





## 90+ Miles of New Southfield-to-Lansing Fiber Goes Live

**Southfield, Michigan, July 21, 2025** – A new 90-mile underground fiber route connecting Southfield to Lansing is now complete, delivering enhanced speed, redundancy and improved connectivity across southeast and mid-Michigan. This privately funded, multi-million-dollar project was developed by three Michigan-based telecommunications leaders: 123NET, DayStarr Communications and Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) and was delivered on time and on budget.

The newly activated fiber route strengthens Michigan's telecommunications infrastructure, improving middle-mile capacity and supporting critical network diversity between major population centers. Communities along the route, including Lansing, Okemos, Williamston, Webberville, Fowlerville, Howell, Brighton, Novi and Livonia, stand to benefit from increased reliability and access.

"Fast, reliable internet depends on diverse network paths," said Chuck Irvin, Chief Resource Officer at 123NET. "Together with PFN and DayStarr, we've established a new route anchored in our Southfield data center and extending to Michigan's capital. This collective effort significantly strengthens the state's internet backbone."

The project partners include <u>123NET</u>, Michigan's premier provider of fiber internet, colocation, and voice services; <u>DayStarr Communications</u>, based in Owosso, MI, offering high-speed internet and phone services and <u>Peninsula Fiber Network</u> (PFN), headquartered in Marquette, MI, delivering network, NG911, and core infrastructure services across Michigan and Wisconsin.

"Continued investment in Michigan's telecommunications infrastructure is both prudent and necessary," said Scott Randall, General Manager of PFN. "We're proud to partner with 123NET and DayStarr to improve connectivity and support Michigan's goal of universal broadband access for all residents and businesses."

A core focus of the partnership is to expand high-speed internet access in underserved and unserved areas, fostering digital equity across the region. The new fiber route lays the groundwork for future connectivity projects and public-private collaborations.

Collin Rose, President of DayStarr, added, "We're proud to work alongside two innovative Michigan companies to collectively deliver high-performance internet capacity for both business and residential users. Our mission is to improve lives through better communications and this project demonstrates what's possible when providers unite to make an impact."

Businesses and municipalities along the route are encouraged to contact 123NET, PFN, or DayStarr for service availability on this route. For more information, please visit www.123.net, www.pfnllc.net, and www.daystarr.net.

## ABOUT DAYSTARR COMMUNICATIONS

DayStarr Communications based in Owosso, MI is an all-fiber broadband communications provider serving nearly four thousand subscribers. They're best known in their communities for their "hometown" approach and commitment to local engagement. Their dedication to customer service sets them apart from the competition along with their commitment to using the best technology available.

## ABOUT PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK

Peninsula Fiber Network is a telecommunications carrier that provides telecommunications, transport and broadband services for governments, businesses, and other telecommunication companies. We are also proud to partner with the public safety community to provide Next Generation 911 services (NG911) in Michigan and Wisconsin. Our secure, redundant fiber network extends through Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, into Canada, and in conjunction with our Indatel Network Consortium partners, PFN provides network access points across much of the United States.

## **ABOUT 123NET**

123NET is a Michigan-based Internet Service Provider (ISP) focused on equipping businesses with an industry-leading data center, network and voice services. Over a dozen Fortune 500 companies and thousands of Michigan businesses trust 123NET to provide them with world-class connectivity. Home of the Detroit Internet Exchange (DET-iX), 123NET operates one of the largest carrier-neutral data centers and peers with technology leaders such as Google, AWS, GM and others. BUILDING NETWORK TO MAKE MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES THE BEST CONNECTED ON THE PLANET.