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SWIFT Board Members and CAOs,

Please see the attached monthly project update for June 2021. My apologies for the late release of this, I was out on vacation last week.

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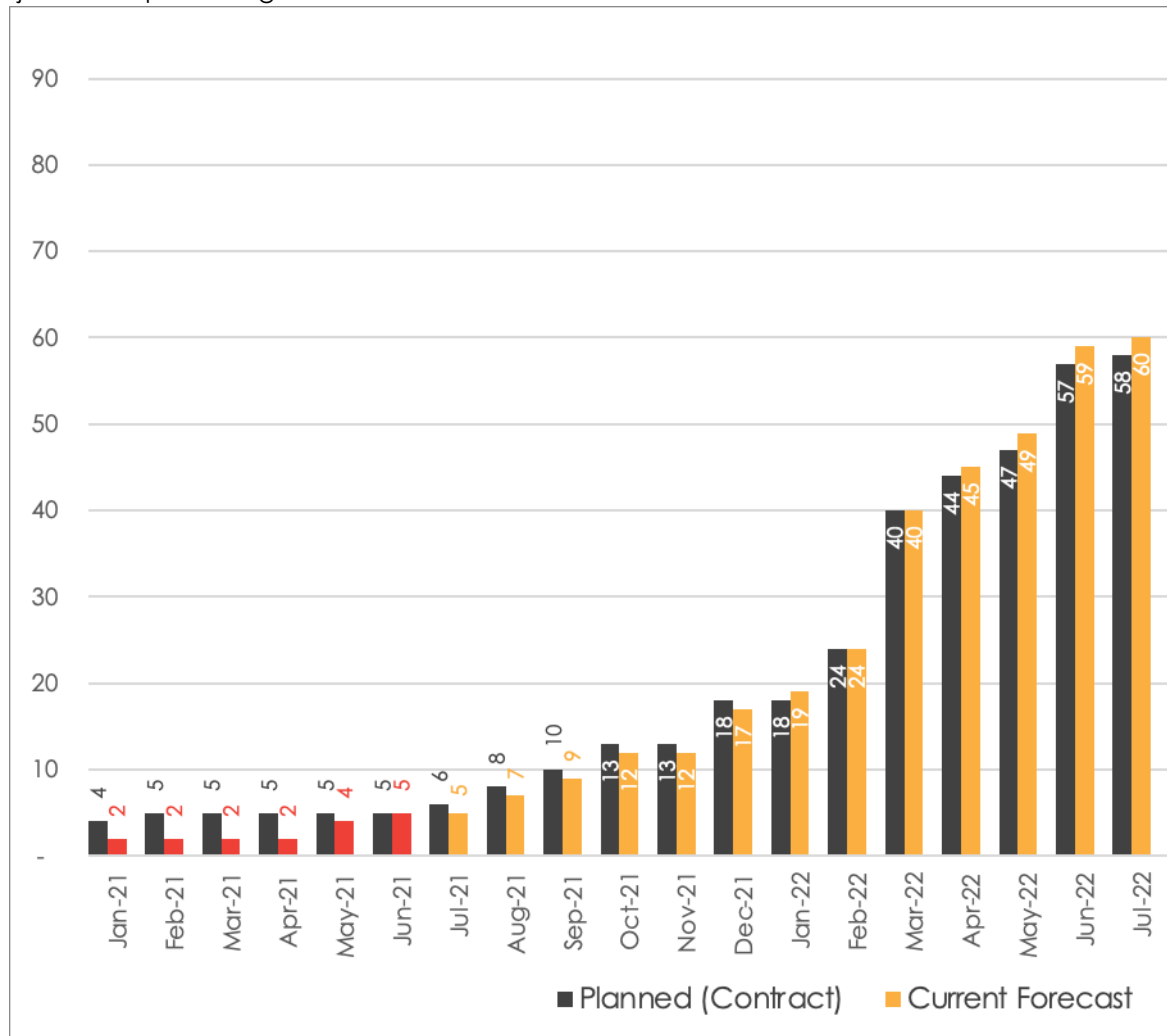
## Monthly Project Update

### June 2021

All report data is as at **June 30, 2021**

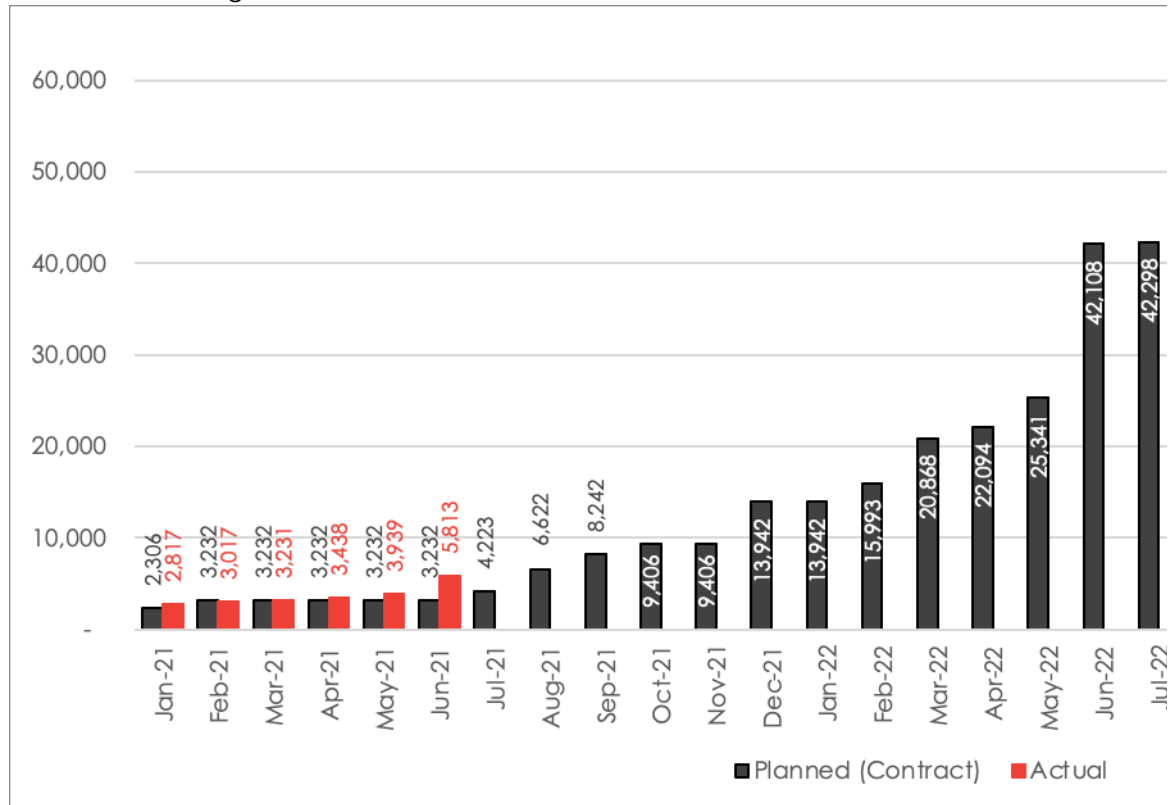
## Status

- Procurement
  - All contracts executed (95), projects announced, and implementation underway.
- Implementation
  - Projects Complete Progress and Plan



- Net 0 projects behind schedule
- Late (1)
  - NOR\_06\_EXEC (Long Point) – Significant delays due to environmental permits / Contingency plan in place to use microwave backhaul but will reduce prems passed
- Early (1)

- WEL\_04\_EHTEL (Ariss) – Project completed ahead of schedule in January 2021
- Premises Passed Progress and Plan

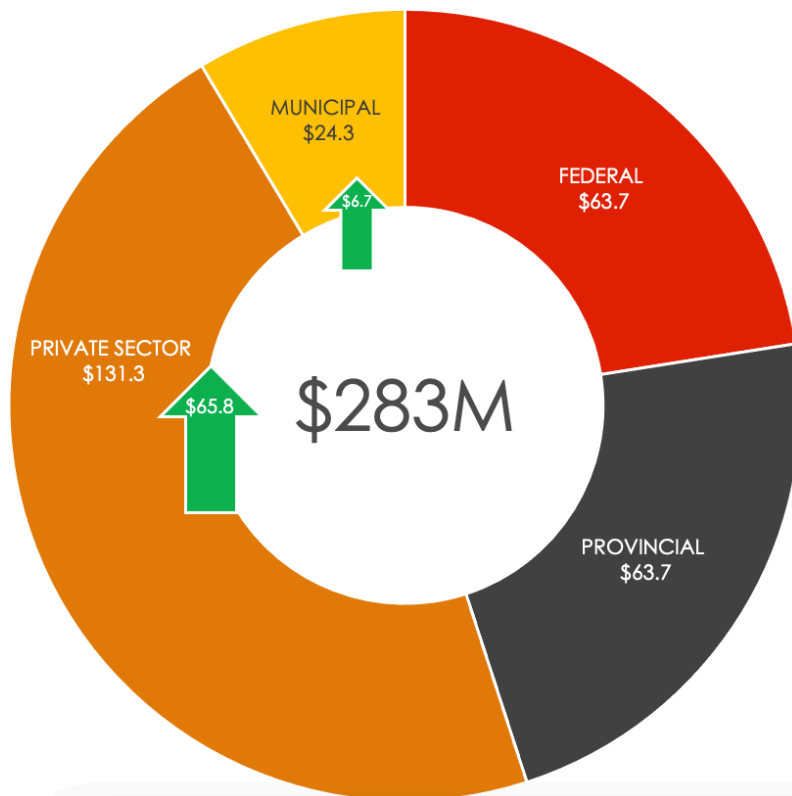


- Net 2,581 premises ahead of schedule
- Significant Construction Completion Delays
  - CHK\_02\_TEKS - Construction delayed due to major material delays and Hydro One aerial pole permits for Wallaceburg, Tupperville, and Dresden. (20% complete)
  - CHK\_03\_TEKS - Construction delayed due to major delays in material delivery and pending Gtel locates. (7% complete)
  - CHK\_04\_TEKS - Construction delayed due to major delays in material delivery and permitting. (5% complete)
  - ESX\_17\_TEKS - Locates deferred until spring to a 103 private premises due to unavailability of owners. Construction complete will be delayed due to city construction on Haven Rd (unknown at this time when this will complete) impacting 22 premises. (50% complete)
  - ESX\_18\_TEKS - Construction start delayed due to Hydro One aerial permits. (18% complete)
  - LAM\_08\_EXEC – Construction delayed due to issue with completing a private road. (90% complete)
  - NOR\_06\_EXEC - Environmental permits hindering progress. (5% complete)
- Implementation Metrics (see attached monthly report for details)

Metric	Complete	Total	% Complete	Change from Last Month
Contracts Executed	95	95	100%	-
Design Complete	55	95	58%	+8
Construction Started	42	95	44%	+6
Construction Complete	5	95	5%	-
In-Service	5	95	5%	+1
Premises Implemented	9,423	63,992	15%	+957
Premises Serviceable	5,813	63,992	9%	+1,874
KMs of Fibre	502	4,206	12%	+112

### Financial/Spending Update

- Private Sector contributions have increased by \$65.8M from budgeted amount.
- SWIFT+ contributions of \$6.7M received (Lambton County, Huron County and Dufferin County) in order to facilitate the award of an additional projects in those counties.
- Total project funding increased from \$210M to \$283M as a result.
- Note: Federal and Provincial contribution are 'up to' amounts and will depend on the results of the Phase 3 procurements.



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## Issues and Risks

- COVID-19
  - COVID-19 remains a risk for the SWIFT project
  - Need to keep an eye on potential supply chain issues.

## Communications Update

- SWIFT has now successfully completed the procurement phase of its program and has delivered outstanding results by surpassing all its targeted goals, highlights include:
- Total Broadband Infrastructure Investment: The program will deliver more than \$268 million in broadband improvements, resulting in an increase of 36%, or \$71 million, in the program's overall total infrastructure investment budget.
- Total Premises Passed: In partnership with local ISPs, SWIFT will bring high-speed internet connectivity to more than 63,992 premises throughout Southwestern Ontario, exceeding the program's target of 50,000 by 27%.
- Total Fibre KMs and Served Roadway: Through the SWIFT program, more than 5,220 kilometres of fibre-optic cabling will be laid to service more than 4,206 kilometres of roadway throughout the region.
- Total Communities Impacted: Collectively the project will bring high-speed internet access to 345 communities, including four First Nations.
- Total Connectivity Rate: In total, the SWIFT program will provide access to high-speed broadband for 30% of the underserved population within its project area, an increase from the target goal of 23%. As a result, 90% of the population in Southwestern Ontario will have access to speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 10 Mbps upload (50/10), the Universal Service Objective set by the CRTC in 2016.
- Recent Announcements:
  - [SWIFT Announces Procurement Results – Regional Project to Expand High-Speed Internet Access to More Than 63,000 Households in Southwestern Ontario](#)

Regards,



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