



October 25, 2023  
Agenda Item B-2

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Governing Board Communication

**TO: MERA Governing Board**  
**FROM: Dave Jeffries, Deputy Executive Officer for the Next Gen System**  
**SUBJECT: Connectivity Project and Cost Discussion (Action Item)**

Recommended Action: For Governing Board direction to staff as described below.

Background:

As has previously been discussed, MERA is conducting a pilot program to provide connectivity between the MERA Core and the Dispatch Sites, Fire Stations, and Siren locations as well as for Wi-Fi hotspots.

As this pilot program has been developed, we have received additional information on costs involving both MERA as well as MERA member agencies.

The attached presentation will go through the system and cost centers.

MERA staff is seeking Governing Board direction on the following items:

- 1) End User Equipment Costs, currently planned as an agency cost.
- 2) Making available less expensive Wi-Fi connections.
- 3) Approve MERA funding of Fairfax Police Dispatch Connectivity Equipment. Cost - \$15,000 (Approx)

Attachment:

B-2A) MERA Connectivity Presentation