

Community Development Department

102206 East Wiser Parkway
Kennewick, WA 99338



Planning Division

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**Notice of Application
(Optional DNS Process)**

Benton County has received a permit application for the following project:

A Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP) to co-locate a new broadband fiber cable lines on an existing telecom facility spanning the Yakima River anchored by existing utility poles.

Project Location:

The project is located at the east end of Babs Ave in the unincorporated Benton City area of Section 17, Township 09 North, Range 27 East W.M.

Agency Contact:

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Project Applicant:

Zipty Fiber
C/O: Michael Tovey
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Kennewick, WA 99336

Agency File Number:

EA 2025-017

Date of permit application:

September 11, 2025

Date of determination of completeness:

September 12, 2025

Date of Notice of Application:

September 12, 2025

Notice of Application Publication Date:

September 17, 2025

Comment due date:

October 1, 2025

SEPA Environmental Review: The Benton County Planning Division has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) or Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS). The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Comments must be submitted by the due date noted above (14 days from date of publication) to the Benton County Planning Division, 102206 E Wiser Parkway, Kennewick, WA 99338. Any information submitted to Benton County is subject to the public records disclosure law for the State of Washington (RCW Chapter 42.17) and all other applicable law that may require the release of the documents to the public.

This project does not require a public hearing. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination and any other information concerning this action may be obtained by contacting the Benton County Planning Division, at 102206 E Wiser Parkway, Kennewick, WA or (509) 786-5612.

Preliminary Development Regulations and Existing Environmental Documents: To evaluate the impacts of the proposed project, the following may be used for mitigation, consistency, and the development of findings and conclusions:

Regulations of Benton County including the Benton County Comprehensive Plan, BCC Title 3 Building, Fire, and Road Standards, BCC Title 6.35 SEPA, BCC Title 11 Zoning, and BCC Title 15 Critical Area Ordinance

Regulations of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Regulations of the Benton-Franklin Health District

Other required agency evaluations, approvals, permits, and mitigation as necessary

Required Permits:

Benton County Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP), Benton County Special Flood Hazard Development Permit, other forms, reports, or approvals as necessary.

Required Studies:

None

Dated at Kennewick, Washington on this 12th day of September, 2025.



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