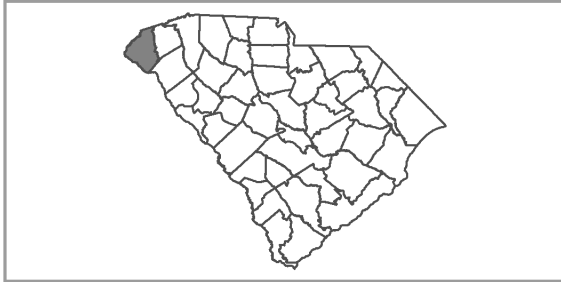


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

October 22, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

 Network Live in Last 30 Days

 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

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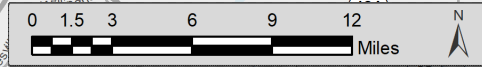
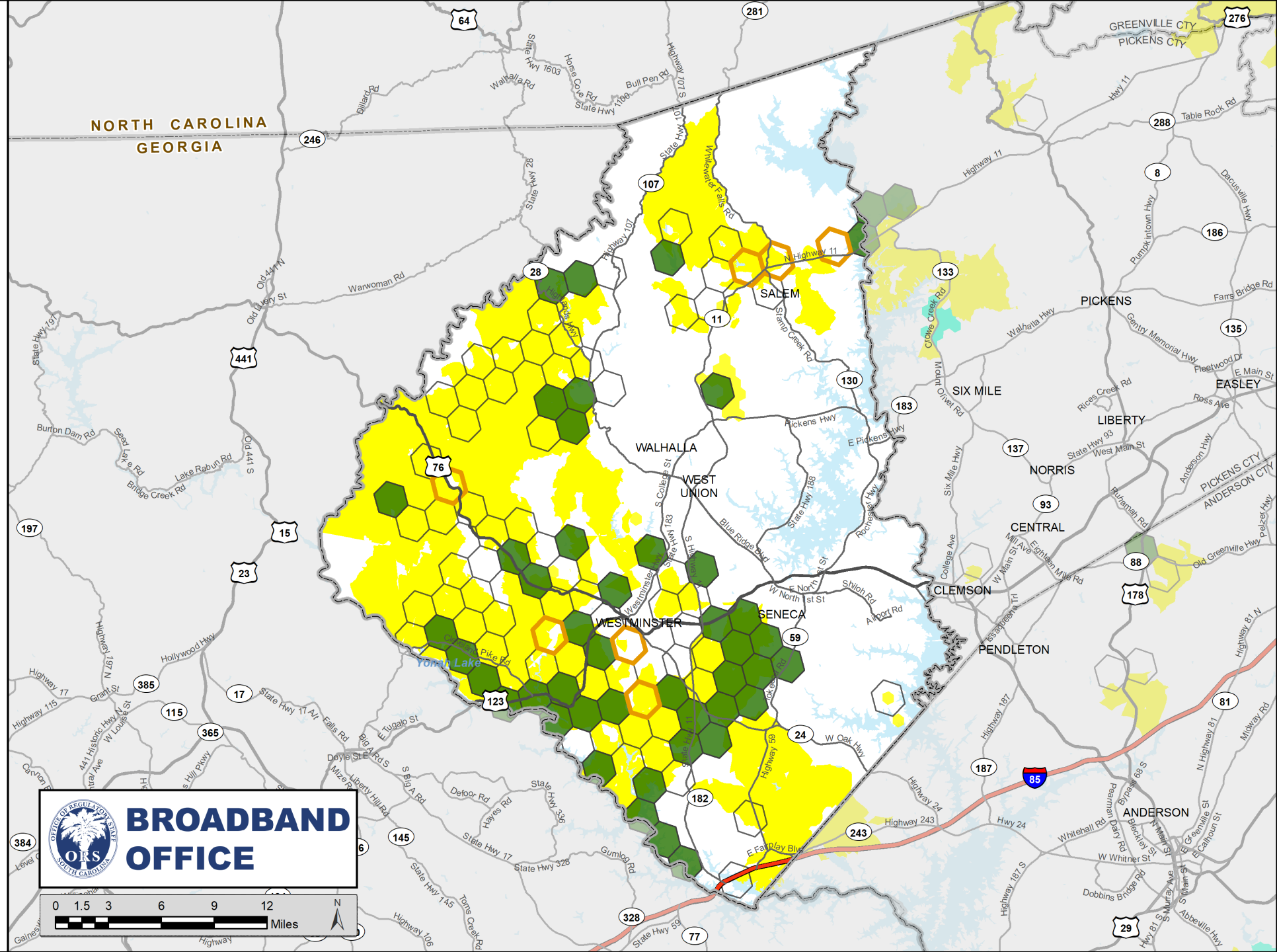
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Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

October 29, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

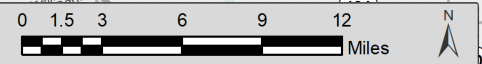
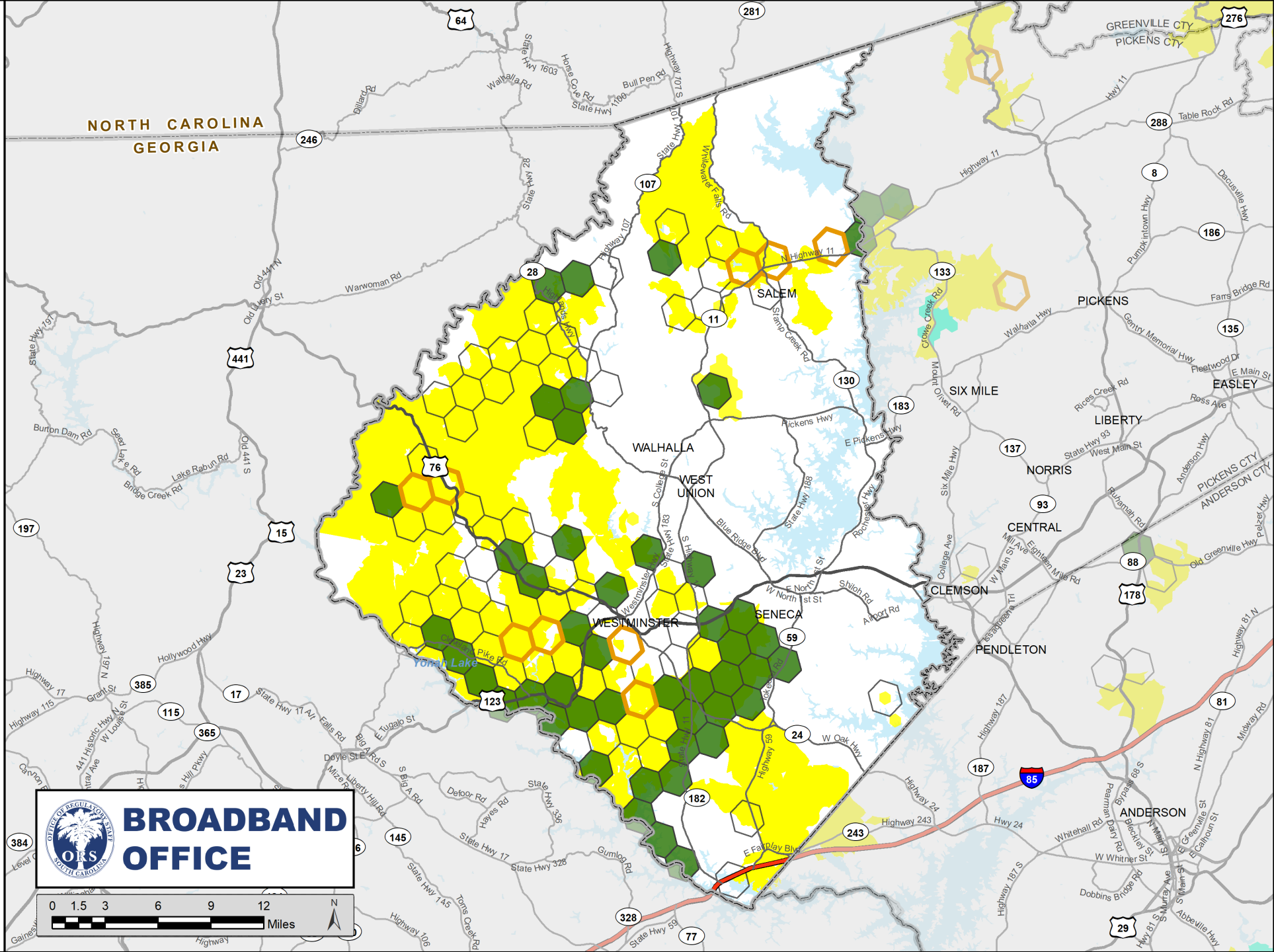
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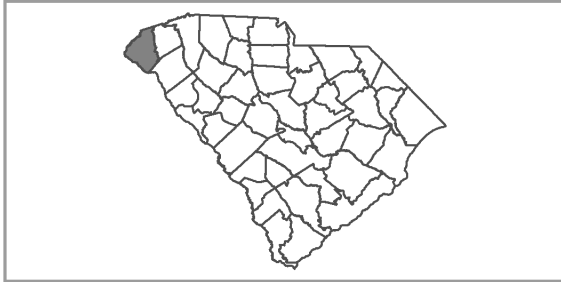


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

November 5, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

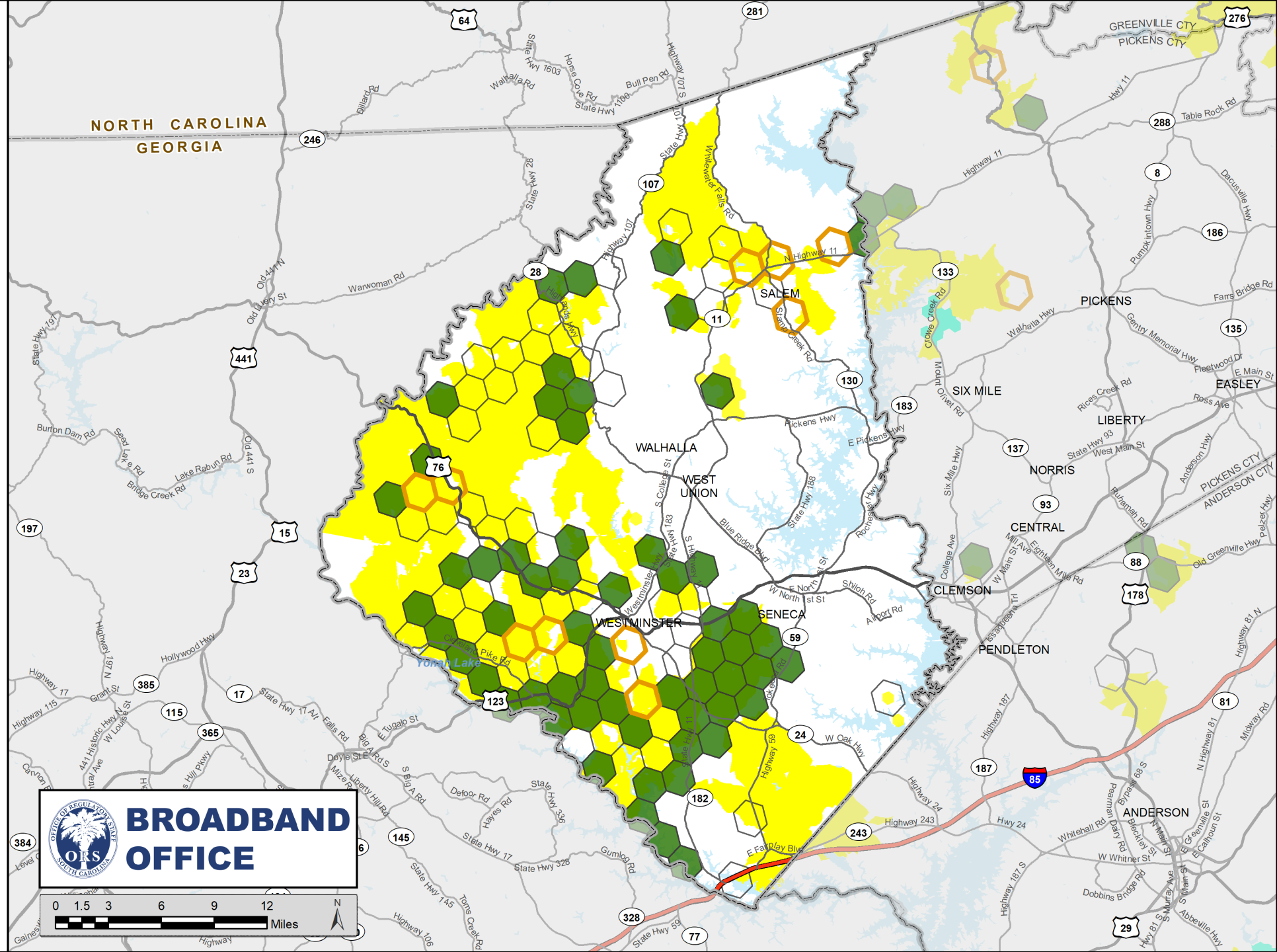
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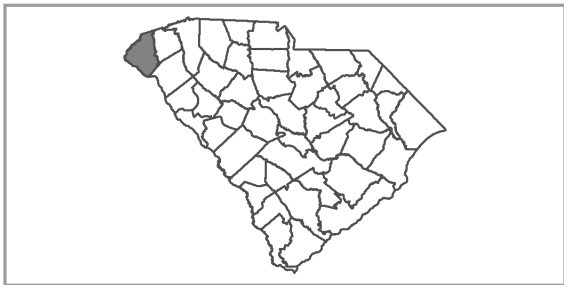


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

November 12, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

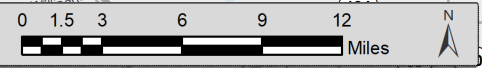
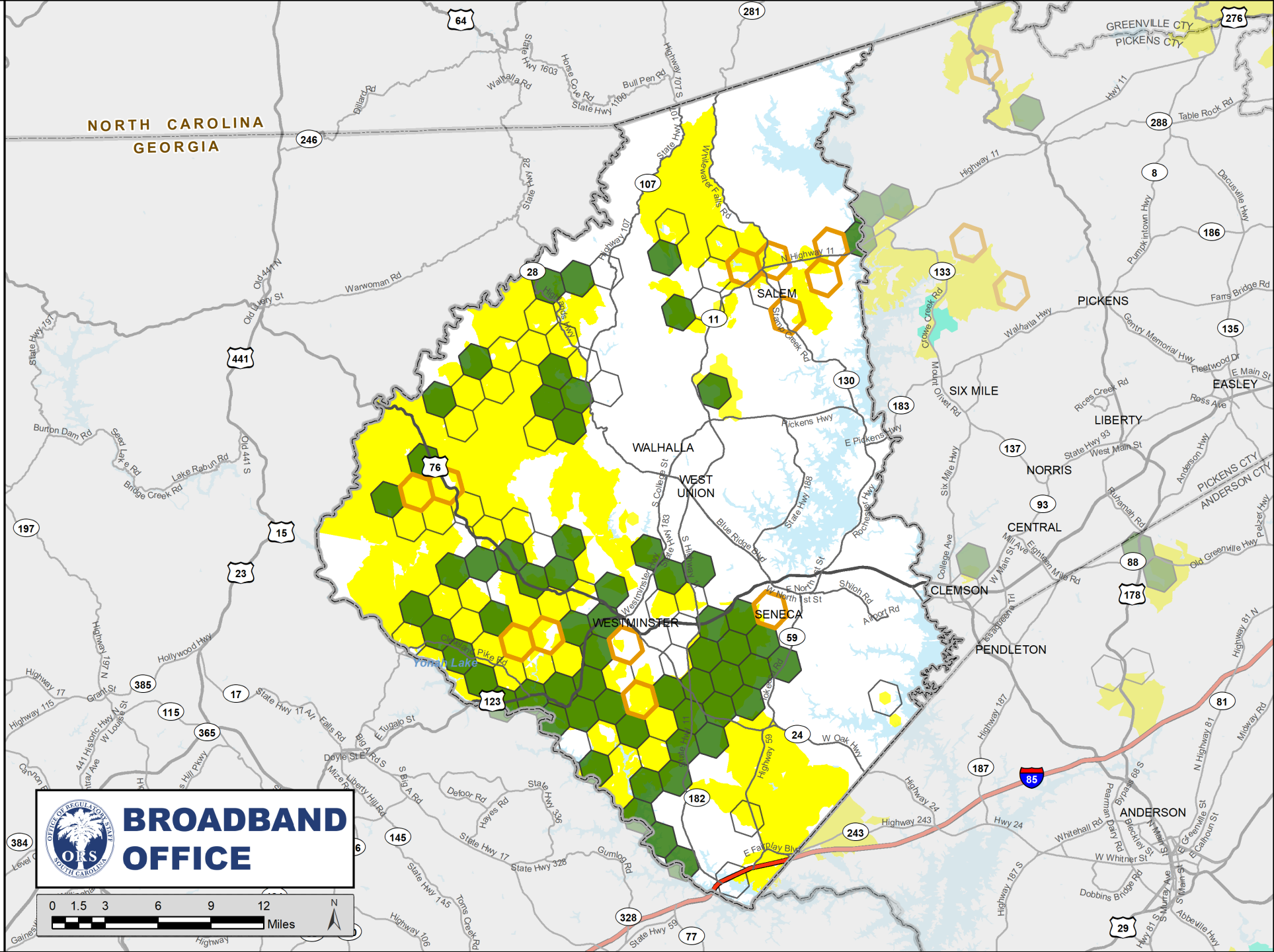
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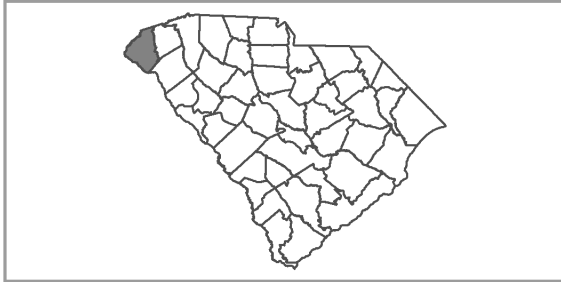


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

November 19, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

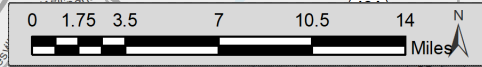
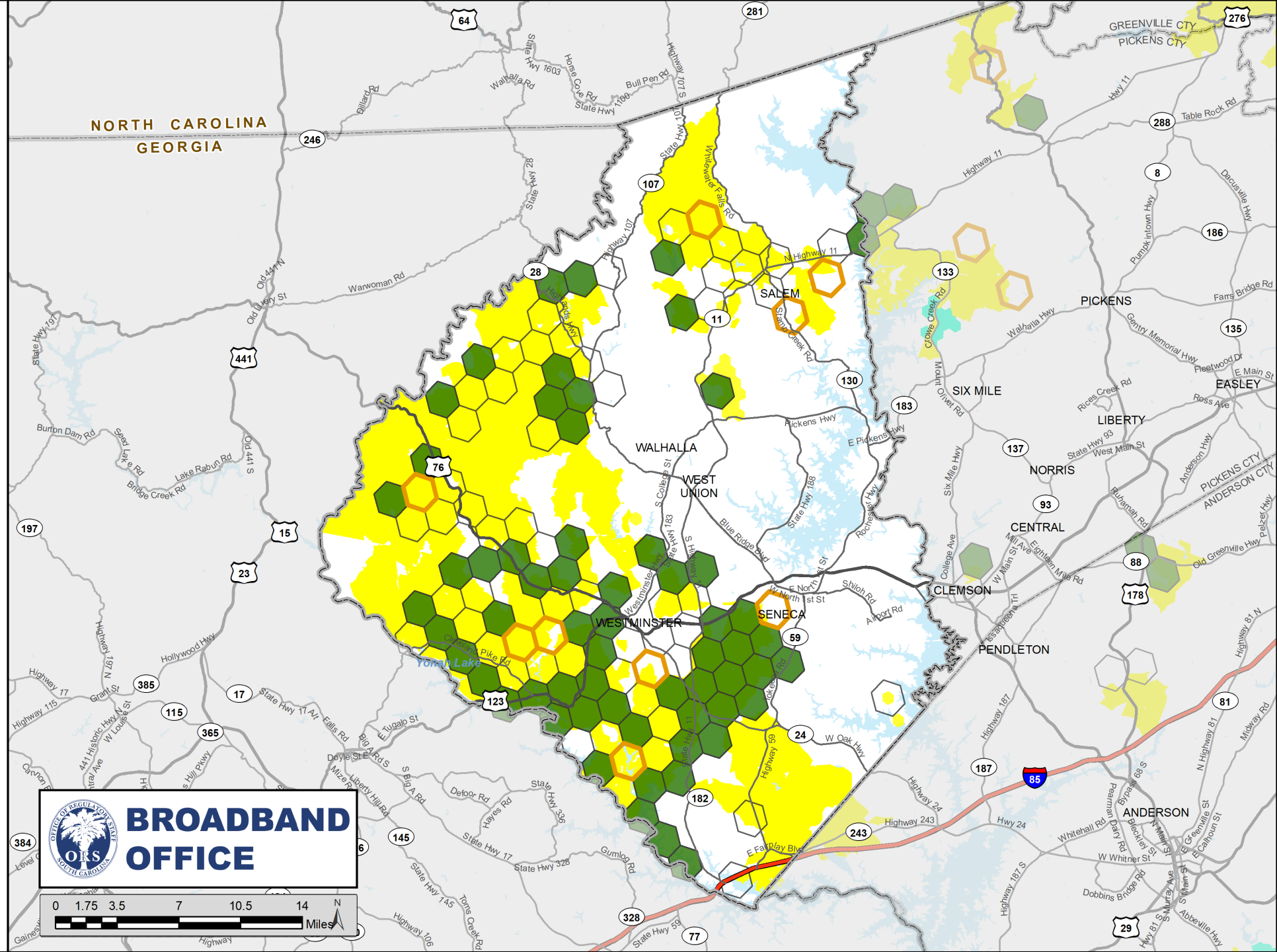
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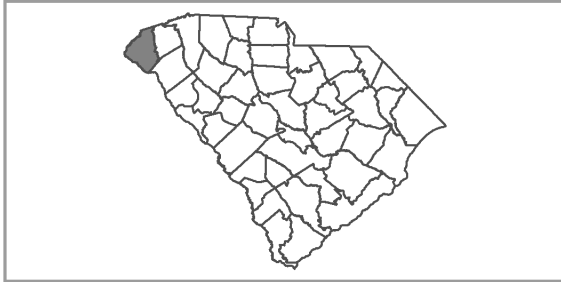


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

November 26, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

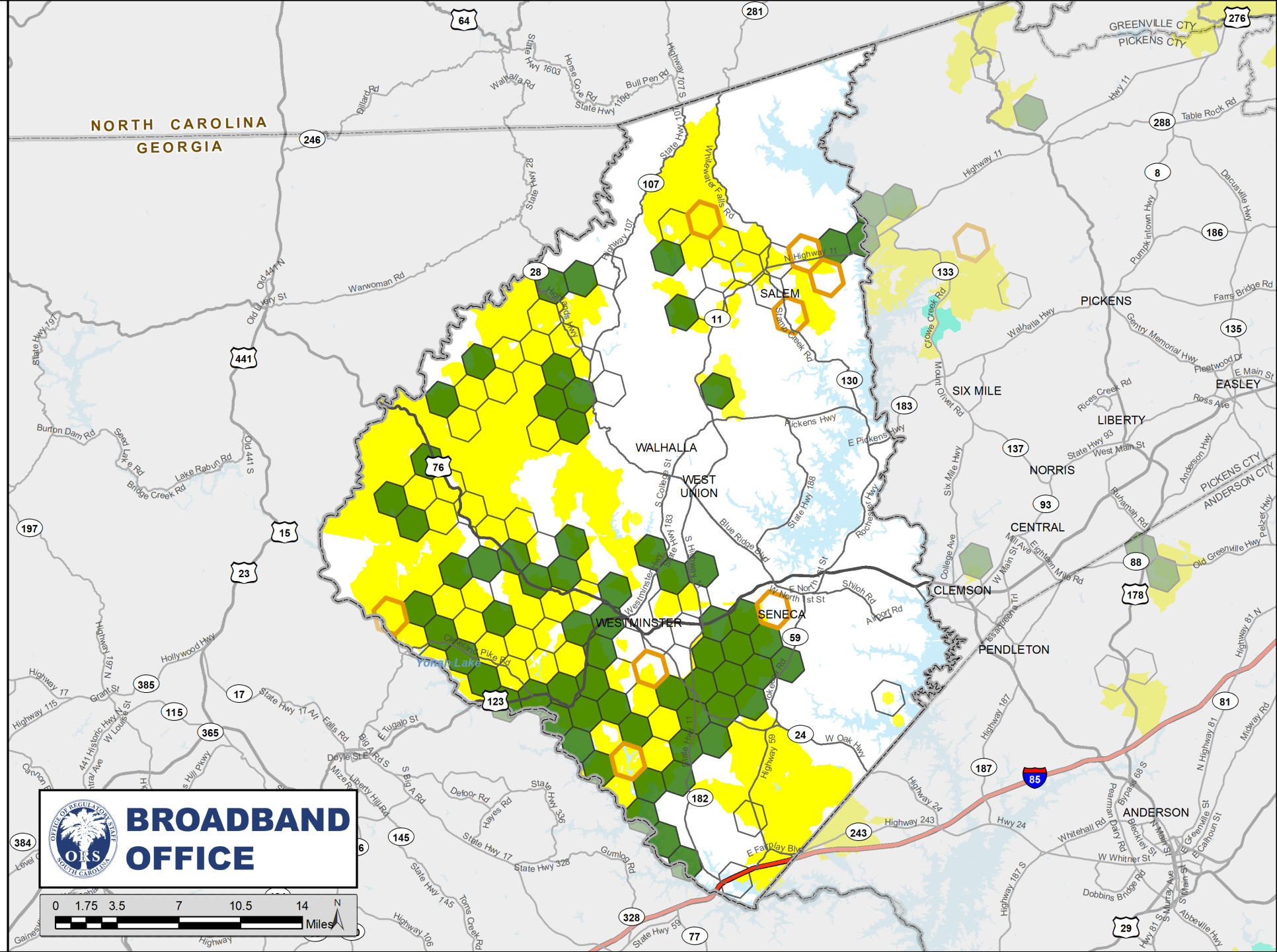
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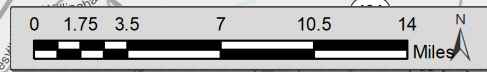
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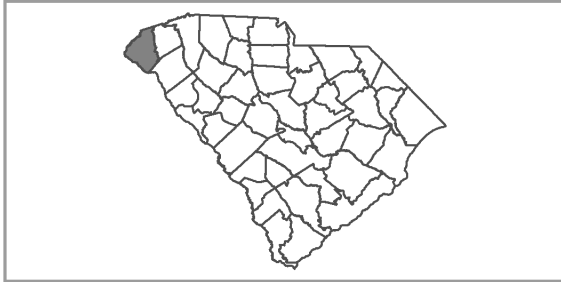


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

December 3, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
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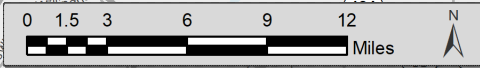
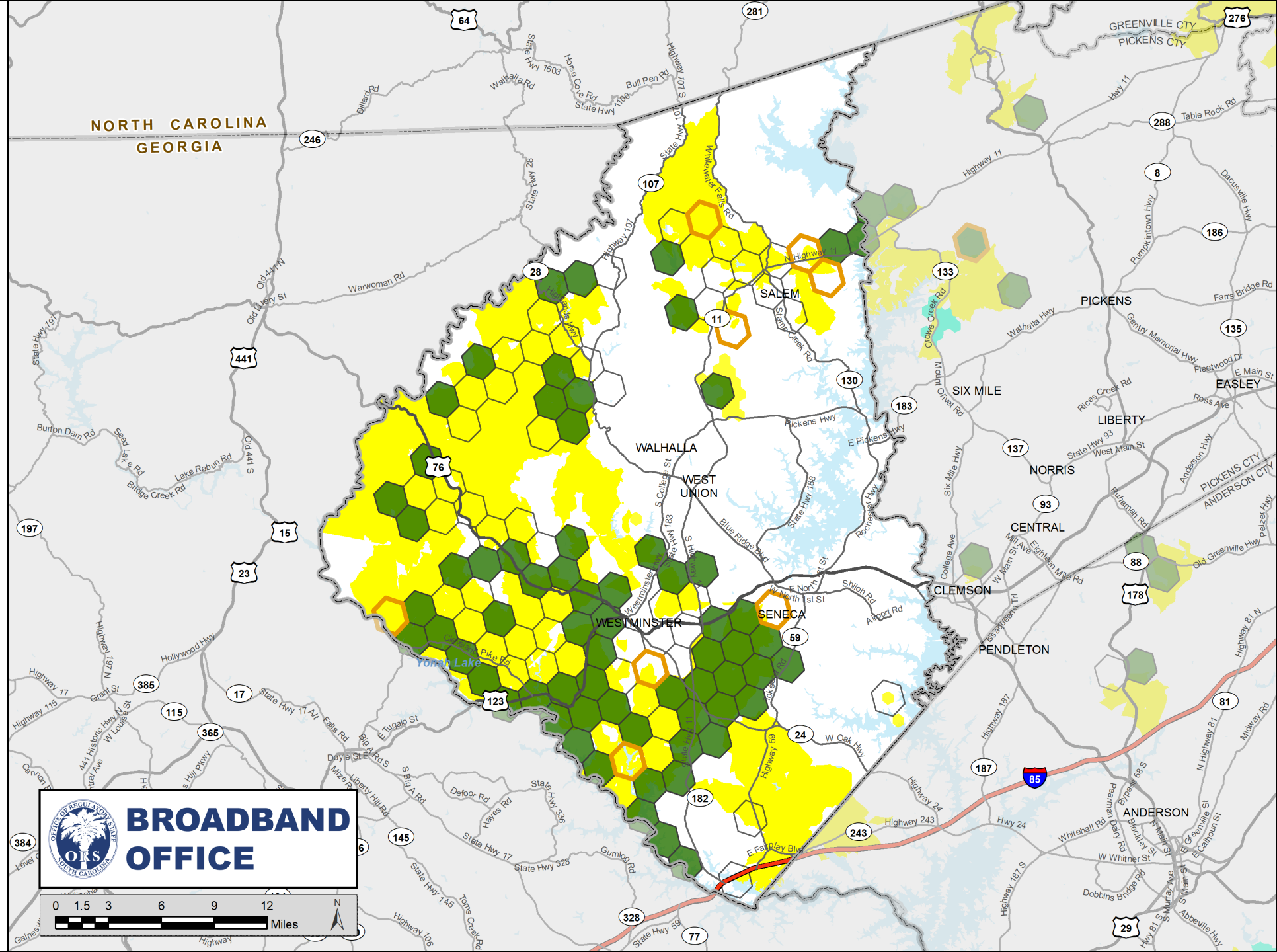
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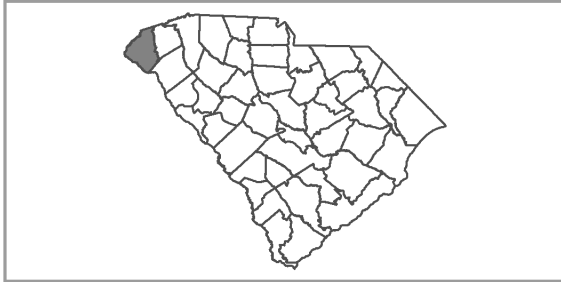


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

December 10, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

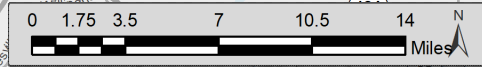
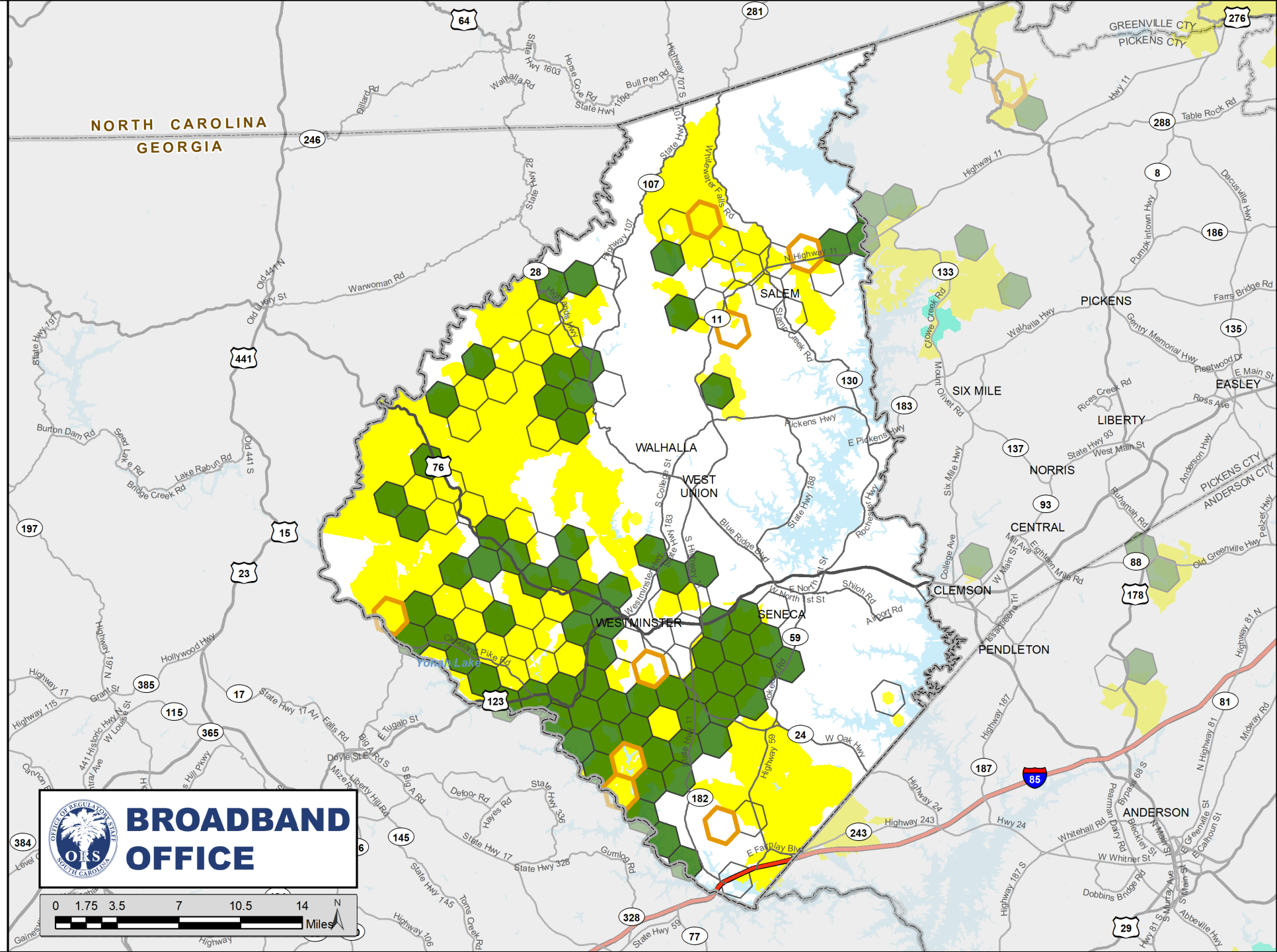
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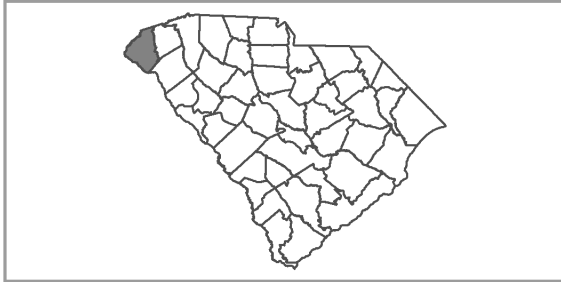


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

December 17, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

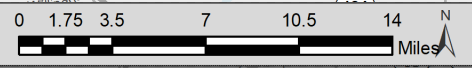
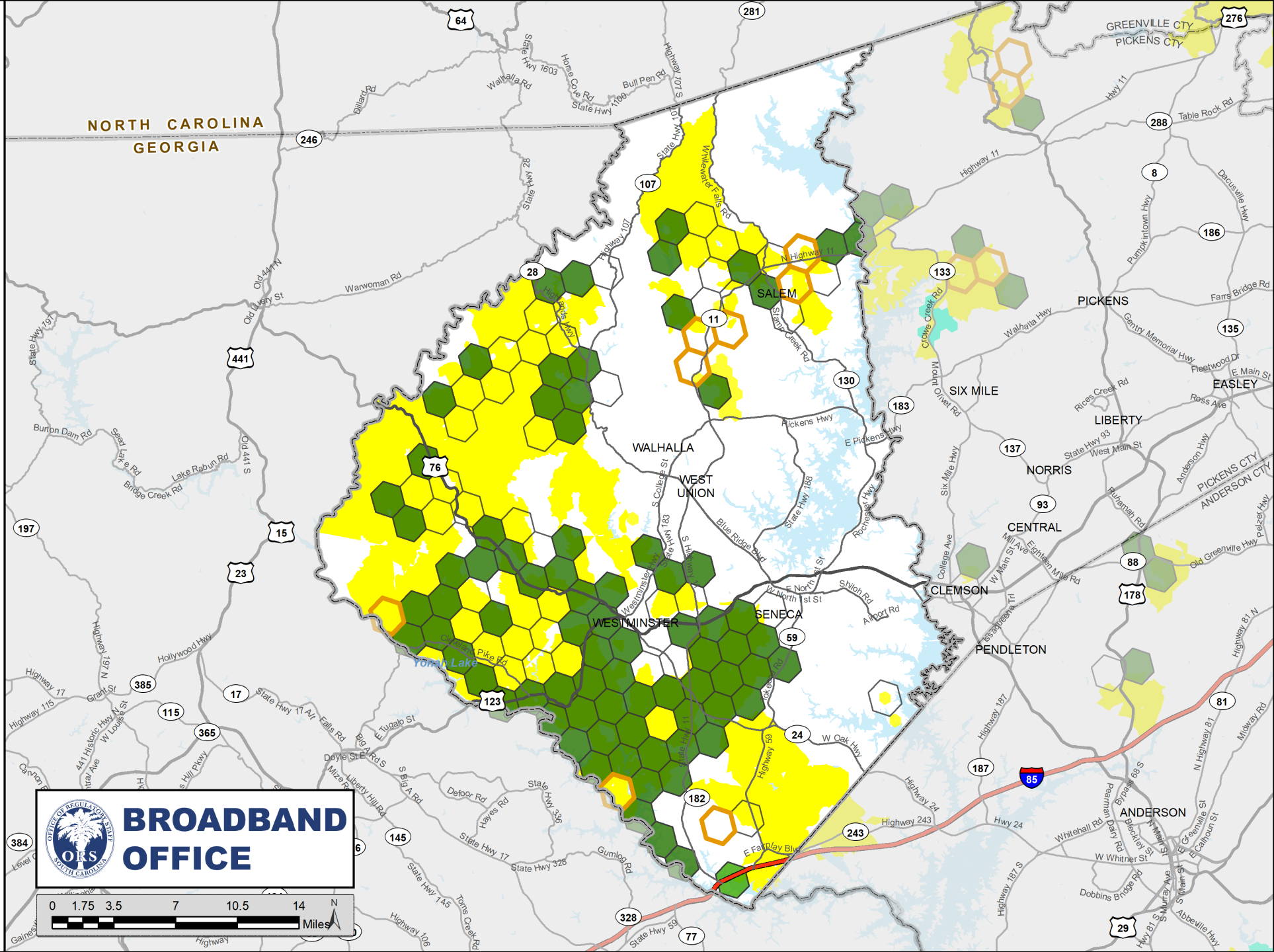
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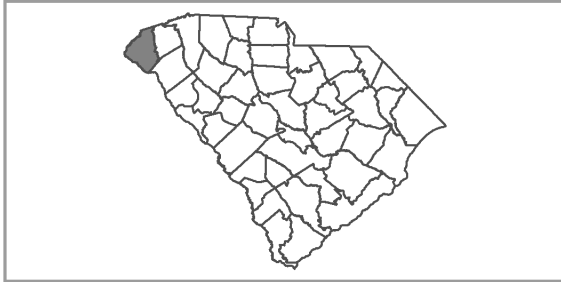
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Oconee County South Carolina Construction Dashboard

December 24, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

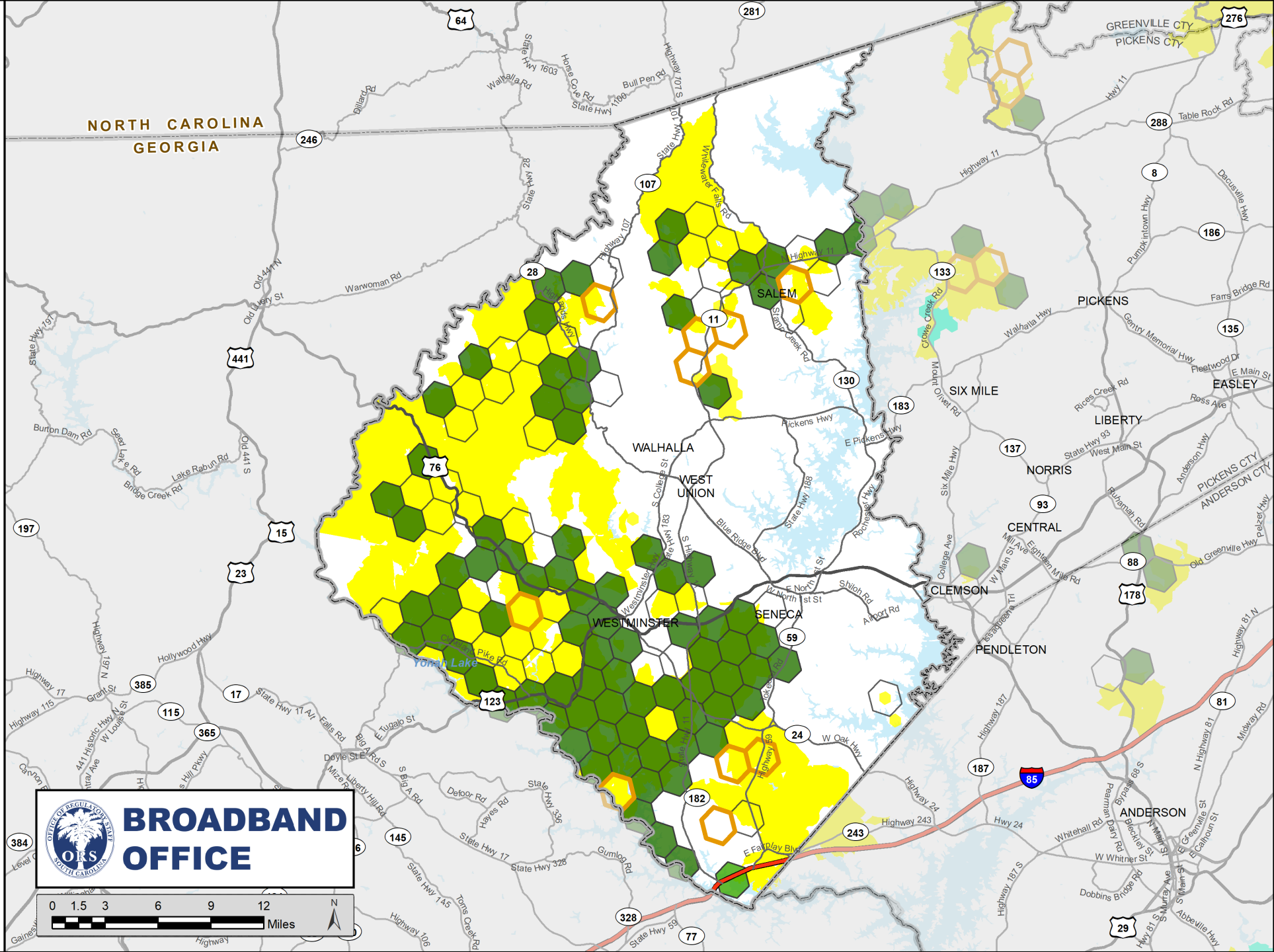
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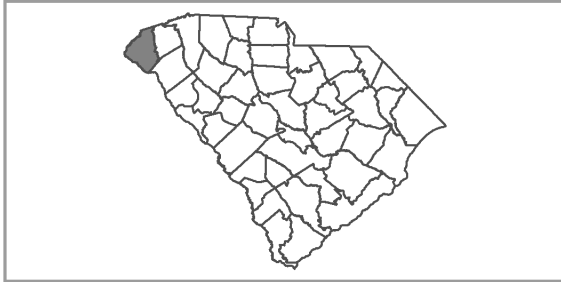


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

December 31, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

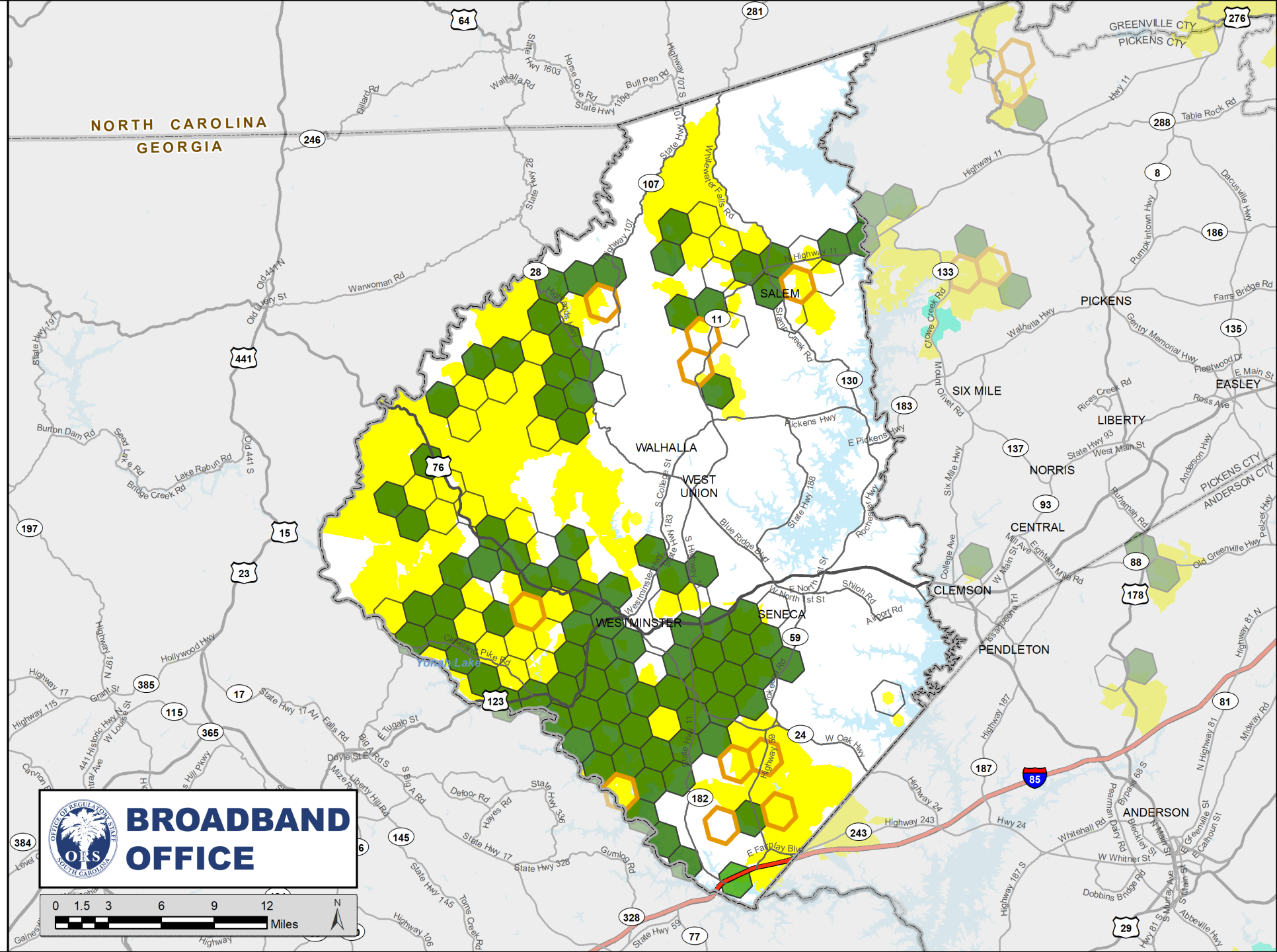
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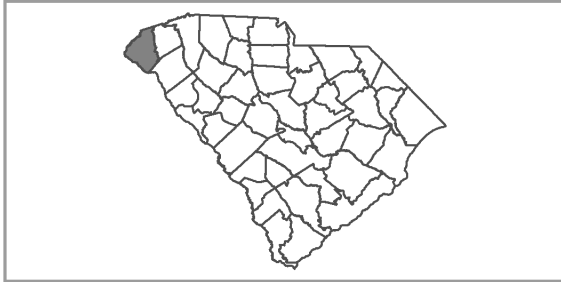


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

January 7, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

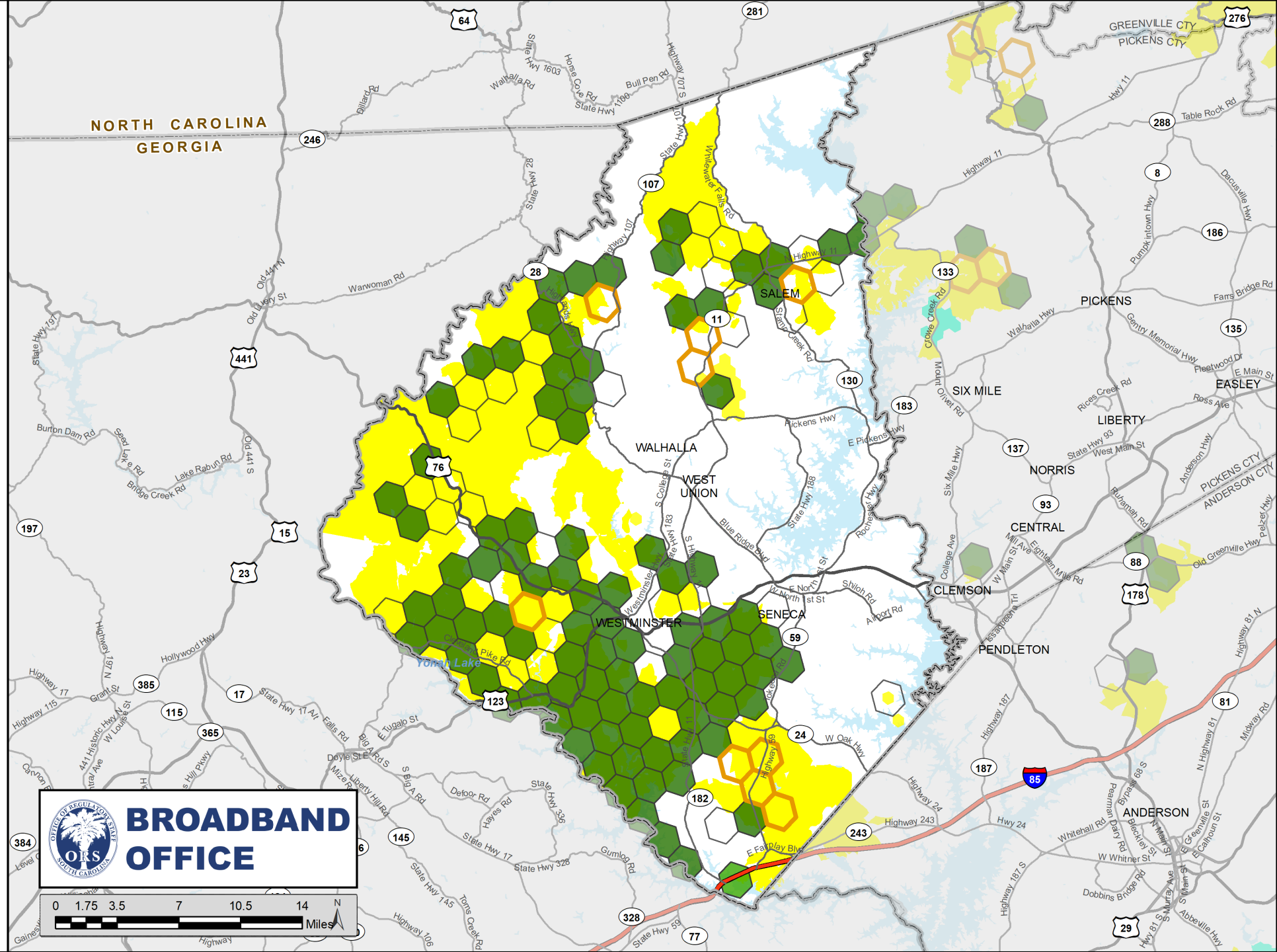
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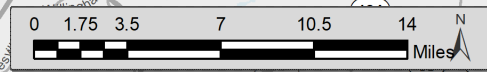
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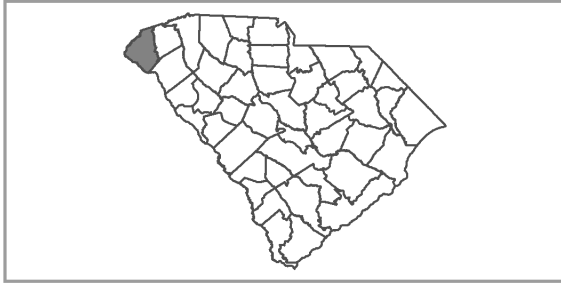


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

January 14, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

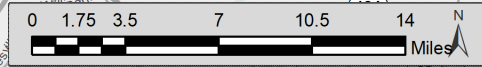
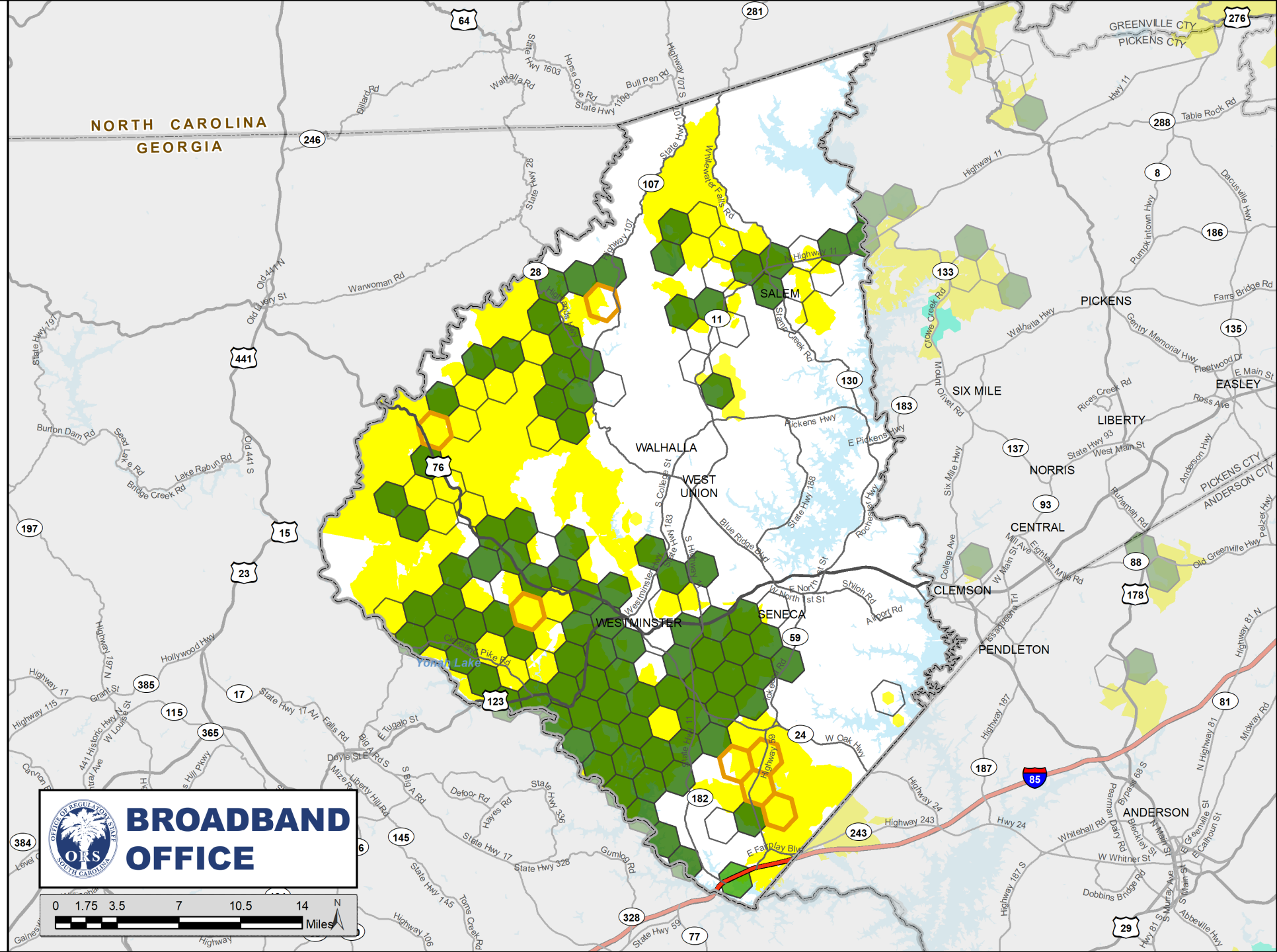
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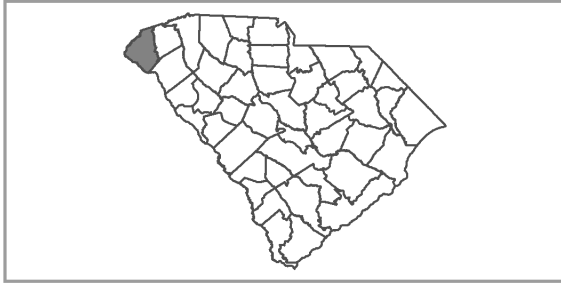


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

January 21, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

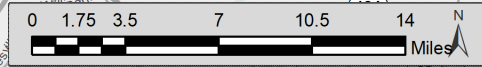
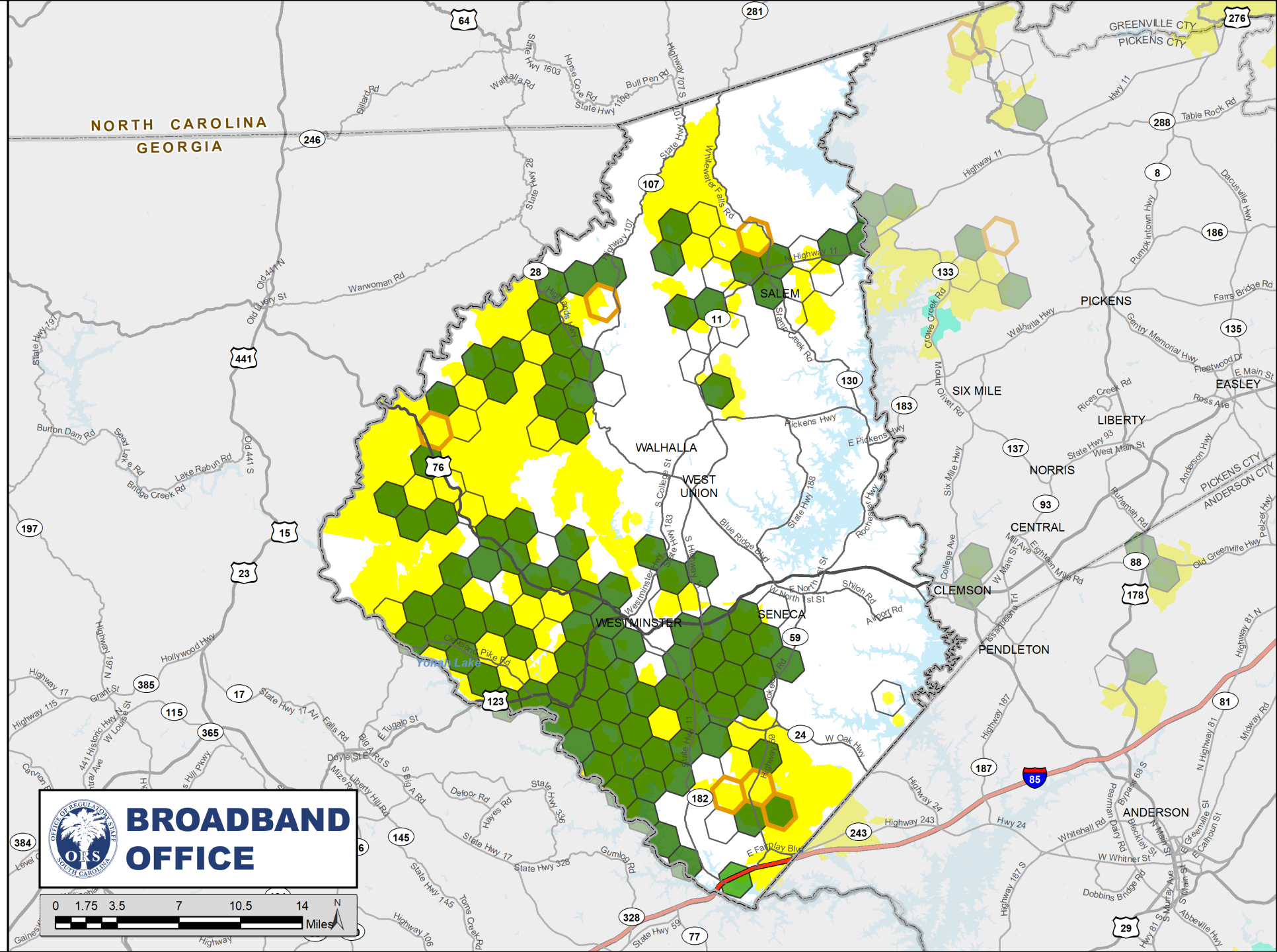
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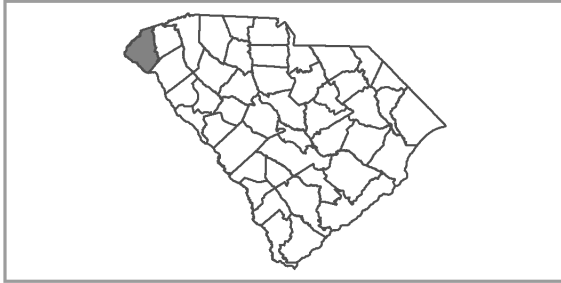


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

January 28, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

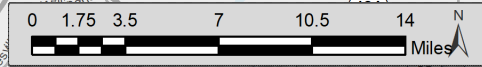
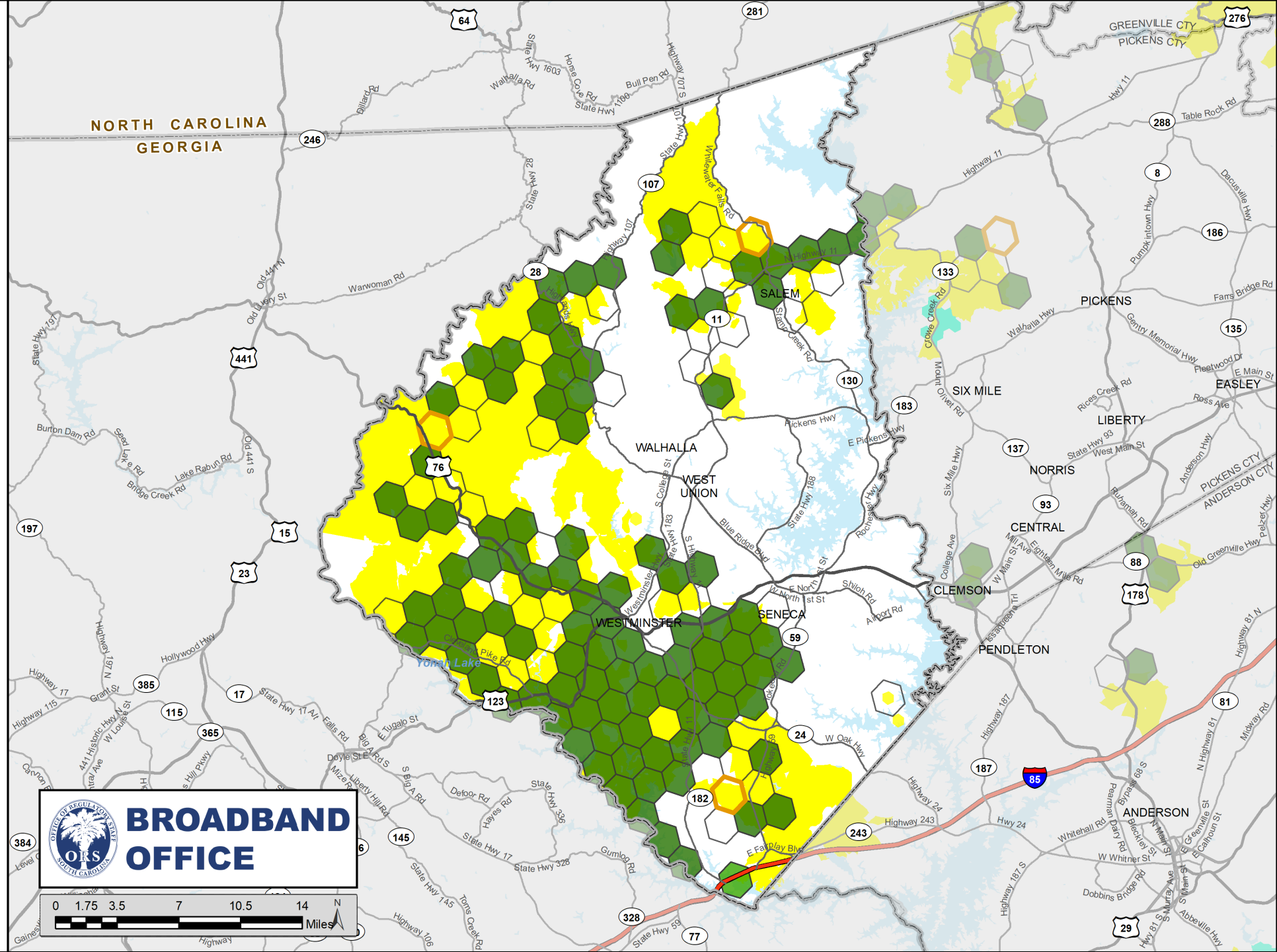
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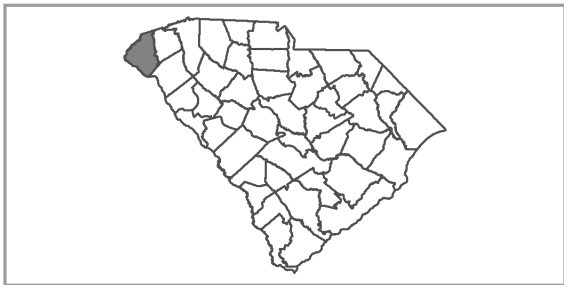


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

February 4, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

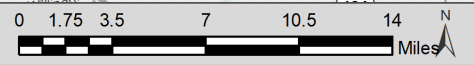
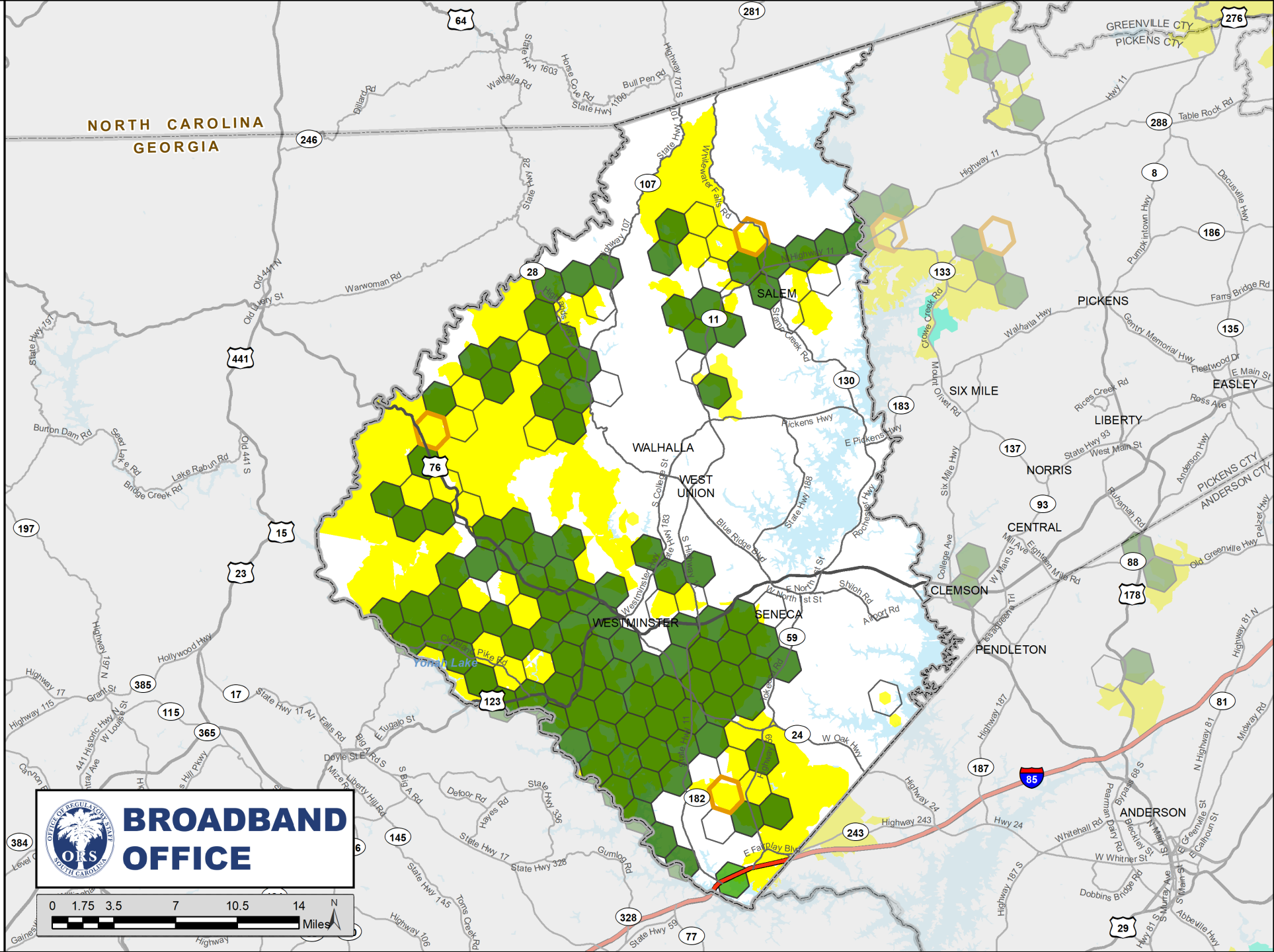
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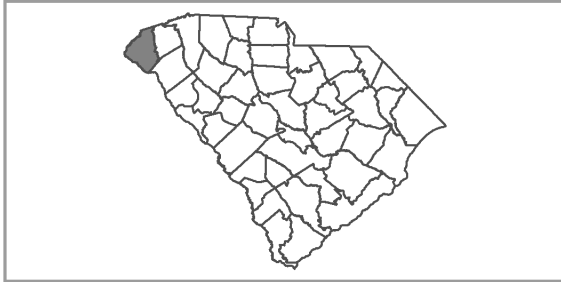


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

February 11, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

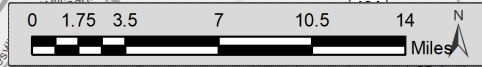
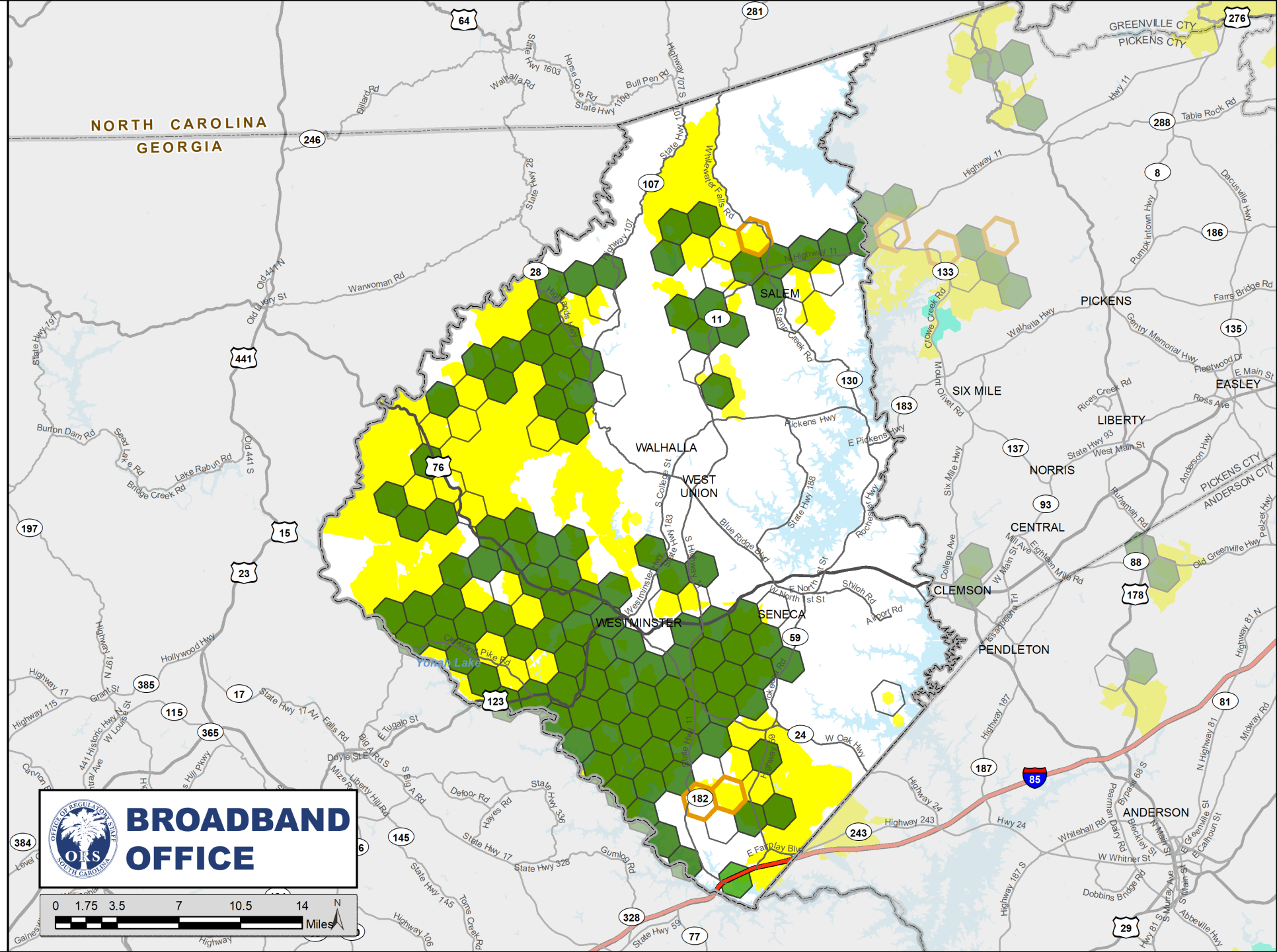
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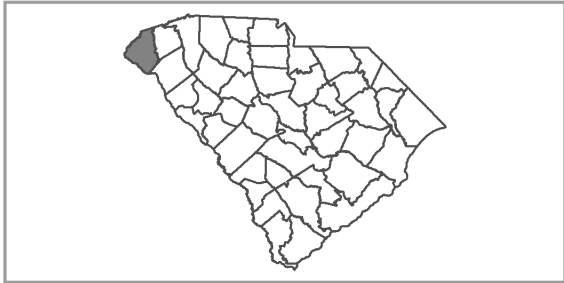


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

February 18, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

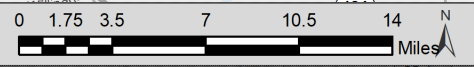
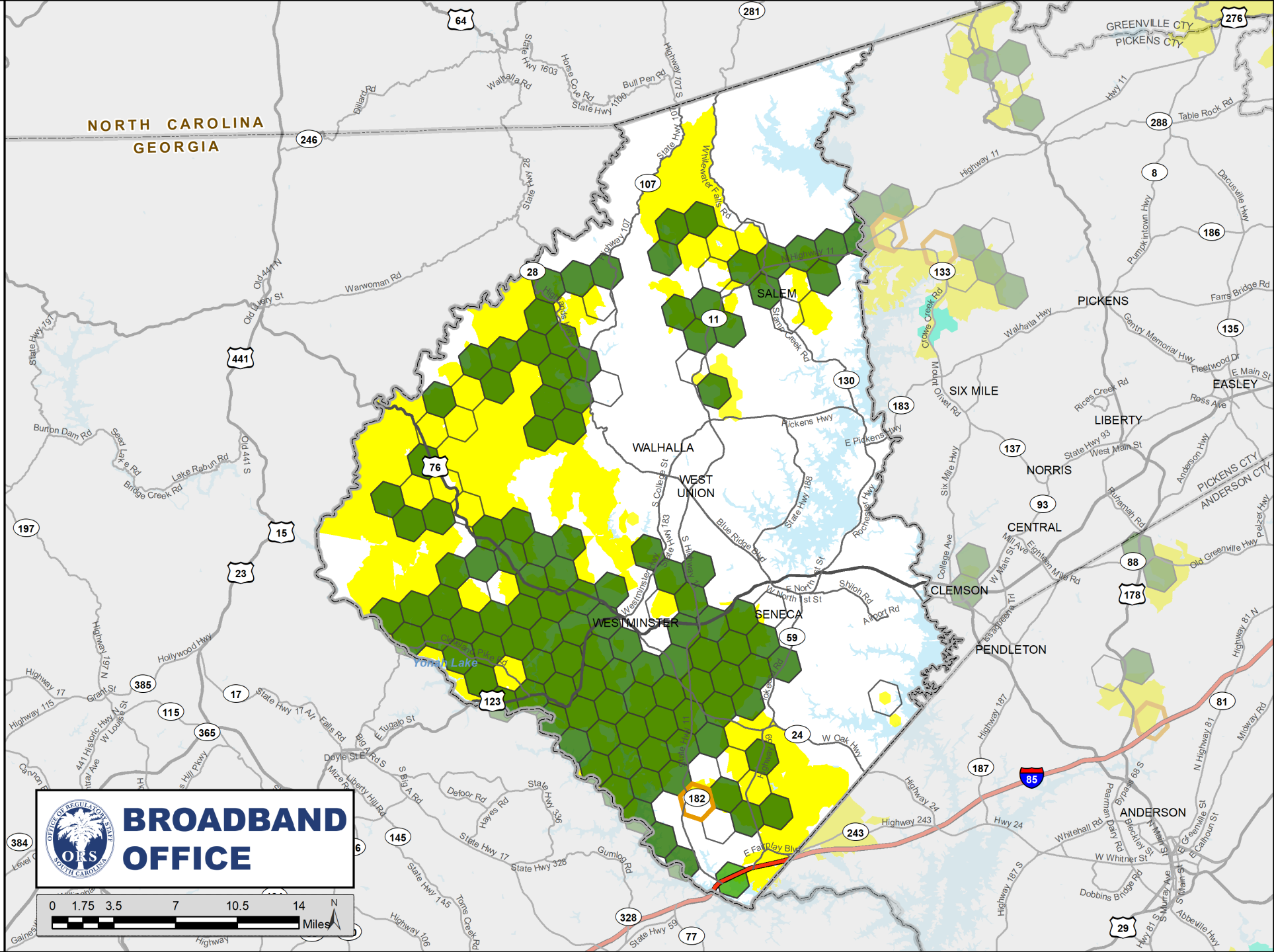
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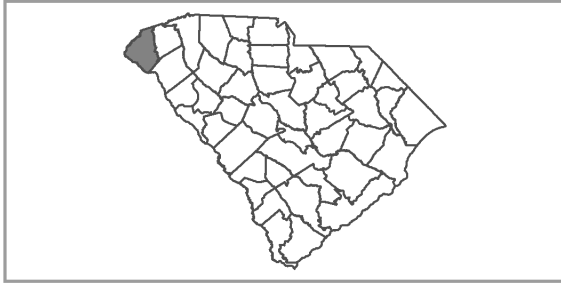


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

February 25, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

■ State ■ County

■ Federal ■ Private

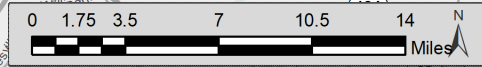
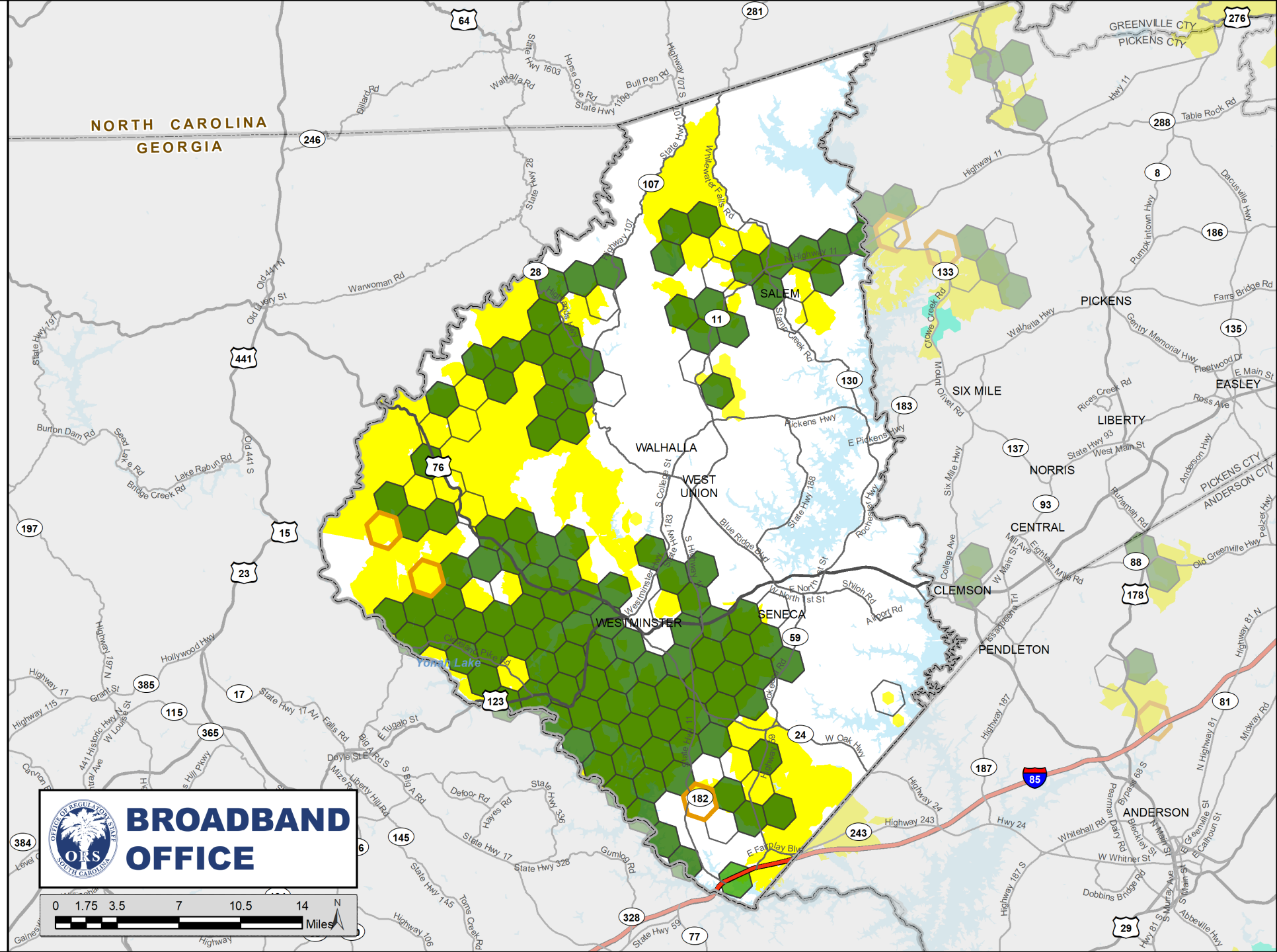
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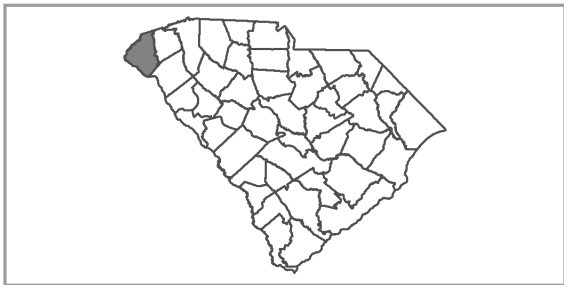


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

March 3, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

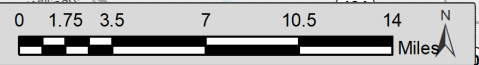
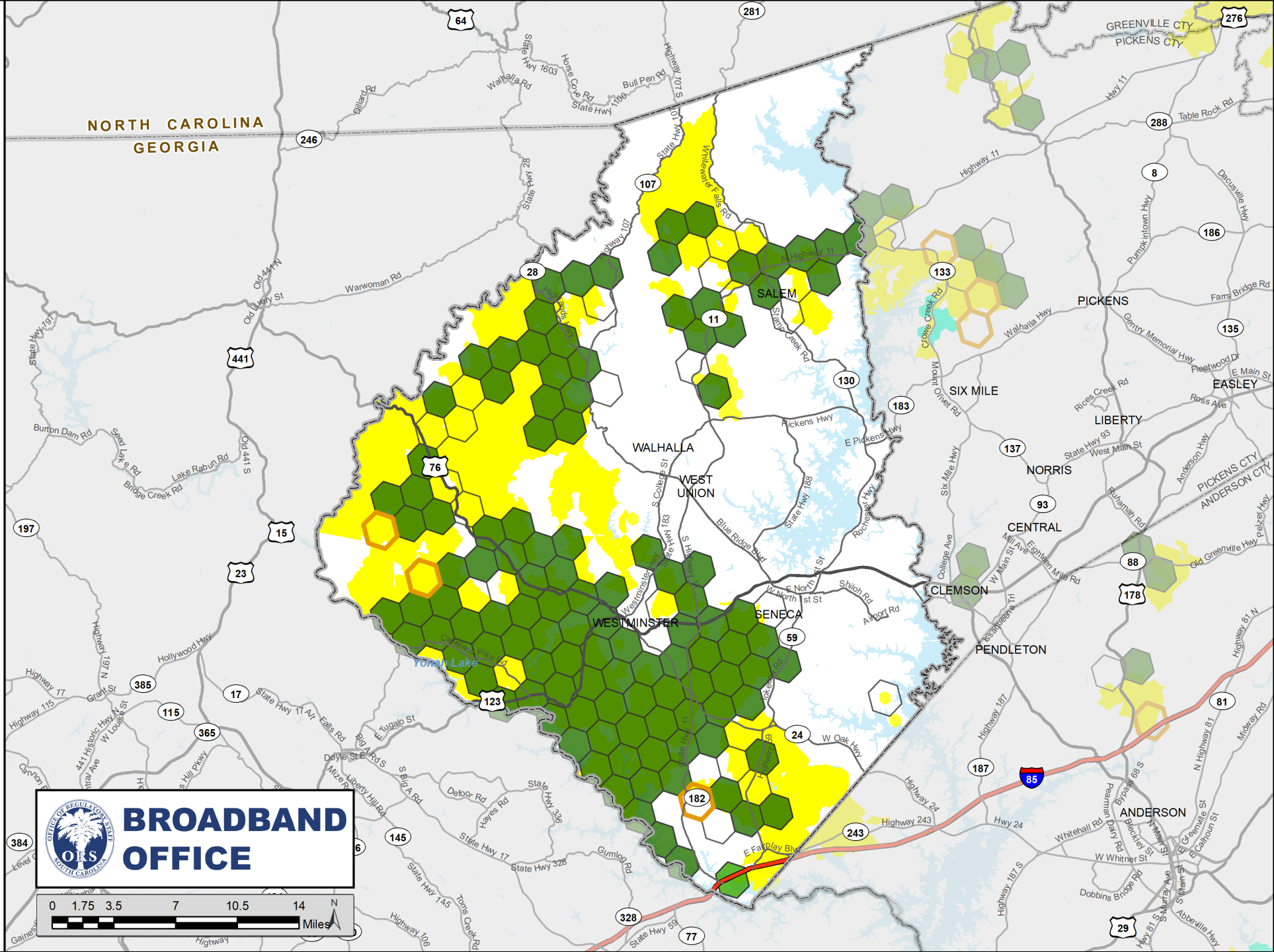
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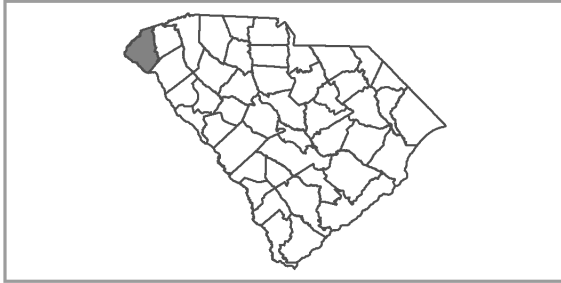


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

March 10, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

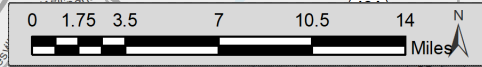
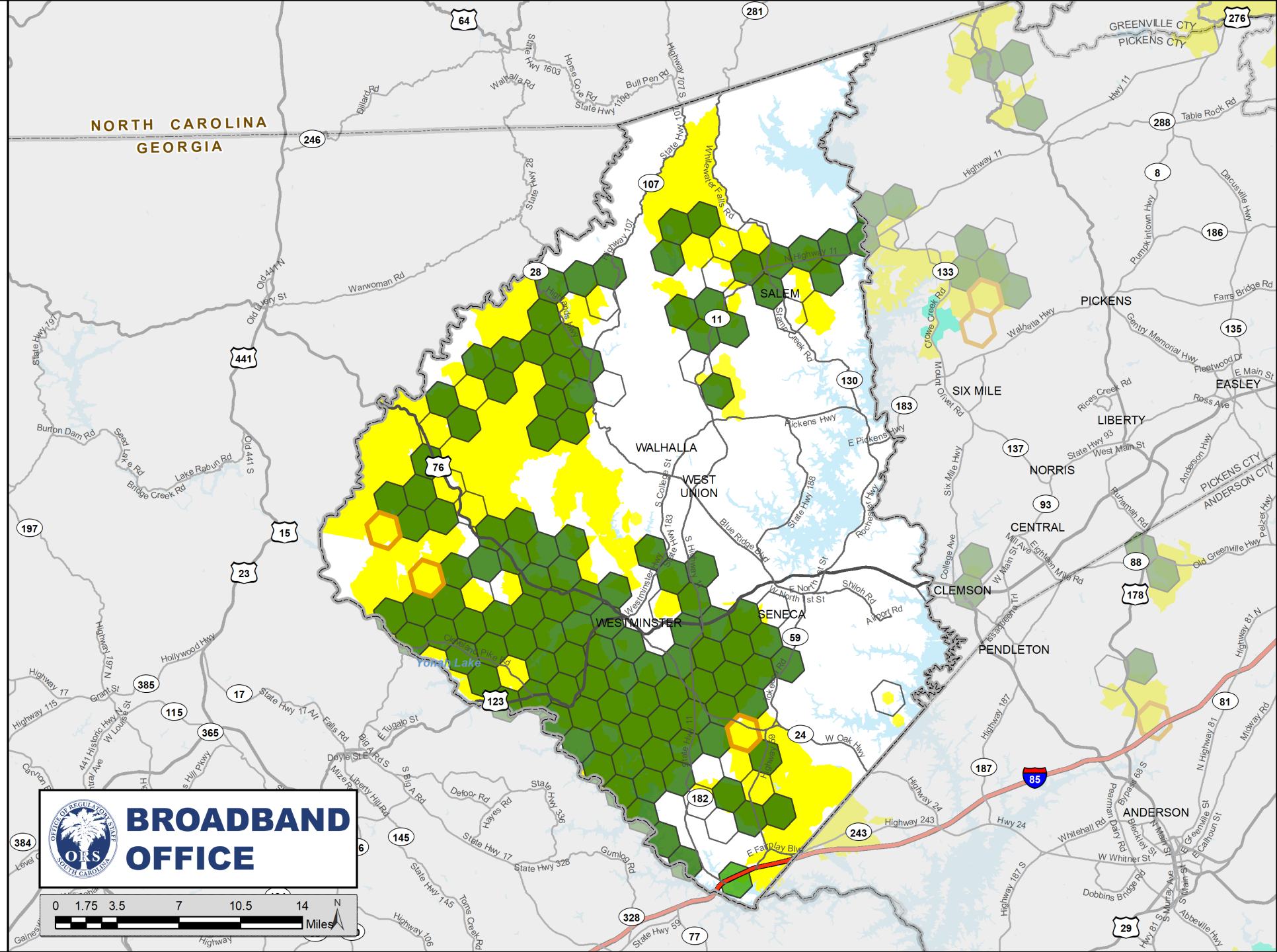
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Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

March 17, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
- Private

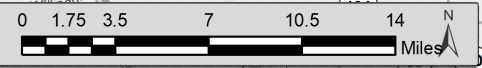
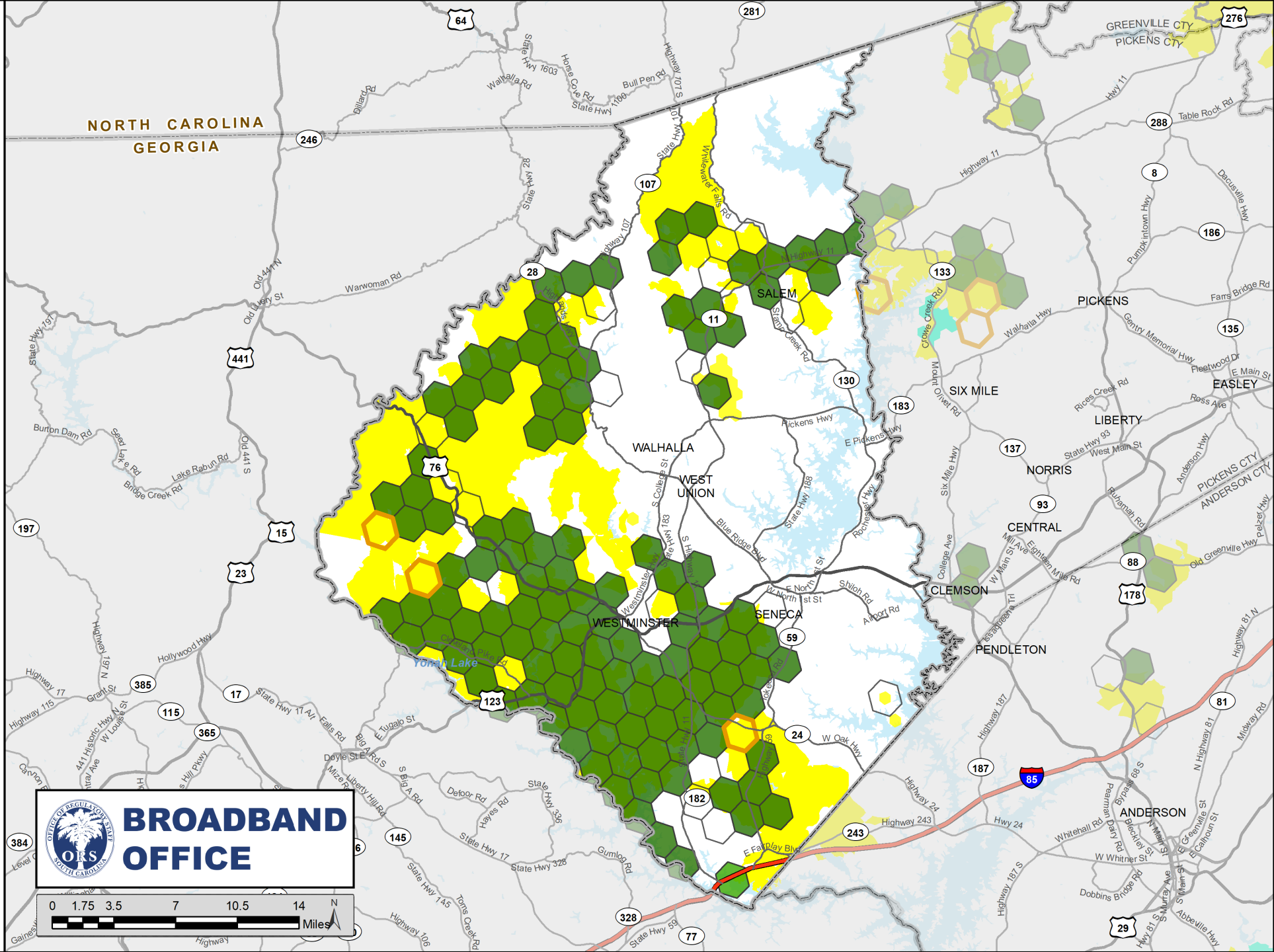
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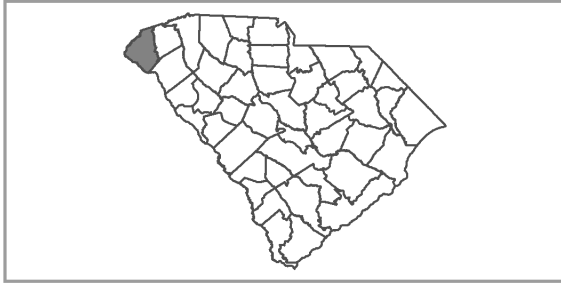


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

March 24, 2024



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■ >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)

■ >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

□ Network Live in Last 30 Days

□ 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

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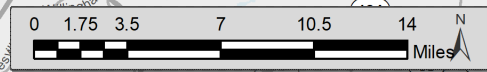
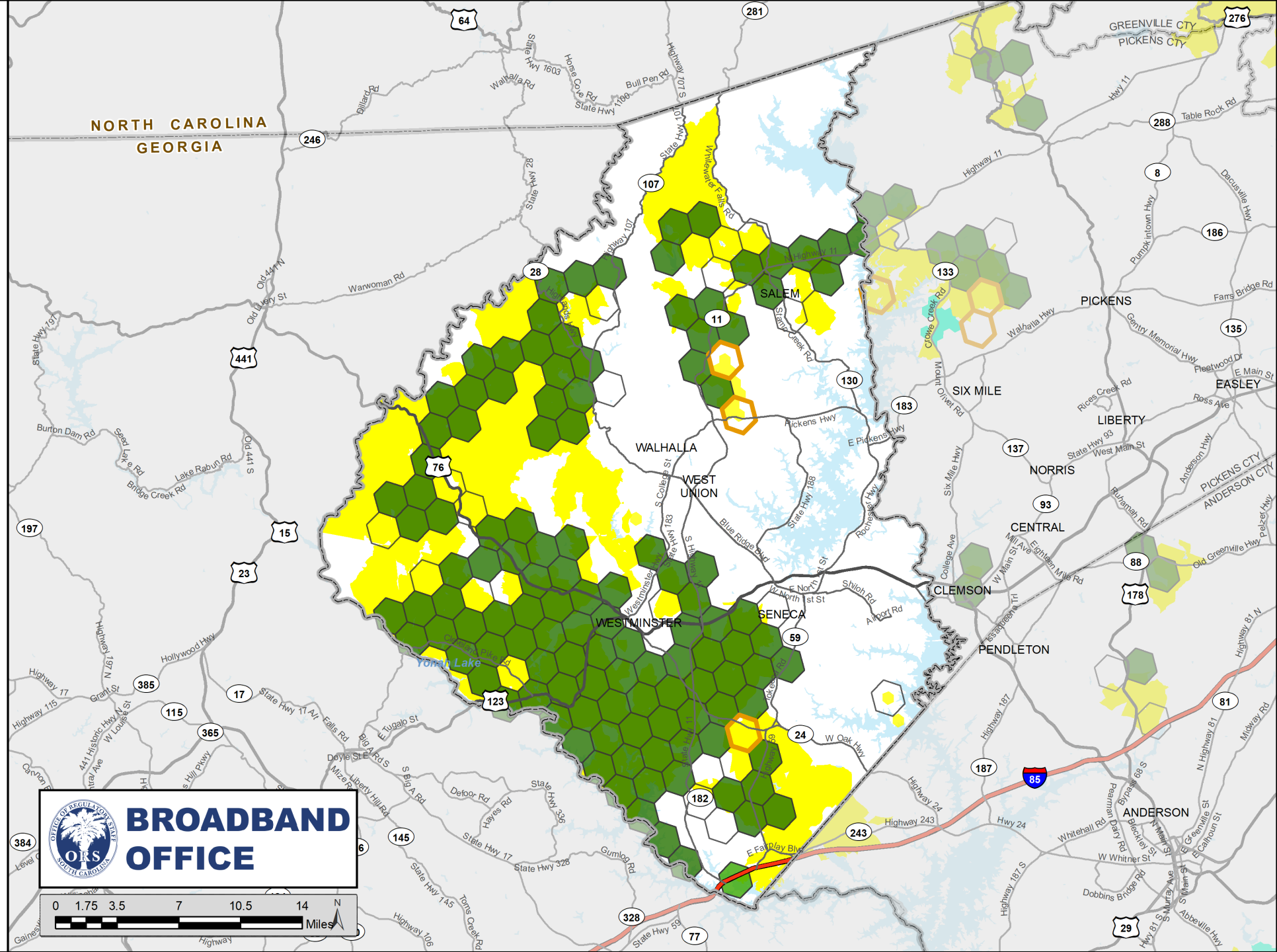
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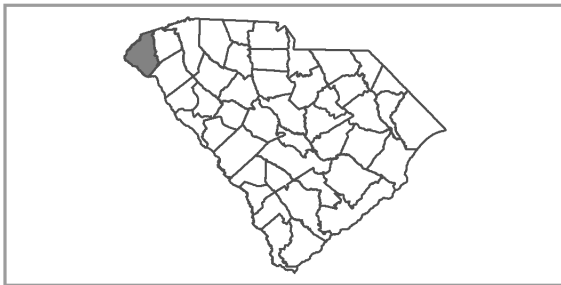


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

March 31, 2024



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- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
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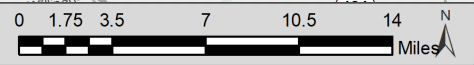
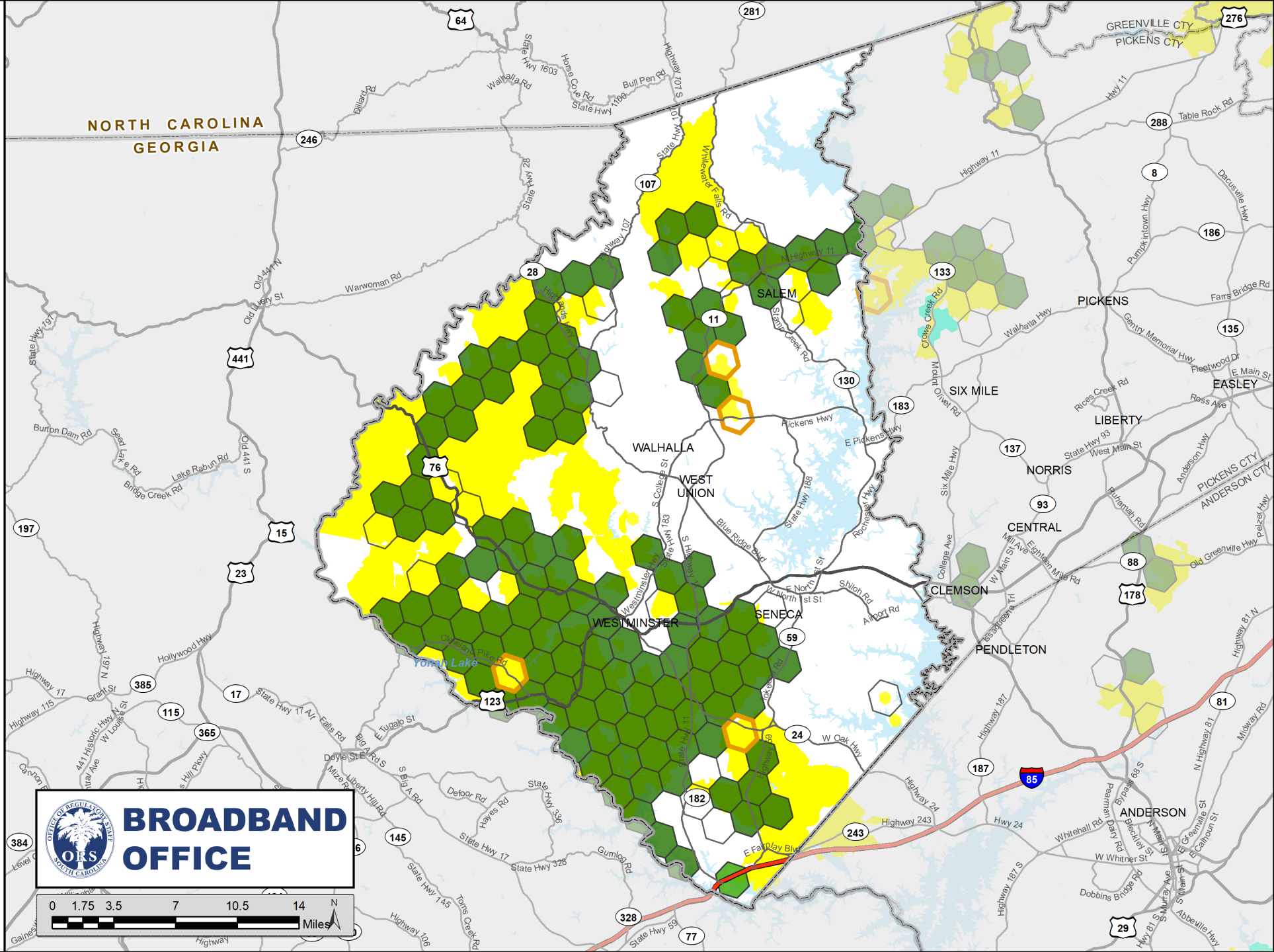
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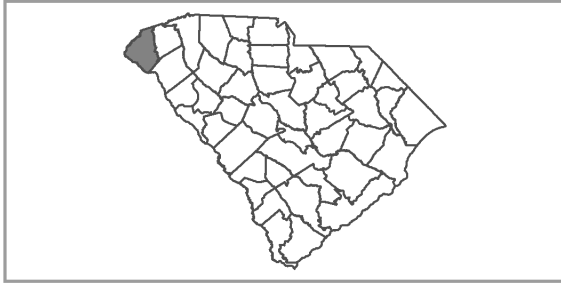


Oconee County

South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

April 7, 2024



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- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
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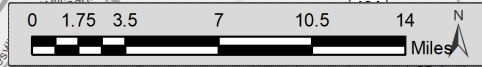
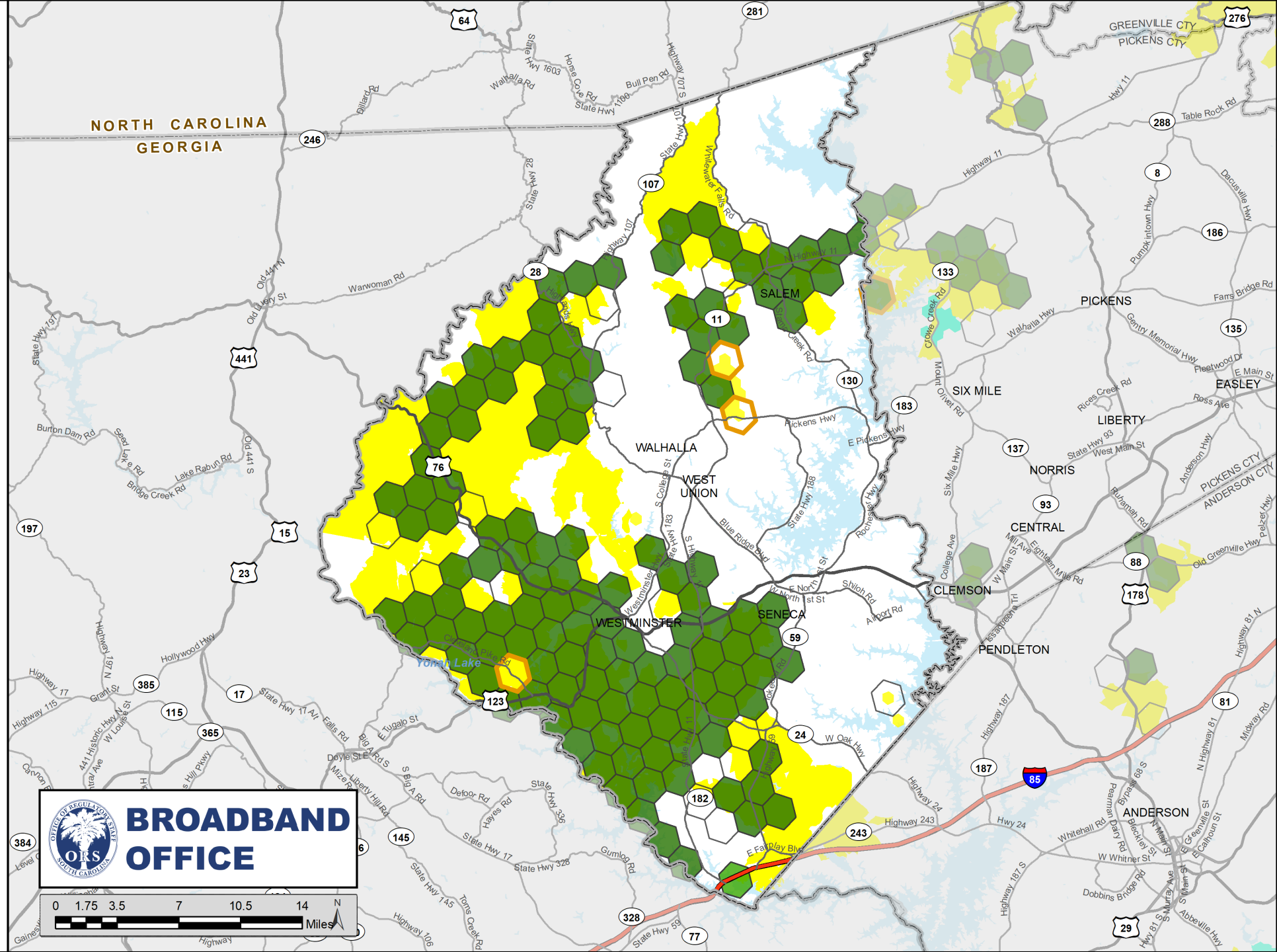
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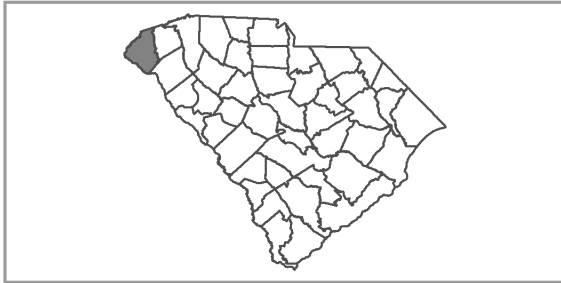
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Oconee County South Carolina Construction Dashboard

April 7, 2024



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 5+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 3+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

- State
- County
- Federal
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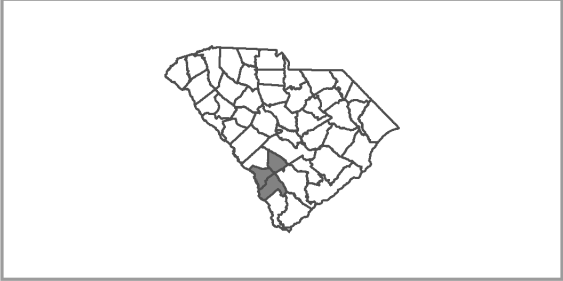
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South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

September 30, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

 State	 County
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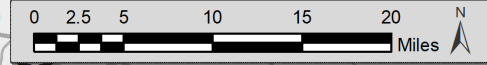
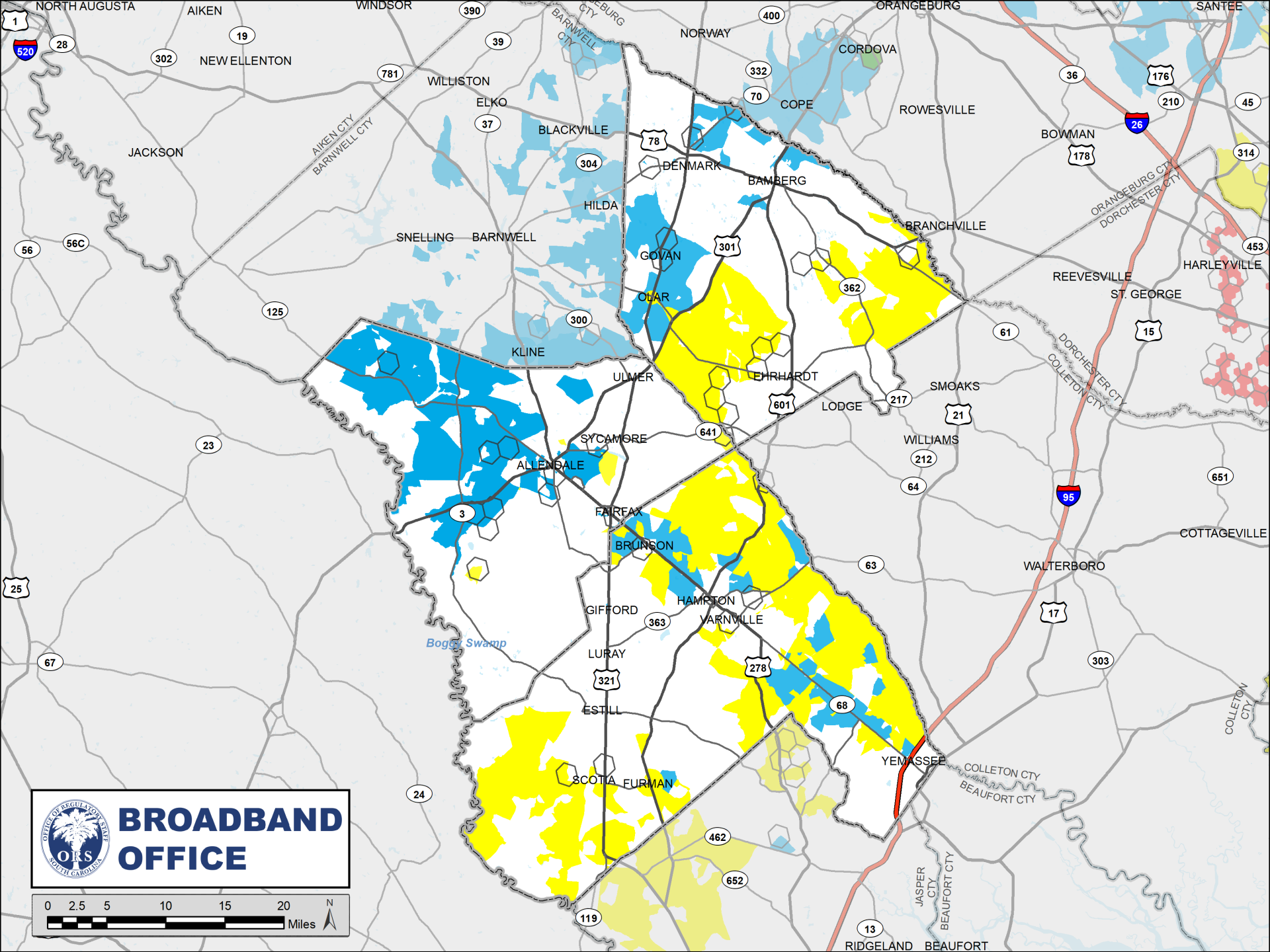
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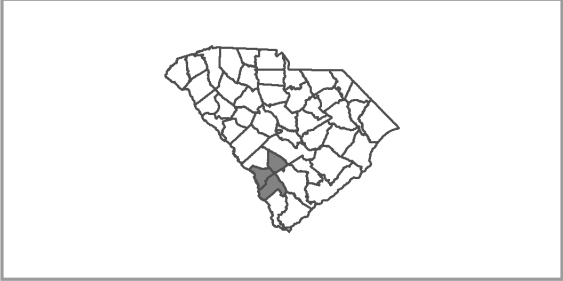


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Construction Dashboard

October 31, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
- 1+ Ookla Speedtest Results in Project Area

Managed Investment

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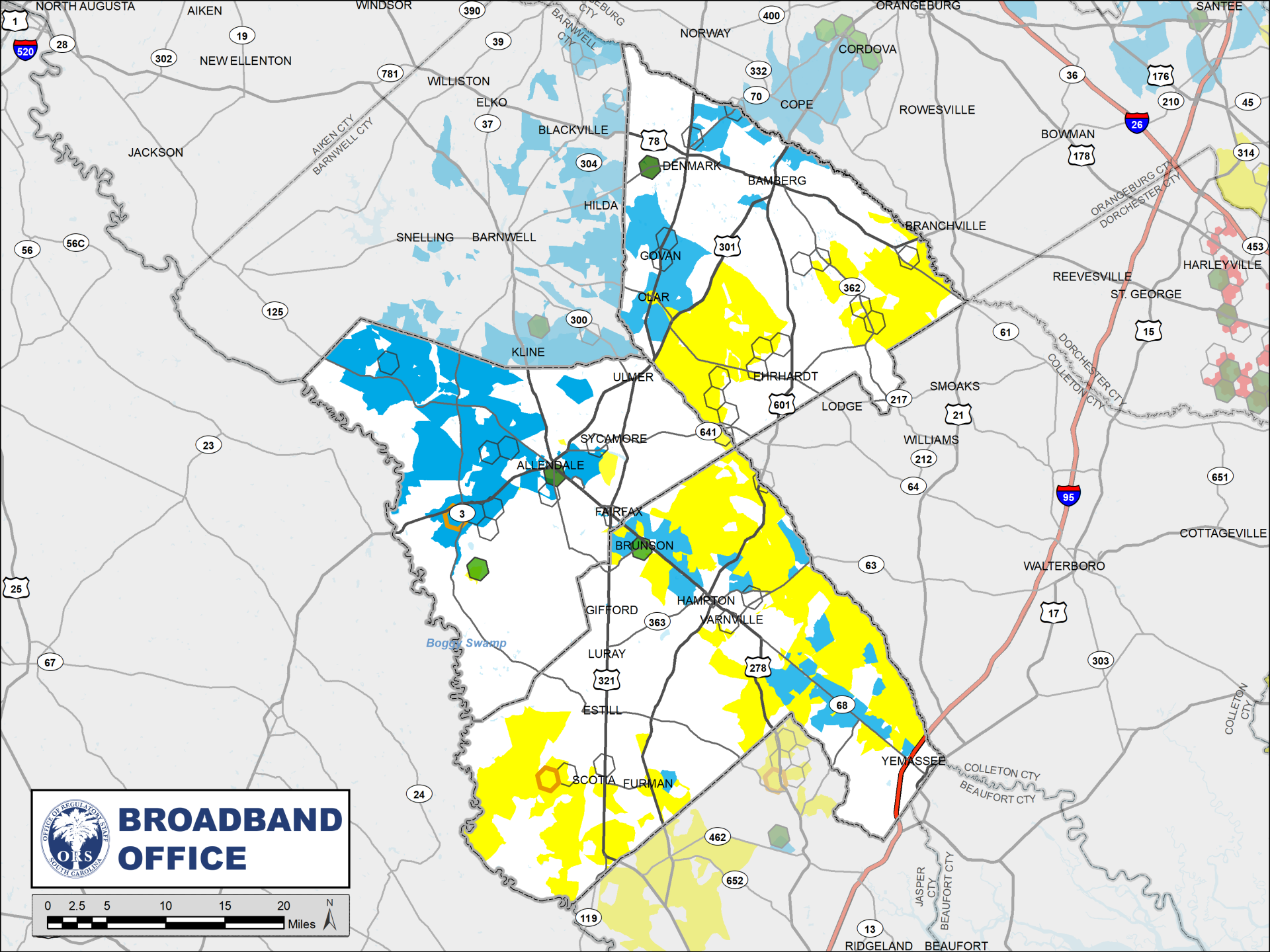
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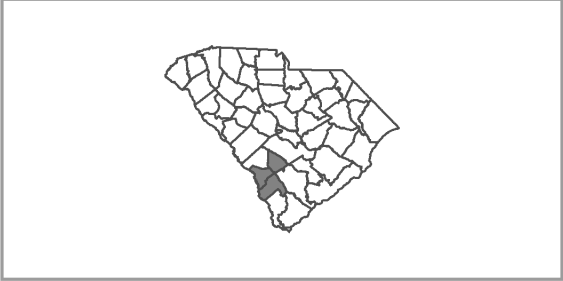


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South Carolina

Construction Dashboard

November 30, 2023



Verified Speed Tiers (download / upload)

- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
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Managed Investment

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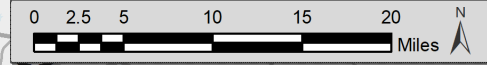
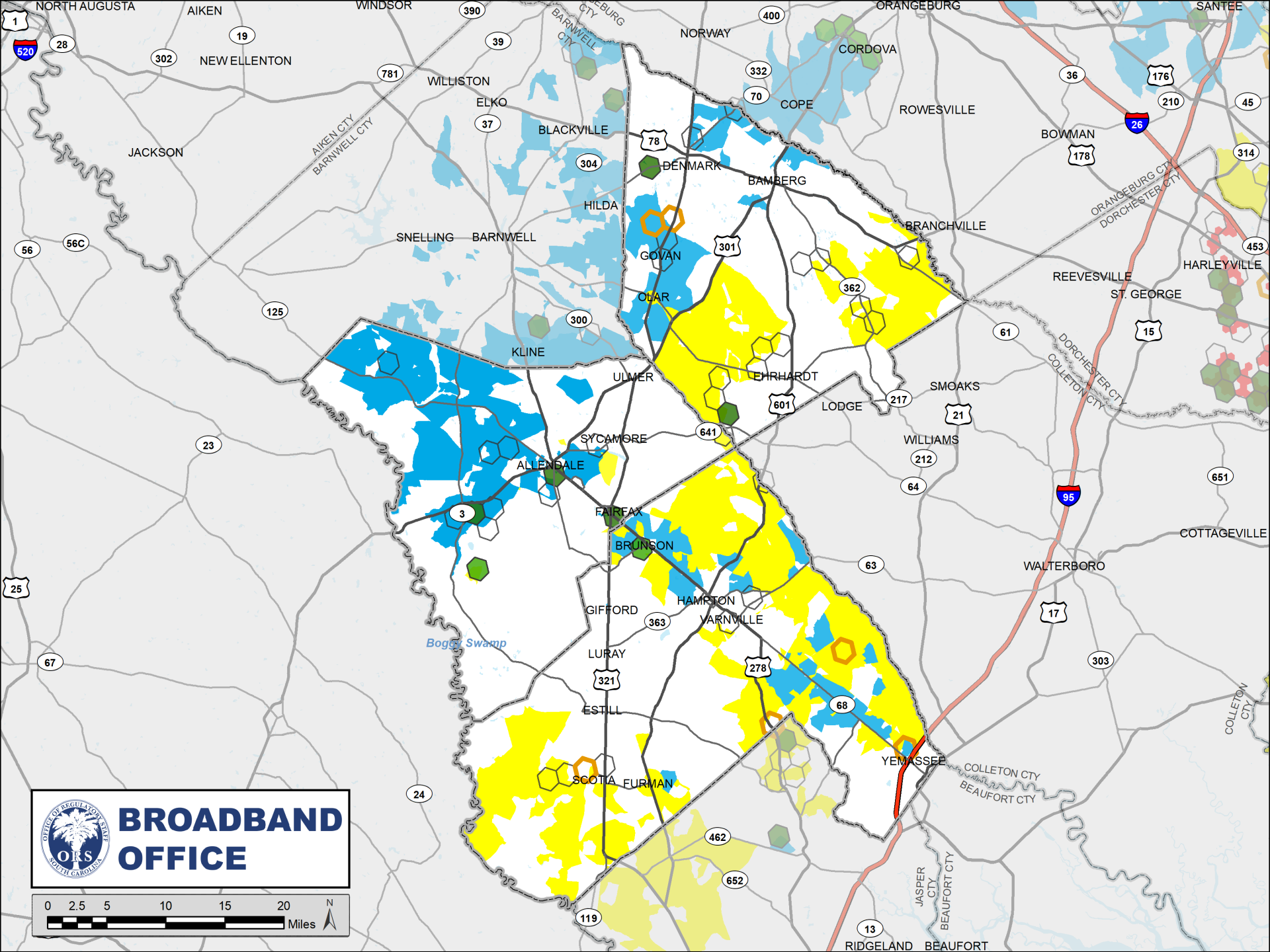
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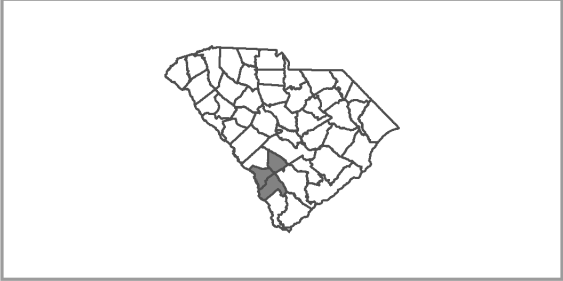


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Construction Dashboard

December 31, 2023



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- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

with 50+ Ookla Speedtest Results and 15+ Users in Project Area

Construction Status

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Managed Investment

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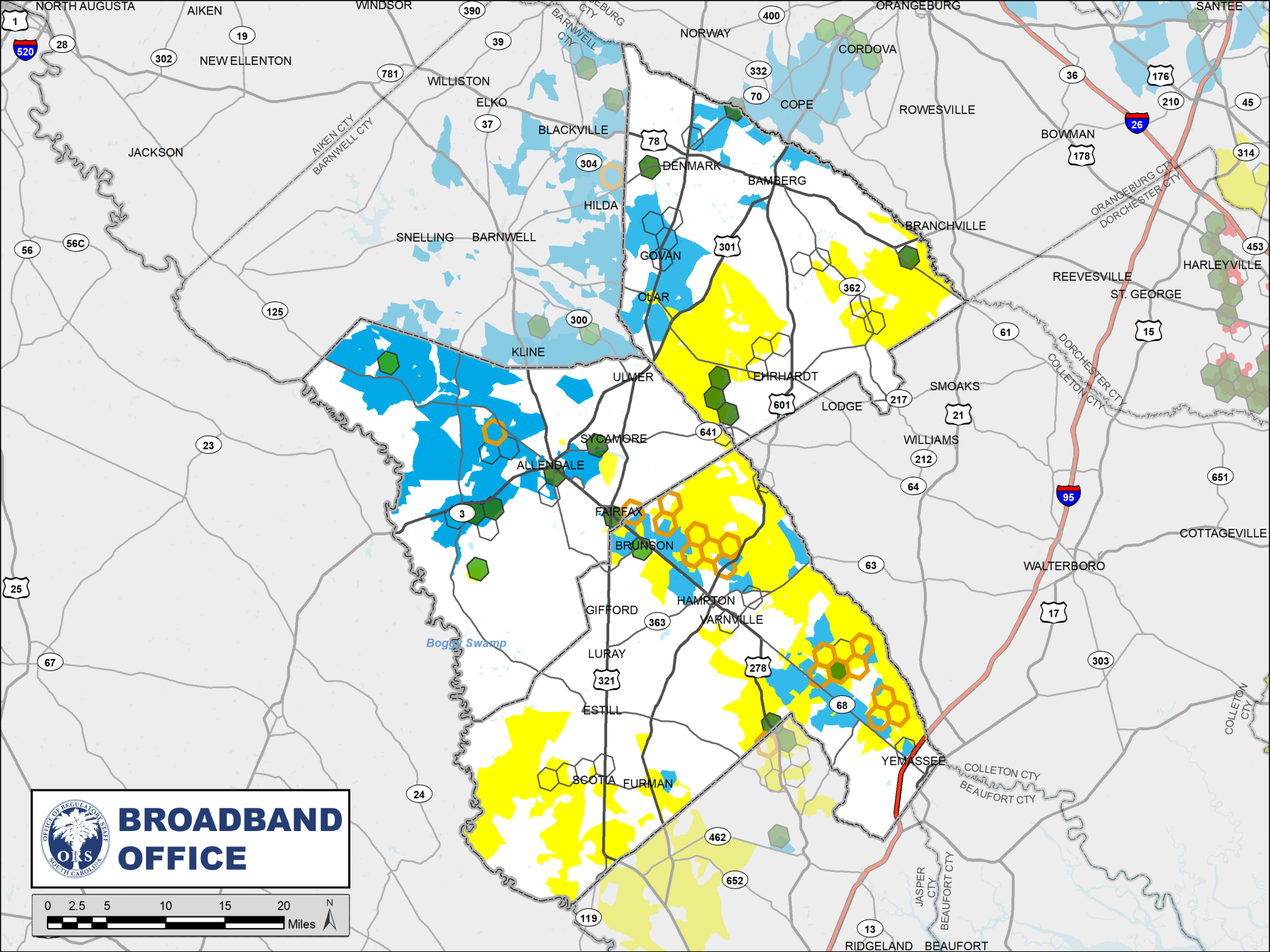
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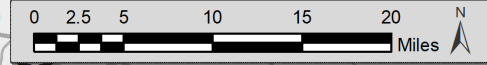
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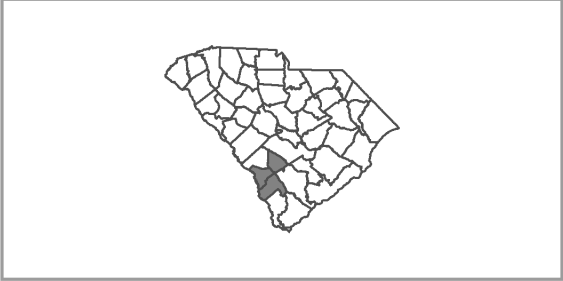


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Construction Dashboard

January 31, 2024



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Construction Status

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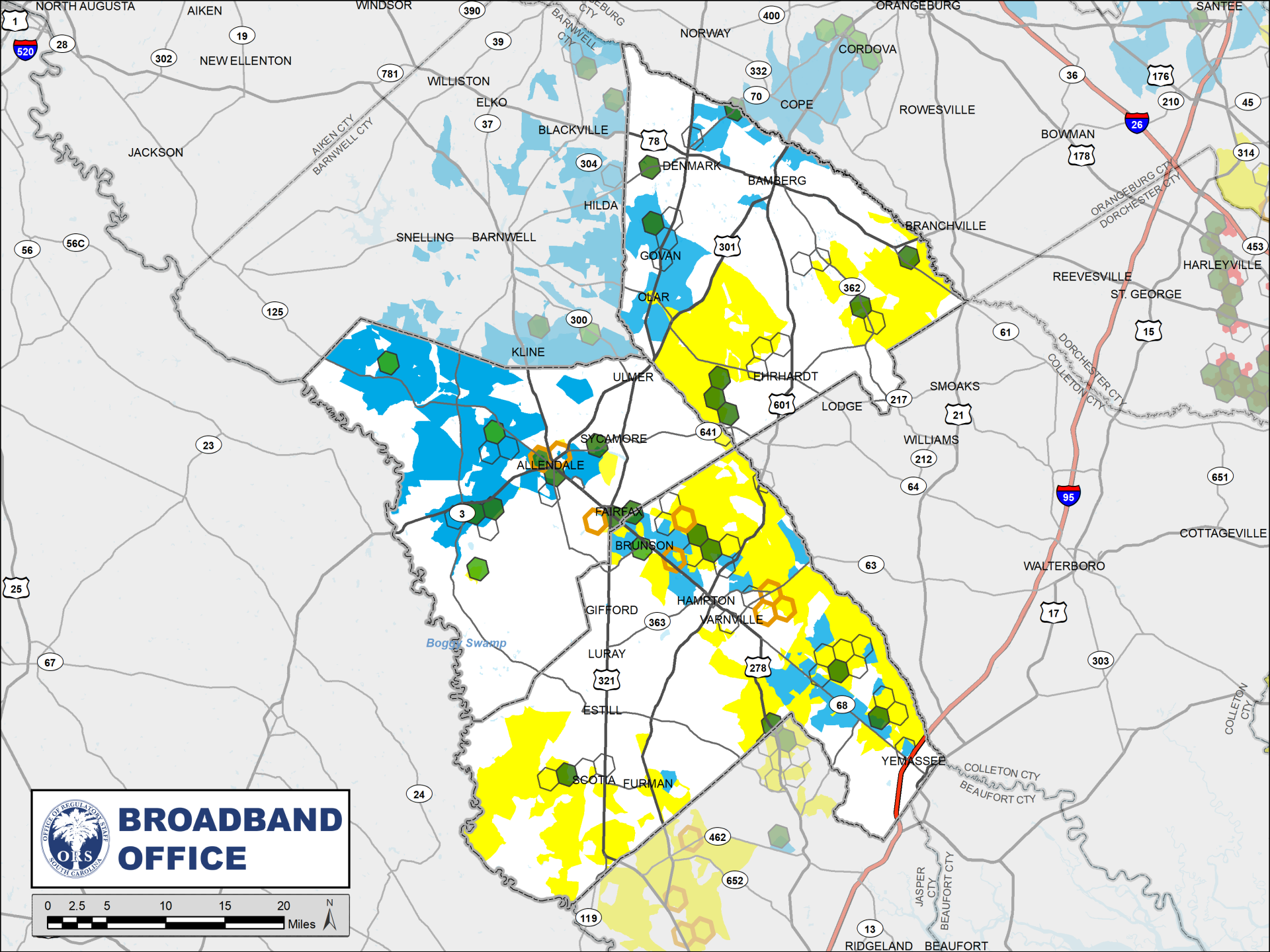
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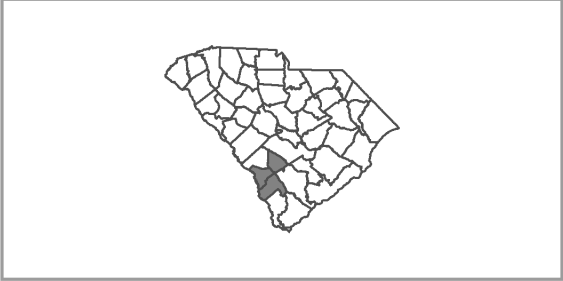


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Construction Dashboard

February 29, 2024



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- >= 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps (symmetric)
- >= 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps

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Construction Status

- Network Live in Last 30 Days
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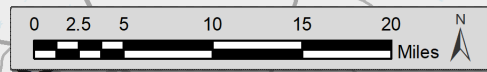
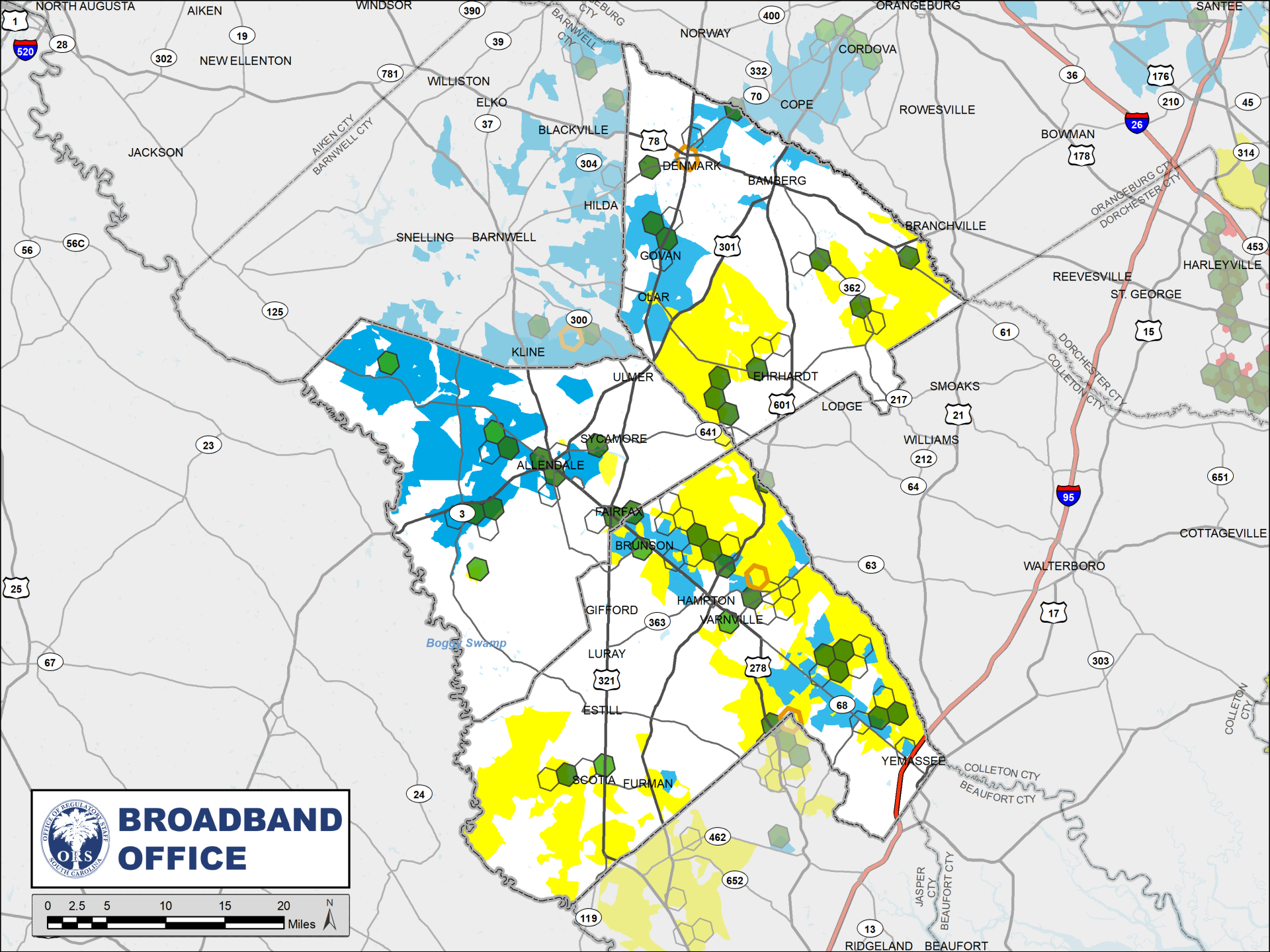
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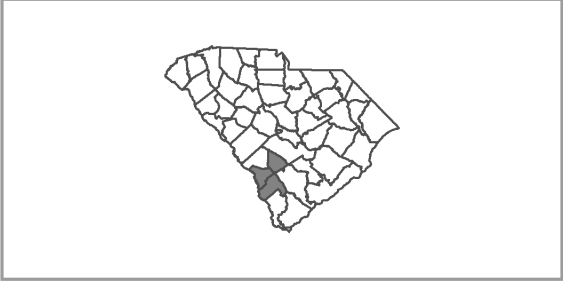


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Construction Dashboard

March 31, 2024



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Construction Status

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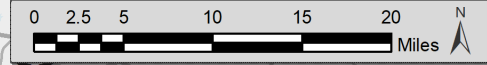
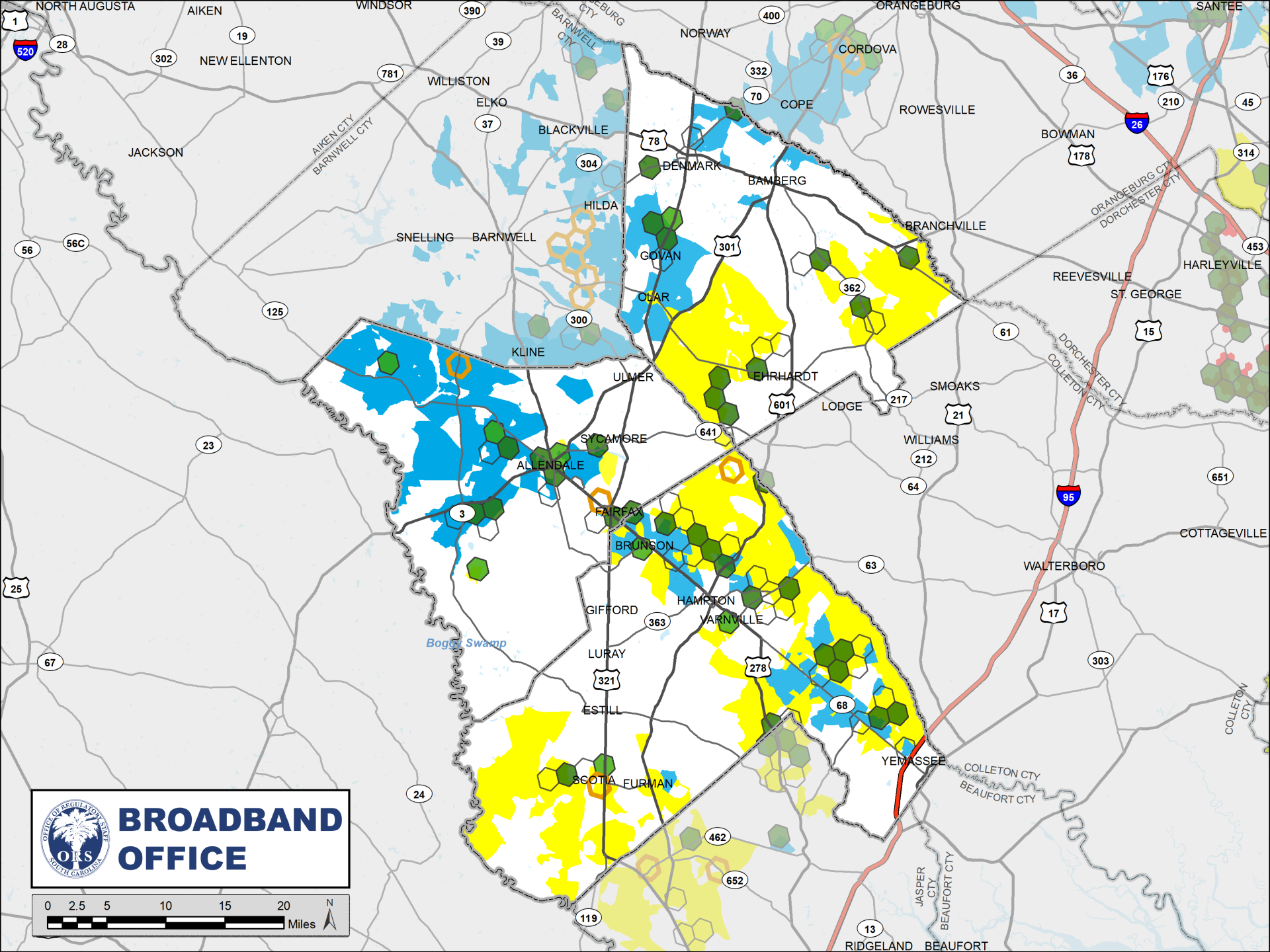
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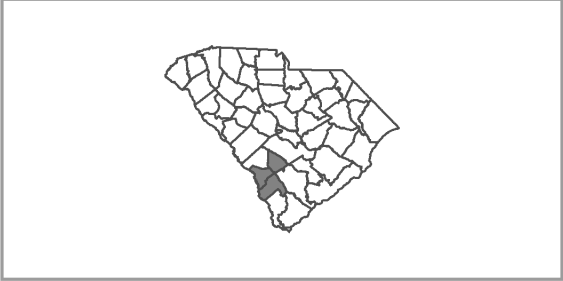


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April 7, 2024



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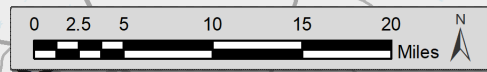
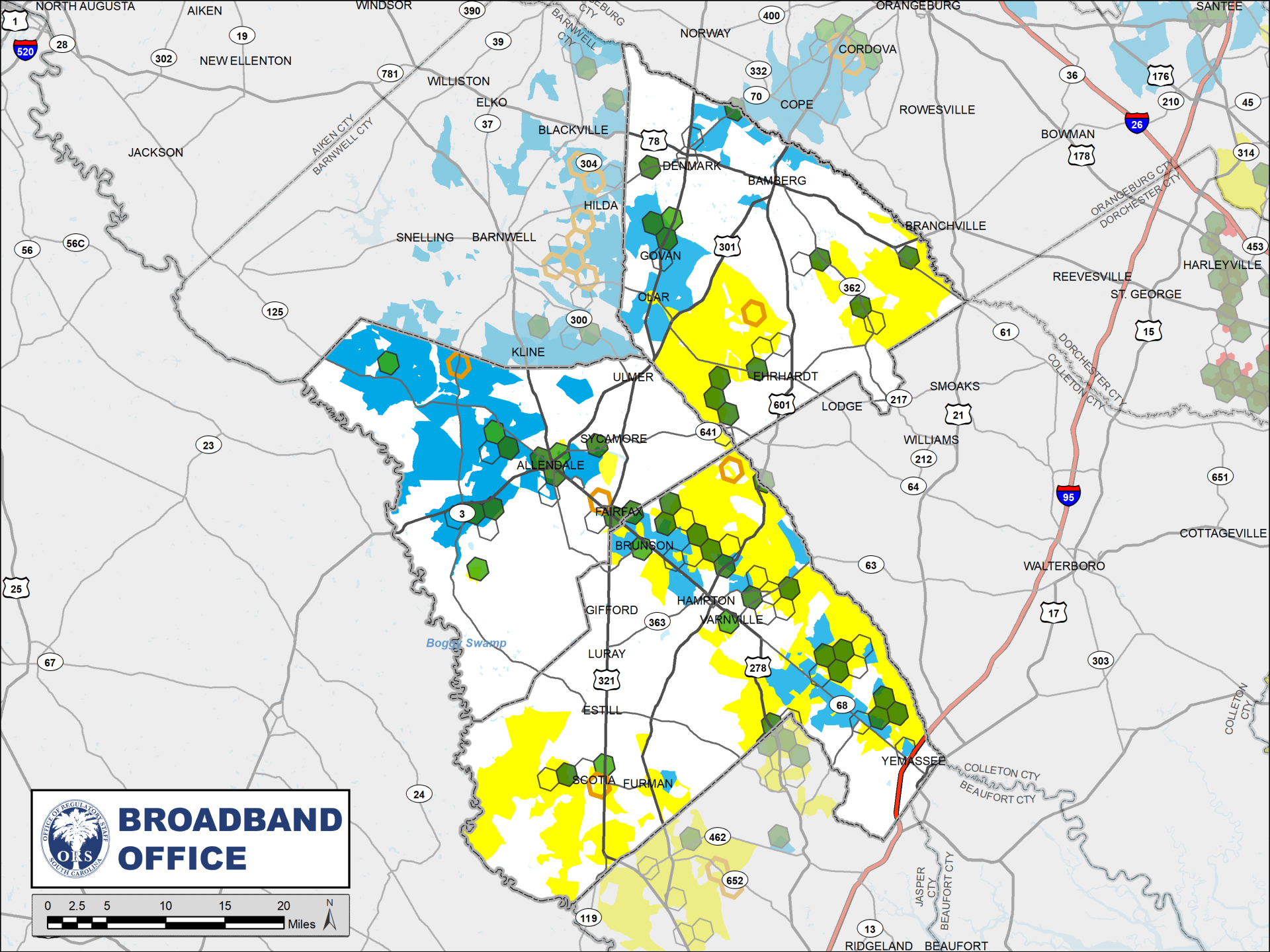
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Digital Opportunity Department

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DOD Vision

All South Carolinians have access to affordable, reliable, high-speed internet and the necessary skills to benefit from this technology.



How does the DOD accomplish the vision?

The Digital Equity Plan identifies goals for Digital Opportunity in SC as well as the steps to achieve them.



DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY

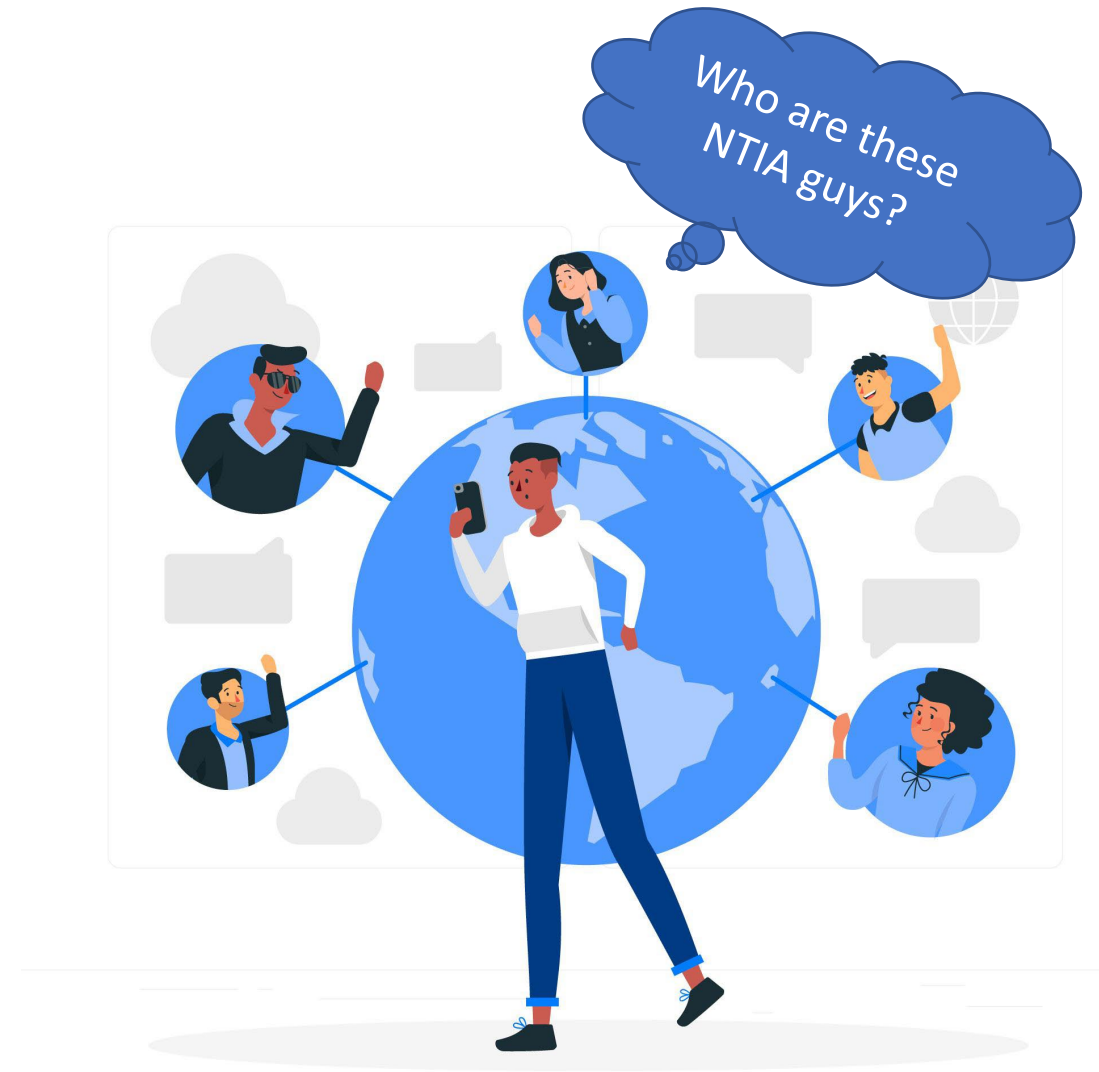
DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

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Covered Populations

- Low-income individuals
- Aging individuals
- Racial/ethnic minorities
- Rural residents
- Veterans
- Individuals with disabilities
- Individuals with a language barrier
- Incarcerated individuals

Based upon guidance by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the DOD will focus on assisting several target populations.



Digital Equity Implementation Plan



Goal 1: Broadband Affordability

Objective: All households and businesses in South Carolina can subscribe to Broadband service at an affordable rate



Goal 2: Online Accessibility and Inclusivity

Objective: Every resident of South Carolina has access to reliable high-speed Broadband service in their home and business.



Goal 3: Digital Literacy

Objective: Every resident of South Carolina has access to education and training necessary to use Broadband to advance their personal goals and increase South Carolina's technology workforce competitiveness.



Goal 4: Online Privacy and Cybersecurity

Objective: Every resident of South Carolina can safely and securely utilize Broadband services.

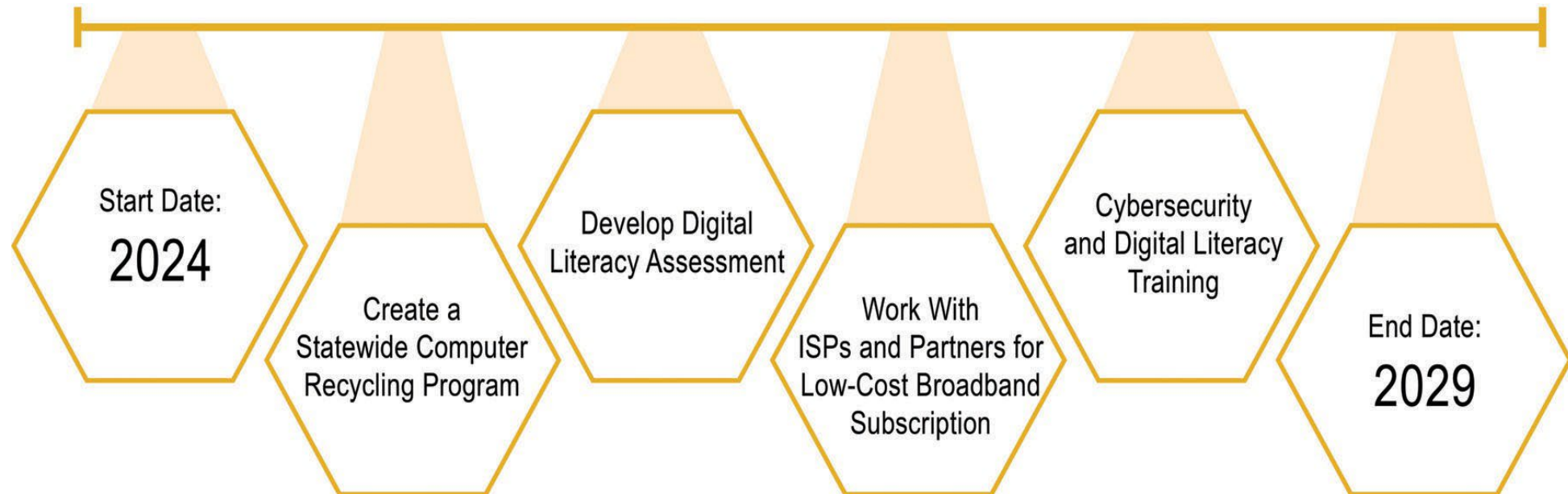


Goal 5: Device Availability and Affordability

Objective: Every resident of South Carolina can access a desktop or laptop computer at home or in an accessible location.

Timeline

- October 2023 ORS received DOD
- December 2023 Submitted DE Plan for Public Comment
- January 2024 Public Comment period ended
- February 2024 Submit FINAL DE Plan to NTIA
- March 2024 NTIA “Curing”



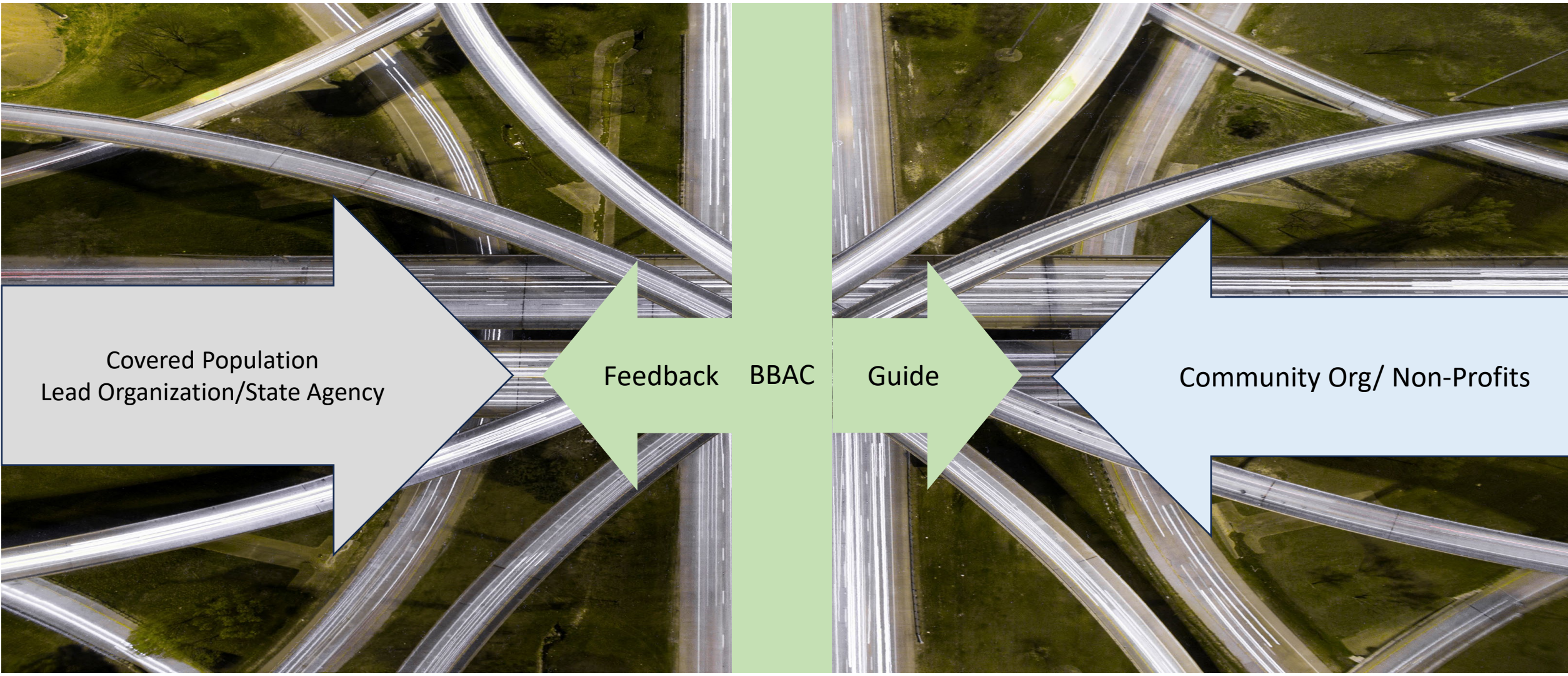
Next Steps

- **Share the plan with the community**
 - Invite us to speak or listen
 - Materials available to share
 - Cyber Security Week – October 2024!
- **Plan approved by NTIA on April 2, 2024**
- **Capacity Grant NoFO on March 29, 2024**
 - SC DOD eligible for over \$12 million
 - Sub-Grants to community groups to meet the goals of the Plan
- **Broadband Advisory Council**

Putting It All Together: Implementation

1. Identify leaders from covered populations to engage.
2. Identify effective tools and outreach strategies to implement (i.e. survey, social media, community meetings, etc.).
3. Create and execute a strategic outreach and engagement plan to measurably increase digital literacy.

DOD – BBAC – Covered Population Stakeholders Relationship Interaction





Digital Opportunity Department

South Carolina Broadband Advisory Council Transition Plan

BBAC Transition Plan

Step 1: Focus Change:

Adjust focus from broadband infrastructure development to digital equity needs of covered populations. BBAC transitions to a working group sharing knowledge from covered populations in their community and bringing knowledge back to covered populations in their community.

Step 2: Covered Population Stakeholder Identification:

Digital Opportunity Division staff will build a robust list of grassroots and formal efforts to serve covered populations.

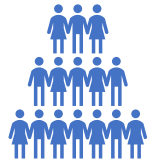
Covered Populations

Based upon guidance by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the DOD will focus on assisting several targeted covered populations by working with grassroots community organizations, established nonprofits, municipalities, and state agencies.

Definitions and survey results are provided under State DE Plan section 3.2.1

- [Low-income individuals](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.1)
- [Aging individuals](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.2)
- [Racial/ethnic minorities](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.3)
- [Rural residents](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.4)
- [Veterans](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.5)
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- [Individuals with a language barrier](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.7)
- [Incarcerated individuals](#) (State DE Plan - Needs Assessment - Section 3.2.1.8)

BBAC Restructuring Plan



Effective July 1, the BBAC will include two stakeholder groups:



BBAC Members: Representative from a state agency, nonprofit or other stakeholder serving a Covered Population



Consulting Members: No formal seat or vote on the Council. Key partner for data and outreach to covered populations

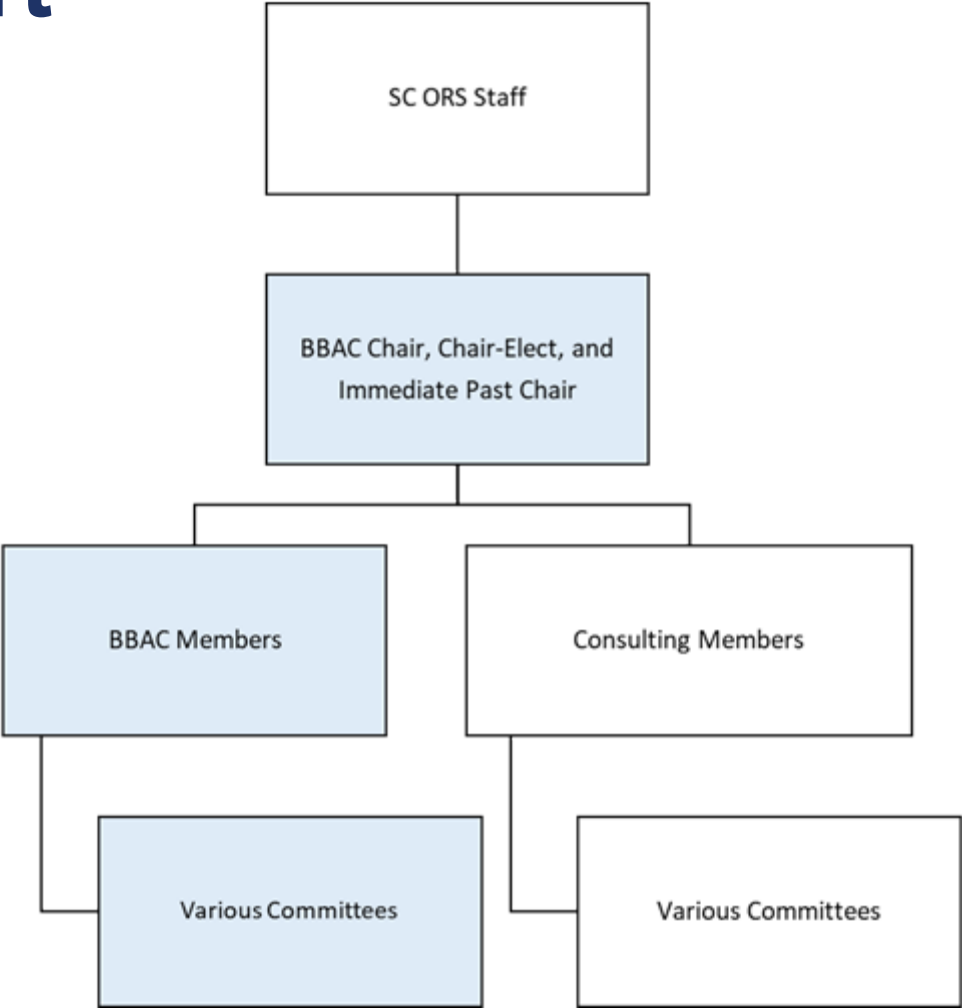


Subcommittees made up of BBAC and Consulting Members will engage stakeholders to gather data, develop programs, perform outreach, provide services and support the grantmaking process.



BBAC assists with prioritization of covered populations and timeframes for implementation of the Digital Equity Plan (Section 5.2).

BBAC Org Chart



BBAC Structure

- Two-year terms for group membership and one-year terms for leadership positions
- Composition: cross-matrix of special populations, region, expertise
- A staff member of ORS always holds seat on the advisory council
- Founding Chair becomes Immediate Past Chair (Anna Berger)
- Tom Allen serves as Chair for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and then serving one year as Immediate Past Chair.
- Chair-Elects serve from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 before becoming Chair.
- New Chair Elects need to be appointed/elected by June 30, 2025.
- Chair Elects nominated in the third fiscal quarter/first calendar quarter (Jan – Mar 2025)

BBAC Meeting Schedule and Focus

Meet in August, October, February, and April from 1:00pm until 3:00pm:

- April 2024 – Final legacy BBAC Meeting
- May/June 2024 – Virtual BBAC Reorganization Update
- August 2024
- October 2024
- February 2025

Meeting Focus Areas:

Q2 (May/June): On Boarding - Mission, Meet and Greet

Q3 (August): Pilot programs for grants and Cyber Security Week

Q4 (October): Device recycling programs and digital navigator programs

Potential Meeting Sites: Rotate regionally and host at sites where BBAC can tour digital equity implementation at work

BBAC Digital Equity Action Items

- BBAC members observe and collect Identifying key insights (concerns, feelings, understanding, etc.) among Covered Populations in their professional and personal community experience
- Acknowledge feedback from Covered Populations and developing ongoing communications tools
- Provide meaningful updates regarding the infrastructure process and Digital Equity resources
- Conduct periodic short surveys or “pulse checks” among the Covered Populations to continually gauge the degree to which their awareness of the infrastructure process and the Digital Equity resources are growing in reach
- Support Pilot Programs and share best practices with Covered Populations from these programs
- Build a publicly accessible map of state and national subsidies on the digital equity website and issue related public information
- Create/support mobile computing labs
- Support a "train the trainer" Digital Navigator program

BBAC Digital Equity Action Items (cont)

- Support establishment of Digital Device Refurbishing Program
- Launch Cybersecurity Week and participate in activities
- Support Survey and data collection efforts to track internet adoption and Goals 1 thru 5
- Regular reporting from stakeholders, non-profits and community organizations
- Annual convening to allow stakeholders to gather and share best practices and receive updates on BEAD and DEA implementation and to present Digital Equity Community Awards
- Align DEA and BEAD Goals And Strategies, ensuring they complement and build on each other
- In collaboration with the Broadband Office create and implement a BEAD telecommunications workforce plan

5 Strategies for Building Long-Term Support for South Carolina's Digital Equity Program

- 1. Awareness:** Awareness efforts must include the positive impacts of digital inclusion solutions—sharing stories of programmatic *and* individual success.
- 2. Partnerships & Coalitions:** When those who recognize the necessity of digital equity form relationships, partnerships, and [digital inclusion coalitions](#), their messages and programs are more powerful.
- 3. Meaningful Data and Analytics:** Survey data needs to do more than explain the digital divide. Now the challenge is demonstrating how the hard work being accomplished each day on the ground – from broadband service sign ups to device distribution.
- 4. Layer Digital Inclusion with Other Programs:** Digital Inclusion cannot stand alone. Intentionally weaving digital equity into health, finance, education, housing, workforce, and other social programs will increase the lasting impact of investments.
- 5. Keep Growing an Inclusive Community:** Diverse voices and people who bring a range of perspectives, lived experiences, and professional skills make the digital equity movement powerful.

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Digital Opportunity Department

On October 1, 2023, the Digital Opportunity Office was transferred from the South Carolina Department of Administration to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) and re-named the Digital Opportunity Department (DOD). The DOD focuses on opportunities to educate South Carolinians on how broadband access and adoption can enhance the State's workforce and individual's lives.

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Contact the Broadband Office About a Map

The Broadband Office continues to improve the accuracy of broadband maps. The Broadband Office encourages consumers who see a discrepancy in maps published— as in, the map suggests they have access to internet service, but they do not— to [contact the ORS](#).

<https://ors.sc.gov/broadband/digitalopportunity>

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