



GCI Esro Road Project Overview

What is the Esro Road Project?

GCI's aerial fiber along Esro Road connects with GCI's Fairbanks earth station, a communication hub that is part of GCI's statewide network. GCI is considering installing a second fiber to the earth station to create a second path of connectivity along the route. This second fiber would make the network more reliable and increase capacity.

When is the project scheduled to begin?

The proposed project is still in the planning phase. If GCI moves forward, construction would take place for approximately eight weeks and could begin as soon as this summer.

Why is GCI considering the project?

Over the past decade, GCI has invested more than \$117 million in network upgrades in the Fairbanks area and the company continues to make investments to improve service. The additional fiber will expand GCI service and make it more reliable for thousands of customers in Fairbanks and other communities throughout the region.

Will Esro Road property owners get connectivity as part of the project?

If GCI decides that the Esro Road route is the preferred route, construction plans include providing services to property owners. Over the past three months GCI has received 15 requests from Esro Road property owners for internet service.

What impacts would this project have to Esro Road residents?

The project would take approximately eight weeks of construction. GCI employees or certified GCI contractors will perform the construction work. GCI will work as quickly and efficiently as possible, mainly during weekday hours, to minimize any inconvenience to Esro Road residents. The project, currently envisioned as an underground fiber, would likely require digging a fiber pathway in certain spots along the route.

When would construction begin? When would the project be completed?

GCI has almost completed the survey work to map out Esro Road utilities and easements for consideration. If GCI moves forward with construction, permitting could be complete by late July with construction beginning as soon as early August.

How can I learn more?

At the request of Esro Road property owners, GCI will provide additional information on the proposed project at a community meeting on Sunday, July 8, at Arctic Roots Farm (mile 1.5 of Esro Road). A detailed meeting invitation will be sent the week of June 17th. Please email RSVP@thompsonpr.com to RSVP.