Inaugural Community Broadband Convening
Broadband Infrastructure and Digital Equity:
Building Digital Foundations for Hawai'i's Communities

Thursday, June 23, 2022
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM HST
Via Zoom

AGENDA

1:30pm-1:35pm	**Welcoming Remarks and Introduction** Presented by **Garret Yoshimi,** VP for Information Technology & CIO, University of Hawaii
1:35pm-1:50pm	**Broadband 101** Presented by **Ka'ala Souza,** Author, Consultant, and Public Speaker A high-level overview of what broadband is, how it plays into our daily lives, where it is and where it isn't, and how to reach communities with little to no access to broadband while sustaining it elsewhere.
1:50pm-2:10pm	**Closing the Gap** Presented by **Garret Yoshimi,** VP for Information Technology & CIO, University of Hawaii, **Burt Lum,** Broadband Strategy Officer, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, and **Laura Arcibal**, Telehealth and Health Care Access Coordinator, Department of Health The federal government has allocated well over $300 million in broadband funding to the State of Hawaii, funds that will advance the *'Apakau ka lā* state initiative. This includes numerous programs from the US Treasury, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and USDA. We'll provide updates on programs underway, including the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) and the State Digital Equity programs.
2:10pm-2:40pm	**Digital Navigators in the Next Community Hubs** Presented by **Jill Takasaki Canfield,** Executive Director, Hawai'i Literacy, and **James Li,** Program Manager, Lanakila Pacific Community networking and engagement are imperative to the success of the next community hubs. Learn about how to get involved in supporting community based efforts and help us cut through the hurdles to meaningful broadband adoption.
2:40pm-2:55pm	**Q&A**
2:55pm-3:00pm	**Closing Remarks** Presented by **Garret Yoshimi,** VP for Information Technology & CIO, University of Hawaii