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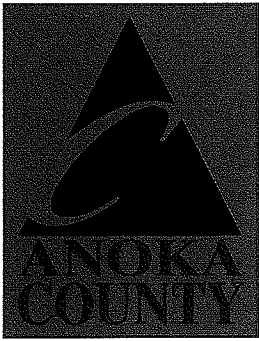
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COUNTY OF ANOKA

OFFICE OF COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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March 23, 2010

DENNIS D. BERG - CHAIR
County Board of Commissioners

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of commitment from Anoka County conveying our support for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting more than 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

The county board has passed a Resolution of Support for the project, committed to make a matching contribution through bonding, and approved an agreement with Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, for the project.

As the county has grown both in size and in scope of services, we have become more reliant on high-speed broadband for doing business among our staff, as well as with state and federal agencies, other counties, and most importantly, our citizens. The project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by governmental and educational institutions in Anoka County. These problems include the inability of the current broadband providers to provide affordable high-speed broadband.

There will be significant benefit from the Connect Anoka County project through a successful Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application with Zayo Bandwidth, LLC. This project will also align with the findings of the Minnesota Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

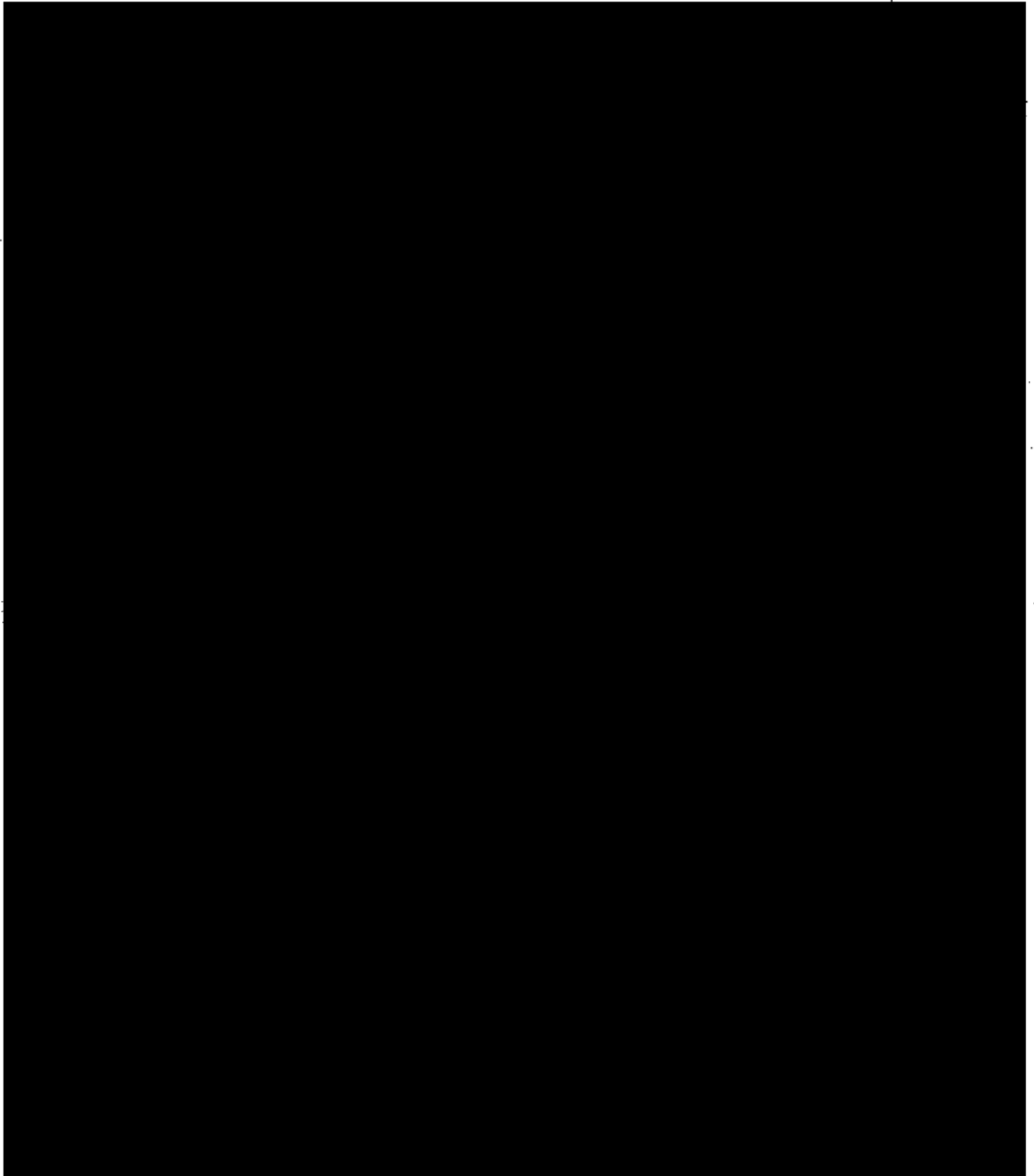
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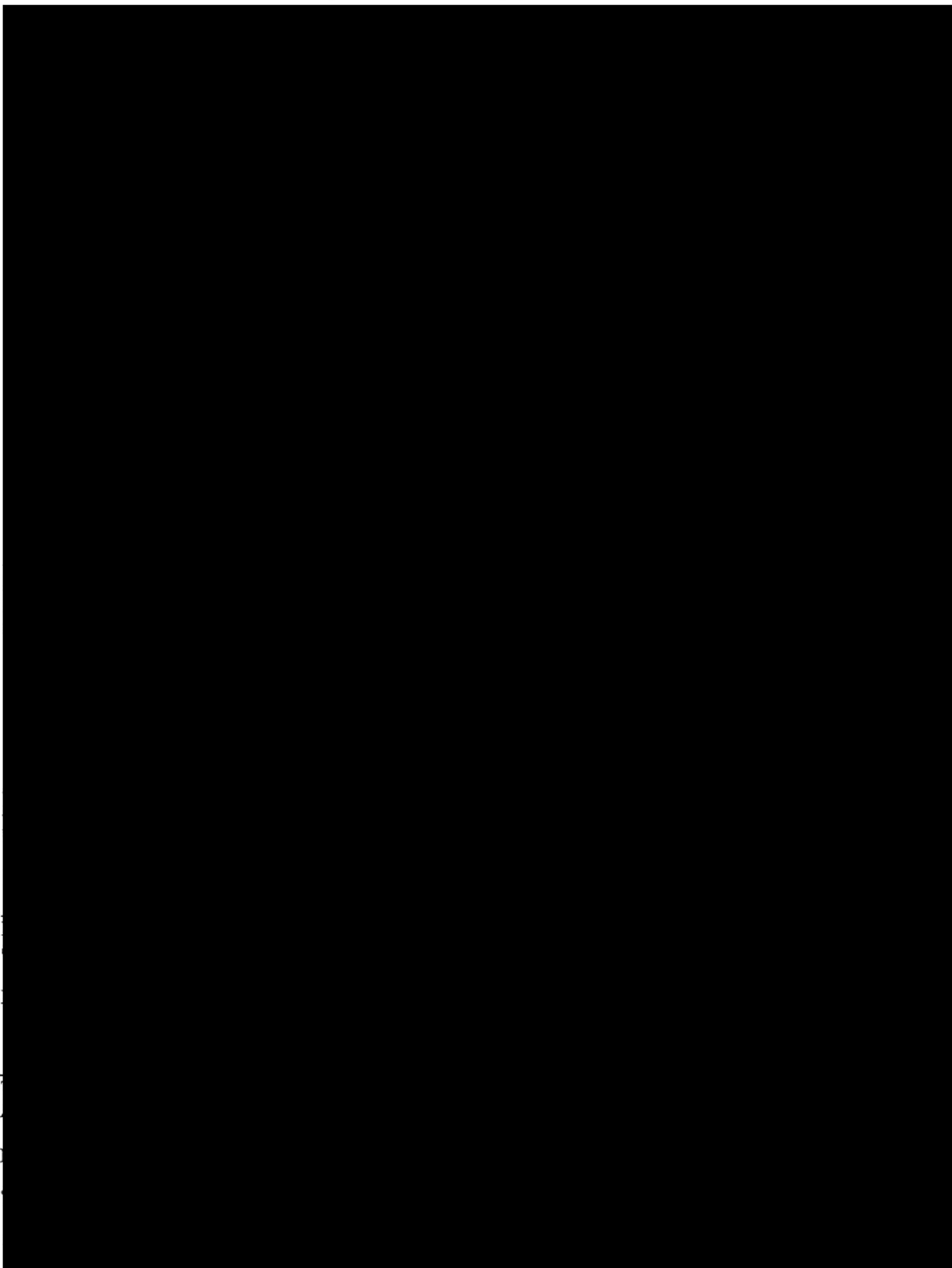
Dennis D. Berg, Chair
Anoka County Board of Commissioners

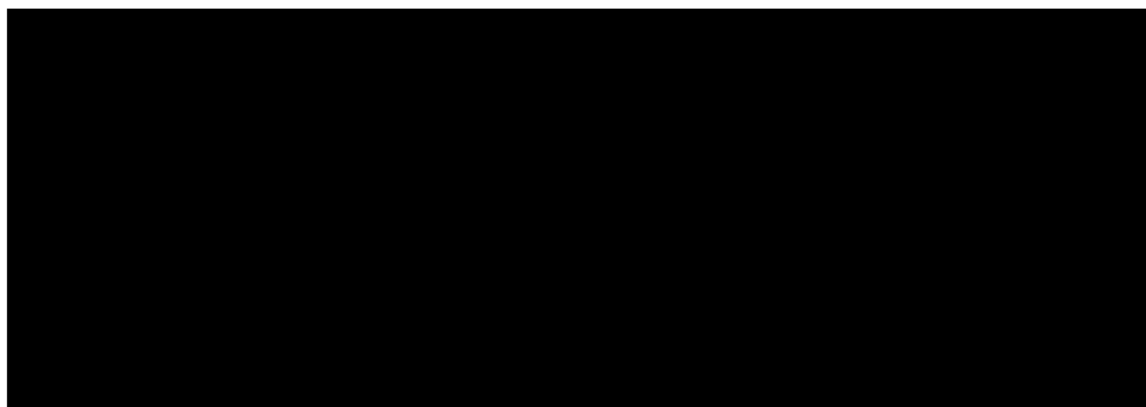
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Anoka Fibers Exhibit A

List of Anoka County Community Anchor Institution sites with Fiber Connectivity

| | Type | Name | Address | City | Owner |
|----|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | PARKS | BANFILL-LOCKE COMMUNITY CENTER | 6666 E RIVER RD | FRIDLEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 2 | COMPOST SITE | ANOKA COUNTY COMPOST SITE | HANSON BLVD | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 3 | CORRECTIONAL FACILITY | ANOKA CO. JUVENILE CENTERS | 7555 4TH AVE | LINO LAKES | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 4 | PARKS | CHOMINIX ACTIVITY CENTER | 646 SANDPIPER DR | CIRCLE PINES | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 5 | GOVERNMENT CENTER / Dispatch Center | ANOKA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER & Dispatch Center | 2100 3RD AVE N | ANOKA | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 6 | HIGHWAY | HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT | 1440 BUNKER LAKE BLVD. | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 7 | HUMAN SERVICES | RUM RIVER HUMAN SERVICE CENTER | 3300 4TH AVE | ANOKA | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 8 | HUMAN SERVICES | BLAINE HUMAN SERVICE CENTER | 1201 89TH AVE | BLAINE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 9 | HUMAN SERVICES | EASTERN HUMAN SERVICE CENTER | 4175 LOVELL RD NE #102 | CIRCLE PINES | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 10 | LIBRARY | ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY - HISTORICAL SOCIETY | 2135 3RD AVE N | ANOKA | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 11 | LIBRARY | RUM RIVER LIBRARY | 4201 6TH AVE N | ANOKA | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 12 | LIBRARY | NORTHTOWN LIBRARY | 711 COUNTY ROAD 10 NE | BLAINE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 13 | LIBRARY | JOHNSVILLE LIBRARY | 12461 OAK PARK BLVD | BLAINE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 14 | LIBRARY | CENTENNIAL LIBRARY | 100 CIVIC HEIGHTS CIR NE | CIRCLE PINES | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 15 | LIBRARY | CROOKED LAKE LIBRARY | 11440 CROOKED LAKE BLVD NW | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 16 | LIBRARY | MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY | 410 MISSISSIPPI ST NE | FRIDLEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 17 | LIBRARY | NORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY | 17565 CENTRAL AVE NE | HAM LAKE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 18 | LIBRARY | ST FRANCIS LIBRARY | 3519 BRIDGE ST NW | SAINT FRANCIS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 19 | LICENSE CENTER | BLAINE LICENSE CENTER | 10995 CLUB WEST PWKY | BLAINE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 20 | LICENSE CENTER | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS LICENSE CENTER | 3982 CENTRAL AVE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 21 | LICENSE CENTER | HAM LAKE LICENSE CENTER | 17565 CENTRAL AVE NE #330 | HAM LAKE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 22 | LICENSE CENTER | COON RAPIDS LICENSE CENTER | 455 99TH AVE NW | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 23 | LICENSE CENTER | ANOKA LICENSE CENTER | 6111 HIGHWAY 10 #500 | RAMSEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 24 | MEDICAL EXAMINER | MIDWEST MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE | 14341 RHINESTONE ST NW | ANOKA | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 25 | | MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT | 1260 BUNKER LAKE BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 26 | PARKS | ANOKA COUNTY PARKS ADMINISTRATION BLDG. | 550 BUNKER LAKE BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 27 | PARKS | ANOKA COUNTY PARKS - LAKE GEORGE MAINTENANCE SHOP | 2740 - 221st AVE NW | CEDAR | ANOKA COUNTY |

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| 28 | PARKS | ANOKA COUNTY PARKS MAINTENANCE SHOP | 12901 FOLEY BLVD | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 29 | PARKS | HEADQUARTERS OF MN PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOC. (ISLANDS OF PEACE) | 200 CHARLES ST NE | FRIDLEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 30 | PARKS | RIEDEL COMMUNITY BUILDING | 5100 EAST RIVER RD | FRIDLEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 31 | PARKS | ANOKA CO. COMMUNITY MEETING FACILITY | AT HANSON/133RD AVE | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 32 | PARKS | ANOKA COUNTY PARKS - COON RAPIDS DAM VISITOR CENTER | 9750 EGRET BLVD | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 33 | PARKS | ANOKA COUNTY PARKS MAINTENANCE SHOP | 1350 BUNKER LAKE BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 34 | PARKS | JOSEPH E. WARGO ACTIVITY CENTER | 7701 MAIN ST | LINO LAKES | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 35 | POLICE | SHERIFF'S PATROL STATION | 1530 BUNKER LAKE BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 36 | POLICE | COLUMBUS POLICE SUBSTATION | 16319 KETTLE RIVER BLVD NW | COLUMBUS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 37 | POLICE | SHERIFF'S GUN RANGE | Hanson Blvd. | COON RAPIDS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 38 | PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS | ANOKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | 13301 HANSON BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 39 | PUBLIC WORKS | ALTERNATE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT | 13595 HANSON BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 40 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 13595 HANSON BLVD | ANDOVER | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 41 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 9145 LINCOLN ST NE | BLAINE | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 42 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 4700 STINSON BLVD NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 43 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 200 237 Av. NW | BETHEL | ANOKA COUNTY/MnDOT |
| 44 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 15624 Central Ave. NE | HAM LAKE | ANOKA COUNTY/MnDOT |
| 45 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 7545 4 Av. | LINO LAKES | ANOKA COUNTY/MnDOT |
| 46 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 18320 ZODIAC ST NE | COLUMBUS | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 47 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 20167 ST. FRANCIS BLVD NW | NOWTHEN | ANOKA COUNTY |
| 48 | RADIO TOWER | 800 MHz RADIO TOWERS | 5636 ALPINE DR NW | RAMSEY | ANOKA COUNTY |
| | Counts - County | 10 GB = 4 , 1 GB = 19, 100 MB = 25 | | | |
| 49 | CITY HALL | ANDOVER CITY HALL | 1685 CROSSTOWN BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 50 | FIRE | ANDOVER FIRE STATION 2 | 16603 VALLEY DR NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 51 | FIRE | ANDOVER FIRE STATION 1 | 13875 CROSSTOWN BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 52 | FIRE | ANDOVER FIRE STATION 3 | 15929 CROSSTOWN BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 53 | COMMUNITY BLDG | SUNSHINE PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING | 1900 CROSSTOWN BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |

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| 54 | COMMUNITY BLDG | ANDOVER STATION NORTH COMMUNITY BUILDING | 1823 139TH LANE NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 55 | WATER TOWER | TOWER #1 | 14055 ROSE ST NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| 56 | WATER TOWER | TOWER #2 | 1717 CROSSTOWN BLVD NW | ANDOVER | ANDOVER |
| | Andover Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 7 | | | |
| 57 | CITY HALL | ANOKA CITY HALL | 2015 1ST AVE N | ANOKA | ANOKA |
| 58 | FIRE | ANOKA FIRE STATION | 2301 3RD AVE | ANOKA | ANOKA |
| 59 | POLICE | ANOKA POLICE | 275 HARRISON ST | ANOKA | ANOKA |
| 60 | PUBLIC SERVICES | ANOKA PUBLIC SERVICES | 501 PIERCE ST | ANOKA | ANOKA |
| | Anoka Counts | 1 GB = 3, 100 MB = 1 | | | |
| 61 | CITY HALL | BETHEL CITY HALL | 165 MAIN ST NW | BETHEL | BETHEL |
| 62 | FIRE | BETHEL FIRE STATION | 139 BROADWAY AVE NW | BETHEL | BETHEL |
| | Bethel Counts | 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 63 | CITY HALL | BLAINE CITY HALL / POLICE | 10801 TOWN SQUARE DR | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 64 | DATA CENTER | BACKUP DATA CENTER | 1200 PAUL PARKWAY | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 65 | PUBLIC WORKS | BLAINE PUBLIC WORKS | 1801 101ST AVE NE | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 66 | TREATMENT PLANT | TREATMENT PLANT #3 | 4629 103RD LANE NE | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 67 | WATER TOWER | AQUATORE PARK WATER TOWER | 9145 LINCOLN ST NE | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 68 | WATER TOWER | PAUL PARKWAY WATER TOWER | 1100 PAUL PARKWAY NE | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 69 | WATER TOWER | HAMLIN AVE WATER TOWER | 9318 HAMLIN AVE N | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| 70 | WATER TOWER | LEXINGTON AVE WATER TOWER | SOUTH OF 125TH AND LEXINGTON | BLAINE | BLAINE |
| | Blaine Counts | 1 GB = 2, 100 MB = 6 | | | |
| 71 | CITY HALL/ FIRE | CENTERVILLE CITY HALL & Centennial Fire Station | 1880 MAIN ST | CENTERVILLE | CENTERVILLE |
| | Centerville Counts | 1 GB = 1 | | | |
| 72 | CITY HALL | CIRCLE PINES CITY HALL | 220 CIVIC HEIGHTS CIR | CIRCLE PINES | CIRCLE PINES |
| 73 | POLICE | CENTENNIAL LAKES POLICE STATION | 54 NORTH RD | CIRCLE PINES | CIRCLE PINES |
| 74 | PUBLIC WORKS | CIRCLE PINES PUBLIC WORKS | 760 CIVIC HEIGHTS DRIVE | CIRCLE PINES | CIRCLE PINES |
| | Circle Pines Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 75 | CITY HALL | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY HALL | 590 40TH AVE NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| 76 | CITY HIGH RISE | CITY HIGH RISE | 965 40TH AVE NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| 77 | LIBRARY | Columbia Heights LIBRARY | 820 40TH AVE NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| 78 | PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPUS | PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER (PSC) | 825 41ST AVE NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |

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| 79 | PUBLIC WORKS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC WORKS | 637 38TH AVE NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| 80 | COMMUNITY BLDG | MURZYN HALL COMMUNITY BLDG (Possible Public Computing Center) | 530 MILL ST NE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| 81 | WATER TOWER | WATER TOWER | 4702 STINSON BLVD | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS |
| | Columbia Heights Counts | 1 GB = 4, 100 MB = 3 | | | |
| 82 | CITY HALL | COLUMBUS CITY HALL | 16319 KETTLE RIVER BLVD NW | COLUMBUS | COLUMBUS |
| 83 | FIRE | COLUMBUS FIRE SUBSTATION | 16339 KETTLE RIVER BLVD NE | COLUMBUS | COLUMBUS |
| 84 | PUBLIC WORKS | COLUMBUS PUBLIC WORKS | 16345 KETTLE RIVER BLVD NE | COLUMBUS | COLUMBUS |
| | Columbus Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 85 | CITY HALL / POLICE/ CIVIC CENTER | COON RAPIDS CITY HALL/ POLICE STATION / CIVIC CENTER | 11155 ROBINSON DR | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 86 | FIRE | COON RAPIDS FIRE STATION 3 | 2831 113TH AVE NW | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 87 | FIRE | COON RAPIDS FIRE STATION 2 | 1199 121ST AVE NW | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 88 | FIRE | COON RAPIDS FIRE STATION 1 | 1460 EGRET BLVD | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 89 | COMMUNITY BLDG | BUNKER HILLS COMMUNITY BLDG | 12800 BUNKER PRAIRIE RD | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 90 | COMMUNITY CENTER | COON RAPIDS COMMUNITY CENTER | 3030 111th AVE | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 91 | PUBLIC WORKS | COON RAPIDS PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. | 1831 111th AVE | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 92 | TREATMENT PLANT | EAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT | 11300 DOGWOOD ST | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| 93 | TREATMENT PLANT | WEST WATER TREATMENT PLANT | 2241 105th AVE | COON RAPIDS | COON RAPIDS |
| | Coon Rapids Counts | 1 GB = 4, 100 MB = 5 | | | |
| 94 | CITY HALL | EAST BETHEL CITY HALL | 2241 221ST AVE NE | EAST BETHEL | EAST BETHEL |
| 95 | FIRE | EAST BETHEL FIRE STATION 1 | 2751 VIKING BLVD NE | EAST BETHEL | EAST BETHEL |
| 96 | FIRE / Public Works | EAST BETHEL FIRE STATION 2 & Public Works | 2375 221ST AVE NE | EAST BETHEL | EAST BETHEL |
| 97 | FIRE | EAST BETHEL FIRE STATION 3 | 342 FOREST RD NE | EAST BETHEL | EAST BETHEL |
| 98 | TREATMENT PLANT | EAST BETHEL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY | 24225 Pierce Path NE | EAST BETHEL | EAST BETHEL |
| | East Bethel Counts | 100 MB = 5 | | | |
| 99 | CITY HALL | FRIDLEY CITY HALL | 6431 UNIVERSITY AVE NE | FRIDLEY | FRIDLEY |
| 100 | FIRE | FRIDLEY FIRE STATION 3 | 110 77TH WAY NE | FRIDLEY | FRIDLEY |
| 101 | FIRE | FRIDLEY FIRE STATION 2 | 6381 CENTRAL AVE NE | FRIDLEY | FRIDLEY |

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| 102 | POLICE / FIRE | FRIDLEY POLICE STATION & Fire Station 1 | 6431 UNIVERSITY AVE NE | FRIDLEY | FRIDLEY |
| | Fridley Counts | 1 GB = 2, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 103 | CITY HALL / FIRE / PUBLIC WORKS | HAM LAKE CITY HALL / Fire Station 1 & Public Works | 15544 CENTRAL AVE NE | HAM LAKE | HAM LAKE |
| 104 | FIRE | HAM LAKE FIRE STATION 2 | 17321 XYLITE ST NE | HAM LAKE | HAM LAKE |
| 105 | FIRE | HAM LAKE FIRE STATION 3 | 4250 149TH AVE NE | HAM LAKE | HAM LAKE |
| | Ham Lake Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 106 | CITY HALL | HILLTOP CITY HALL | 4555 JACKSON ST NE | HILLTOP | HILLTOP |
| | Hilltop Counts | 100 MB = 1 | | | |
| 107 | CITY HALL | LEXINGTON CITY HALL | 9180 LEXINGTON BLVD | LEXINGTON | LEXINGTON |
| 108 | FIRE | LEXINGTON FIRE STATION | 9055 SOUTH SERVICE DR | LEXINGTON | LEXINGTON |
| 109 | PUBLIC WORKS | LEXINGTON PUBLIC WORKS | 9100 Hamline Ave. N. | LEXINGTON | LEXINGTON |
| | Lexington Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 110 | CITY HALL | LINO LAKES CITY HALL | 600 TOWN CENTER PKWY | LINO LAKES | LINO LAKES |
| | Lino Lakes Counts | 1 GB = 1 | | | |
| 111 | FIRE | LINWOOD TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION | 22870 TYPO CREEK DR NE | LINWOOD TOWNSHIP | LINWOOD TOWNSHIP |
| 112 | TOWN HALL | LINWOOD TOWN HALL | 22817 TYPO CREEK DR NE | LINWOOD TOWNSHIP | LINWOOD TOWNSHIP |
| | Linwood Counts | 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 113 | COMMUNITY BLDG | NOWTHEN COMMUNITY BUILDING | 19800 NOWTHEN BLVD NW | NOWTHEN | NOWTHEN |
| 114 | CITY HALL | NOWTHEN CITY HALL | 8188 199TH AVE NW | NOWTHEN | NOWTHEN |
| 115 | FIRE | NOWTHEN FIRE STATION 3 / SHARED WITH CITY OF RAMSEY | 19888 NOWTHEN BLVD NW | NOWTHEN | NOWTHEN / Ramsey |
| | Nowthen Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 116 | CITY HALL | OAK GROVE CITY HALL / FIRE | 19900 NIGHTINGALE ST NW | OAK GROVE | OAK GROVE |
| 117 | FIRE | OAK GROVE FIRE STATION 2 | 19720 KIOWA ST NW | OAK GROVE | OAK GROVE |
| | Oak Grove Counts | 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| 118 | CITY HALL | RAMSEY CITY HALL/POLICE | 7550 SUNWOOD DR NW | RAMSEY | RAMSEY |
| 119 | FIRE | RAMSEY FIRE STATION 2 | 15153 NOWTHEN BLVD NW | RAMSEY | RAMSEY |
| 120 | FIRE | RAMSEY FIRE STATION 1 | 15050 ARMSTRONG BLVD | RAMSEY | RAMSEY |
| 121 | SECURITY | ELMCREST COMMUNITY SECURITY HEADQUARTERS | HWY 47 & 160TH | RAMSEY | RAMSEY |

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| | Ramsey Counts | 1 GB = 4 | | | |
| 122 | CITY HALL | ST FRANCIS CITY HALL | 23340 CREE ST NW | SAINT FRANCIS | SAINT FRANCIS |
| 123 | POLICE/Fire | ST. FRANCIS POLICE / FIRE STATION | 3740 BRIDGE ST NW | SAINT FRANCIS | SAINT FRANCIS |
| | St. Francis Counts | 1 GB = 1, 100 MB = 1 | | | |
| 124 | CITY HALL/Police | SPRING LAKE PARK CITY HALL / POLICE | 1301 81ST AVE NE | SPRING LAKE PARK | SPRING LAKE PARK |
| | Spring Lake Park Counts | 1 GB = 1 | | | |
| 125 | FIRE | SBM FIRESTATION #1 | 1710 COUNTY HWY 10 | SPRING LAKE PARK | SBM Fire Dept. |
| 126 | FIRE | SBM FIRE STATION 4 | 10290 LEVER ST NE | BLAINE | SBM Fire Dept. |
| 127 | FIRE | SBM FIRE STATION 2 | 1191 89TH AVE NE | BLAINE | SBM Fire Dept. |
| 128 | FIRE | SBM FIRE STATION 3 | 11920 ULYSSES ST NE | BLAINE | SBM Fire Dept. |
| | SBM Fire Dept. Counts | 100 MB = 4 | | | |
| Note: The above Fire Stations are co-owned by Blaine and Spring Lake Park. | | | | | |
| 129 | FIRE | CENTENNIAL FIRE STATION 1 | 2 EAST RD | CIRCLE PINES | Centennial Fire Dept. |
| 130 | FIRE | CENTENNIAL FIRE STATION 2 | 7731 LAKE DR | LINO LAKES | Centennial Fire Dept. |
| | Centennial Fire Counts | 100 MB = 2 | | | |
| Note: The above Fire Stations are co-owned by Centerville, Circle Pines and Lino Lakes. | | | | | |
| 131 | SCHOOL | ISD 11 LEARNING CENTER | 2727 N FERRY ST | ANOKA | A-H SD |
| 132 | SCHOOL | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS HS | 1400 49TH AVE | COLUMBIA HEIGHTS | COL. HEIGHTS SD |
| 133 | SCHOOL | FRIDLEY HIGH SCHOOL (FLIP) LEARNING CENTER | 6085 7TH ST NE | FRIDLEY | FRIDLEY SD |
| | School Dist. Counts | 1 GB = 3 | | | |
| 134 | COLLEGE | ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE | 1355 WEST HIGHWAY 10 | ANOKA | Anoka Technical College |
| 135 | COLLEGE | ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | 11200 MISSISSIPPI BLVD. NW | COON RAPIDS | ARCC |
| 136 | COLLEGE | ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS) | 300 SPIRIT RIVER DR. S. | CAMBRIDGE | ARCC |
| 137 | LIBRARY | RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY | 2576 CO. RD. 10 | MOUNDS VIEW | RAMSEY COUNTY |
| | College / Library Counts | 1 GB = 4 | | | |
| 138 | SCHOOL | CROSSROADS SCHOOL AND VOCATIONAL CENTER / CENTRAL SERVICES CENTER | 4111 AMBASSADOR BLVD NW | ST. FRANCIS | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 139 | SCHOOL | ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL | 3325 BRIDGE ST | ST. FRANCIS | ST. FRANCIS SD |

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| 140 | SCHOOL | ST. FRANCIS MIDDLE SCHOOL | 23026 AMBASSADOR BLVD NW | ST. FRANCIS | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 141 | SCHOOL | ST. FRANCIS ELEMENTARY | 22919 ST. FRANCIS BLVD | ST. FRANCIS | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 142 | SCHOOL | LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER | 18900 CEDAR DR | OAK GROVE | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 143 | SCHOOL | SANDHILL CENTER FOR THE ARTS & COMMUNITY EDUCATION (possible Public Computing Center) | 23820 DEWEY ST | BETHEL | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 144 | SCHOOL | EAST BETHEL ELEM | 21210 POLK STREET NE | EAST BETHEL | ST. FRANCIS SD |
| 145 | SCHOOL | CEDAR CREEK ELEM | 21108 POLK STREET NE | EAST BETHEL | ST. FRANCIS SD |

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CITY OF ANDOVER
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RES. NO R107-09

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY.

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and the needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Andover desires broadband connectivity to institutional locations, businesses and to unserved and underserved areas in the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Andover supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Andover supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Andover recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the City of Andover this 15th day of December 2009.

CITY OF ANDOVER


Michael R. Gamache - Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Hartner - Deputy City Clerk



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**CITY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION**

RES-2010-7

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WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and,

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2009 the Anoka County Board passed Resolution 2009-132 in support of a Request for Proposal to attract a private partner, and the submission of a federal grant proposal to secure funding for our High Speed Broadband vision, thereby reducing the cost to our area of improved High Speed Broadband Connectivity; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Anoka supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Anoka supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Anoka recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the Anoka City Council this the 19th day of January 2010.

ATTEST:


Amy T. Oehlers, City Clerk


Phil Rice, Mayor

RESOLUTION # 2009-14

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County, and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel would be interested in this project as a benefit to our residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The City of Bethel, supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Bethel supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bethel recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the Council this 17 day of December, 2009



Mayor- Todd Miller



Attest: City Clerk- Ginger Berg

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA**

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CITY OF CENTERVILLE

Res. #09-043

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity.


NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED by the City Council of Centerville, Minnesota supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Centerville supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Centerville recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the City Council of Centerville on December 29, 2009.


Mary Capra, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Teresa Bender, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 09-21

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF ANOKA
CITY OF CIRCLE PINES**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Circle Pines supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

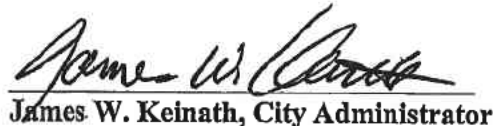
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Circle Pines supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Circle Pines recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the City Council this 22nd day of December 2009.


Dave Bartholomay, Mayor

ATTEST:


James W. Keinath, City Administrator

RESOLUTION 2009-199

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embark on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and,


WHEREAS, the City of Columbia Heights recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Columbia Heights supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

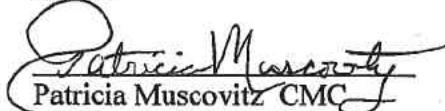
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Columbia Heights supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

Passed this 14th day of December 2009

Offered by: Diehm
Second by: Kelzenberg
Roll call: Ayes: Peterson, Williams, Nawrocki, Diehm, Kelzenberg


Mayor Gary L. Peterson

Attest:


Patricia Muscovitz CMC
City Clerk

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

RESOLUTION 09-17

**CITY OF COLUMBUS
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus City Council members believe that the residents of Columbus would realize many benefits from this project to include but not limited to accessible and enhanced infrastructure serving local residents and businesses along with attracting new businesses to our area with the potential to create new local job opportunities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Columbus supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Columbus supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Columbus recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens vision.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Columbus this 9th day of December, 2009.

By: Mel Mettler
Mel Mettler
Its: Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Mursko
Elizabeth Mursko, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 09-123

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

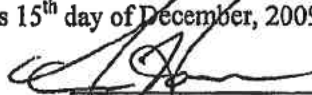
WHEREAS, Coon Rapids' residents and businesses would benefit from this increased high speed connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coon Rapids that it supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Coon Rapids supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Coon Rapids recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the Coon Rapids City Council this 15th day of December, 2009.



Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joan A. Anderson, City Clerk



**CITY OF EAST BETHEL
EAST BETHEL, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 -02

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

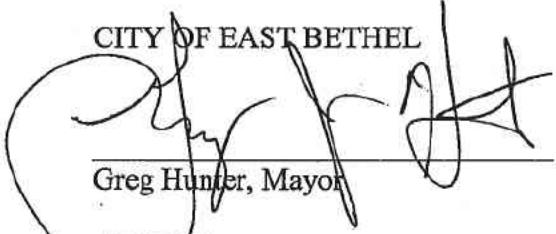
WHEREAS, the City of East Bethel supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Bethel recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST BETHEL, MINNESOTA THAT: City of East Bethel Supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2010 by the City Council of the City of East Bethel.

CITY OF EAST BETHEL



Greg Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Douglas Sell, City Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 69

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, There are increasing educational, economic and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Fridley supports the efforts of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Fridley supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Fridley recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIDLEY THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.



SCOTT J. LUND - MAYOR

ATTEST:



DEBRA A. SGOGEN - CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 09-67

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY
IN ANOKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

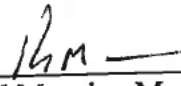
WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Ham Lake supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

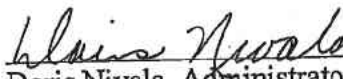
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Ham Lake supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ham Lake recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Ham Lake City Council this 21st day of December, 2009.



Paul Meunier, Mayor



Doris Nivala, Administrator

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-05

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED
BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, the City of Lexington supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

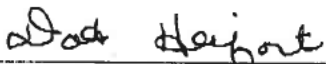
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Lexington supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lexington recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON
THE 7th, DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.**


Vice Mayor

ATTEST:


City Administrator

Council Member O'Donnell introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**CITY OF LINO LAKES
COUNTY OF ANOKA**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-20

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

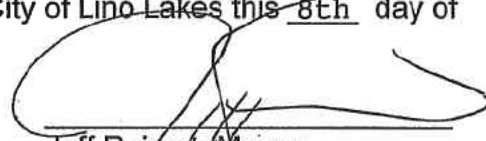
WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Lino Lakes supports the effort of Anoka county to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposals process.

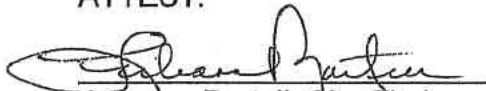
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Lino Lakes supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lino Lakes recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Lino Lakes this 8th day of ~~March~~, 2010


Jeff Reinert, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julianne Bartell, City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member Roeser and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

O'Donnell, Roeser, Rafferty, Gallup, Reinert

The following voted against same:

none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

**CITY OF NOWTHEN
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 2009-29
A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND
CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Nowthen supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of Nowthen supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Nowthen recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Nowthen on December 8, 2009


William R. Schulz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Corrie LaDoucer, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 09 – 220

**SUPPORTING HIGH SPEED
BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

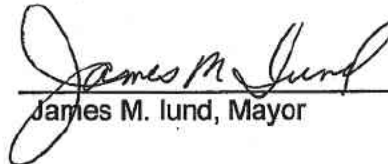
WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Oak Grove, Minnesota supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

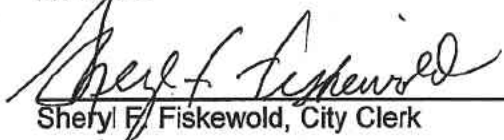
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Oak Grove supports the submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Oak Grove recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

Adopted by the City Council this 11th day of January 2010.


James M. Lund, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheryl F. Fiskewold, City Clerk

(Seal)

Councilmember Elvig introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #10-01-004

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high-speed connectivity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

- 1) That the City of Ramsey supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.
- 2) That the City of Ramsey supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.
- 3) That the City of Ramsey recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Look, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Mayor Ramsey
Councilmember Elvig
Councilmember Look
Councilmember Dehen
Councilmember McGlone
Councilmember Wise

and the following voted against the same:

None

and the following abstained:

None

and the following were absent:

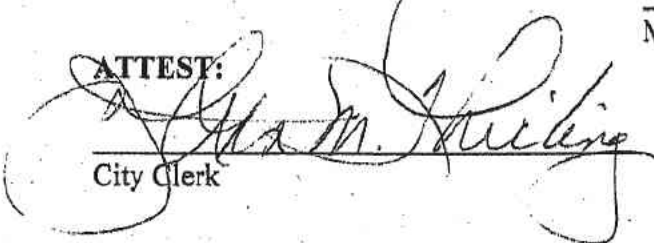
Councilmember Jeffrey

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council
this the 12th day of January, 2010.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS MN
ANOKA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION 2009-35

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED
BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educations, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of St. Francis supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City of St. Francis supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

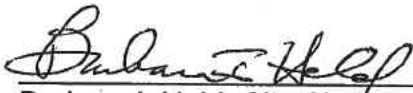
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Francis recognizes through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.

APPROVED:


Jerry Tveit, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara I. Held, City Clerk



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ANOKA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO. 10-01

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY
IN ANOKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Anoka County recently embarked on a project to determine the interest in High Speed Broadband Connectivity in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Lake Park knows of the growing need for greater speed, greater access and continued competition for Broadband connectivity, and the City recognizes the growing need and benefit of high speed connectivity for governmental entities, businesses and residents throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, the City understands the benefits of enhanced competition, cost savings and reasonable pricing; and,

WHEREAS, the City understands the economic and social benefits for governmental entities, businesses and residents to compete in a global society; and,

WHEREAS, the City sees the benefits to citizens for health care enhancements, educational pursuits, home-based commuting and growing desire for information; and,


WHEREAS, the City understands the benefits of collaboration between government, education and private stakeholder partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park supports the issuance of a Request for Proposals to attract a private partner and the submission of a federal grant proposal to secure funding for the County's High Speed Broadband vision, thereby reducing the cost to our community of improved High Speed Broadband Connectivity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City supports further collaboration between local government, education and private partners to further a high speed broadband vision and strategy for our community.


Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Barbara L. Nelson, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer



LINWOOD TOWNSHIP

ANOKA COUNTY

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Stacy, Minnesota 55079

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E-Mail: linwoodtownship@citlink.net

Website: <http://linwoodtownship.org>

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-02

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Township of Linwood supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Township of Linwood supports submission of a federal grant application to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Township of Linwood recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Township of Linwood recognizes the need to take action to further high speed broadband connectivity throughout Anoka County to ensure a long-term benefit to all citizens.

ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Linwood this 26th day of January 2010.


Michael Parker, Town Board Chair

ATTEST:


Judith K. Hanna, Clerk

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstentions 0

Absent 0

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: November 24, 2009

RESOLUTION #2009-132

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONERS: Kordiak, West, Lang, Berg,
LeDoux, and Erhart

HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN ANOKA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County recently embarked on a project to determine the interest in High Speed Broadband Connectivity in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the County knows of the growing need for greater speed, greater access, and continued competition for Broadband connectivity, and the County recognizes the growing need and benefit of high-speed connectivity for our governmental entities, businesses and residents; and,

WHEREAS, the County understands the benefits of enhanced competition, cost savings, and reasonable pricing; and,

WHEREAS, the County understands the economic and social benefits for governmental entities, businesses, and residents to compete in a global society; and,

WHEREAS, the County sees the benefits to citizens for health care enhancements, educational pursuits, home based commuting, and growing desire for information; and,

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the absence of effective connectivity to many governmental entities, businesses and residents in the County; and,

WHEREAS, the County understands the benefits of collaboration with local government, education, and private stakeholder partners:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County supports the issuance of a Request for Proposals to attract a private partner, and the submission of a federal grant proposal to secure funding for our High Speed Broadband vision, thereby reducing the cost to our community of improved High Speed Broadband Connectivity.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County supports further collaboration with local government, education and private partners to further a high speed broadband vision and strategy for our community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the County recognizes the need to take action to further High Speed Broadband Connectivity throughout the County to ensure a long term benefit to all citizens.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA) ss

I, Terry L. Johnson, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on November 24, 2009, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of November 2009.


TERRY L. JOHNSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

| | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| DISTRICT #1 – BERG | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #2 – LANG | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #3 – WEST | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #4 – KORDIAK | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #5 – LEDOUX | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #6 – SIVARAJAH | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |
| DISTRICT #7 – ERHART | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> |

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: March 11, 2010

RESOLUTION #2010-30

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Erhart

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF
THE COUNTY OF ANOKA, MINNESOTA,
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES FOR
CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT
BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COUNTY AFTER THE PAYMENT OF
SUCH ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued Treasury Regulations, Section 1.150-2 (the "Reimbursement Regulations") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), providing that proceeds of tax-exempt bonds (as defined in Section 150(a)(6) of the Code) used to reimburse prior expenditures will not be deemed spent unless certain requirements are met; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County, a county and political subdivision of the State of Minnesota (the "County"), expects to incur certain expenditures that may be financed temporarily from sources other than tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds (as defined in Section 54AA of the Code), recovery zone economic development bonds (as defined in Section 1400U-2 of the Code), and other obligations, and reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, recovery zone economic development bonds, or other obligations; and,

WHEREAS, the County has determined to make this declaration of official intent ("Declaration") to reimburse certain costs from the proceeds derived from the sale by the County of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, recovery zone economic development bonds, or other obligations in accordance with the Reimbursement Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the board of commissioners of Anoka County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The County is proposing to undertake a capital project designated as the "Connect Anoka County Project" pursuant to which the County will acquire the indefeasible right to use a portion of the dark fiber strands of a broadband fiber optic system to be constructed by Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, in the County to be connected to buildings owned or used by governmental entities in the County (the "Capital Project"). The County, in partnership with Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, intends to submit a grant request for Federal Stimulus funds, for the construction of broadband infrastructure throughout the County, with a 20 percent cash match from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and a 10 percent cash match from the County. The County intends to finance its portion of the Capital Project with the proceeds derived from the sale of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds to be issued in calendar year 2010.
2. The County reasonably expects to reimburse the expenditures made for certain costs of the Capital Project from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, and/or recovery zone economic development bonds, in a principal amount currently estimated not to exceed \$3,500,000. All reimbursed expenditures related to the Capital Project will be capital expenditures, costs of issuance of the tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds, or other expenditures eligible for reimbursement under Section 1.150-2(d)(3) of the Reimbursement Regulations.
3. This Declaration has been made not later than sixty (60) days after payment of any original expenditure to be subject to a reimbursement allocation with respect to the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds, except for the following expenditures: (a) costs of issuance of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds; (b) costs in an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or five percent (5%) of the proceeds of the tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds; or (c) "preliminary expenditures" up to an amount not in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate issue price of the issue or issues that finance or are reasonably expected by the County to finance the Capital Project. The term "preliminary expenditures" includes architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing, reimbursement bond issuance, and similar costs that are incurred prior to commencement of acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of a project, other than land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction.

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4. This Declaration also provides that all reimbursement allocations with respect to tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds will be made not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of: (i) the date the original expenditure is paid; or (ii) the date the Capital Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure.

5. This Declaration is an expression of the reasonable expectations of the County based on the facts and circumstances known to the County as of the date hereof. The anticipated original expenditures for the Capital Project and the principal amount of the tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds described in paragraph 2 are consistent with the County's budgetary and financial circumstances. No sources other than proceeds of tax-exempt bonds, build America bonds, or recovery zone economic development bonds to be issued by the County are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside pursuant to the County's budget or financial policies to pay such expenditures.

6. This Declaration is intended to constitute a declaration of official intent for purposes of the Reimbursement Regulations.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ANOKA) SS

I, Terry L. Johnson, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on March 11, 2010, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of March 2010.


TERRY L. JOHNSON
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

| | YES | NO |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| DISTRICT #1 - BERG | X | |
| DISTRICT #2 - LANG | X | |
| DISTRICT #3 - WEST | X | |
| DISTRICT #4 - KORDIAK | X | |
| DISTRICT #5 - LEDOUX | X | |
| DISTRICT #6 - SIVARAJAH | | X |
| DISTRICT #7 - ERHART | X | |

RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

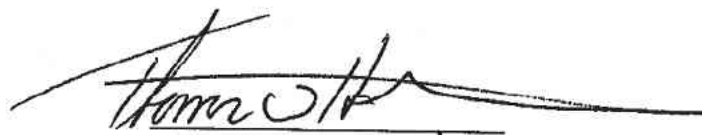
WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka-Hennepin School District supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anoka-Hennepin School District supports submission by Anoka County of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Anoka-Hennepin School District recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

2/22/10
Date


Board Chair

2/22/10
Date


Board Clerk

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Independent School District 13
Columbia Heights, Minnesota

Member Roberts introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HIGH SPEED BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

WHEREAS, Anoka County has embarked on a project to determine the interest in and needs for high speed broadband connectivity in Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, there are increasing educational, economic, and community benefits to increased high speed connectivity; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbia Heights Public Schools supports the effort of Anoka County to develop a broadband vision and solicit public/private partnerships through a Request for Proposal process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Columbia Heights Public Schools supports submission of a federal grant to secure funding to implement the broadband vision.

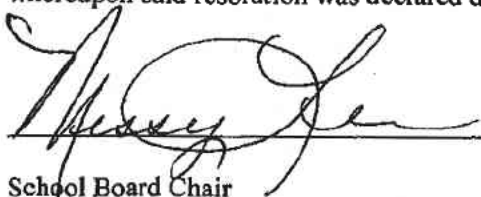
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Columbia Heights Public Schools recognizes that broadband through optical fiber will be a long-term benefit to all citizens.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Olson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following

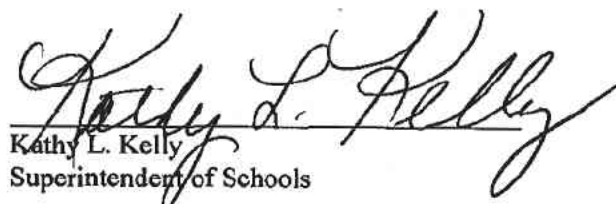
voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



School Board Chair



Kathy L. Kelly
Superintendent of Schools

Date: January 12, 2010

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March 5, 2010

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Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from the City of Anoka conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota.

For the City of Anoka, the proposed project could greatly benefit connectivity and broadband usage throughout the City.

1. Currently, City operations are located at three different facilities throughout the City. The City would find it beneficial to be able to link these sites via fiber to have the capability to share necessary information through an information network, reduce equipment redundancy, and in turn save money for the City.
2. Several City Departments could find a fiber connection to the Anoka County Government Center as convenient alternative to obtain necessary information. Such departments include Assessing, Planning and Zoning, and Administration.
3. The introduction to fiber in Anoka County will greatly increase the capability to expand the system further to enhance economic development in the City of Anoka by providing new and existing businesses a high speed and reliable connection.
4. Fiber network connection should reduce internet costs to the city and provide much better speed and reliability.

As noted above, the City of Anoka will gain benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Tim Cruikshank
City Manager





PHILIP S. JOHANSON
Chief of Police

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Date: March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the Anoka Police Department, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

1. In order to maximize our presence in all corners of our community, our patrol units must be able to complete office tasks such as filing accident reports while in the field. Many of these tasks require internet connectivity – a necessity lacking in certain "dead" areas where broadband access is limited and wireless internet connectivity is lacking. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity of our officers in the field and, as a result, allow our patrol units to maintain increased presence in our communities.
2. Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; our police department is no exception. To patrol our community and respond to emergencies as they arise, we must maintain adequate radio communications. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which is achieved through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to "rain fade" in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to public safety communications. Our need for data speeds in patrol cars is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.



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4. In addition, institutional fiber connectivity among public safety jurisdictions would allow for implementation of countywide electronic police records management. This capacity would allow public safety to communicate in ways it currently cannot.

Specifically, we could access criminal records and prior convictions more quickly and efficiently, enjoy generally streamlined processes, and benefit from savings in cost and time.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project promises to address a number of concerns of and provide many benefits to the Anoka Police Department as noted above.

Clearly, law enforcement stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Philip Johanson'.

Philip Johanson, Police Chief
Anoka Police Department
275 Harrison St.
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763-576-2800



Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Bethel conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Bethel, the proposed project would produce the following benefits: Bethel is a small community. We are interested in affordable and reliable high-speed internet service. Our community is pleased that Anoka County has undergone this project and we look forward to all the benefits associated with institutional fiber network with direct connection to the following locations:

- Bethel City Hall
- Bethel Fire Station

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Bethel will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

Ginger Berg
Clerk/Treasurer
City of Bethel

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March 1, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Centerville conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Centerville, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits::

- *Centerville City Hall / Centennial Fire Station 3*
Better connectivity between locations with higher speeds. More reliable network than is currently deployed;
- *Public Works Maintenance-Cedar Street Facility*
Better connectivity between locations with higher speeds. More reliable network than is currently deployed. This would offer the possibility of using fiber to connect the water and sewer pumping and lift-stations to the SCADA system.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Centerville will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

Dallas Larson, City Administrator



City of

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March 5, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Circle Pines conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Circle Pines, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits:

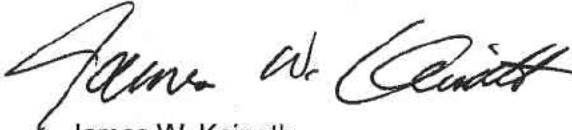
1. Currently, City employees at the City Hall, Public Works, Department, use a Comcast cable connection to access internet. T1 lines are used to provide phone service. Our separate Police and Fire department agencies utilize independent T1 lines and cable connections to provide phone service, data connection to the State of Minnesota Criminal Justice network, as well as remote access for Police and Fire. At this time, the City cannot interconnect to these Police and Fire locations. Fiber level access is not even available to the police department site.
2. Fast and reliable fiber connections at these locations will improve public services and increase productivity of the City employees, including mobile users. They will also increase reliability and resilience of the City computer system by enabling data replication between the locations. In the future, fiber connections can be used for lateral expansions to the business and residential areas. This is a key economic tool for the development of small business in our area as well as home-based businesses.
3. The City multiple sewer lift stations and a water and data transmission between these points is critical. Fiber connection to these points can serve as a backbone for wireless network that will cover a significant part of the City and provide connections for Police, Fire, and Public Works vehicles.
4. Total annual Internet connection costs for the City are significant. Fiber network connection will reduce these costs and provide much better speed and reliability.

For the past several months, the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota.

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As noted above, City of Circle Pines will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Keinath". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James W. Keinath
City Administrator

JWK/tp

March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the Centennial Lakes Police Department, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

1. In order to maximize our presence in all corners of our community, our patrol units must be able to complete office tasks such as filing accident reports while in the field. Many of these tasks require internet connectivity – a necessity lacking in certain "dead" areas where broadband access is limited and wireless internet connectivity is lacking. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity of our officers in the field and, as a result, allow our patrol units to maintain increased presence in our communities.
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4. In addition, institutional fiber connectivity among public safety jurisdictions would allow for implementation of countywide electronic police records management. This capacity would allow public safety to communicate in ways it currently cannot.

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For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project promises to address a number of concerns of and provide many benefits to the Centennial Lakes Police Department as noted above.

Clearly, law enforcement stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Nelson", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ron Nelson
Captain
Centennial Lakes Police Department

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March 3rd, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Columbia Heights conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Columbia Heights, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits.

1. Currently, more than 120 City employees at the City Hall, Public Works, Library, Recreation Department, and Public Safety Center share single Comcast cable connection to access Internet. In addition, several T1 lines are used to provide phone service, data connection to the State of Minnesota Criminal Justice network, as well as remote access for Police, Fire, Public Works and Building Inspections staff. The same lines are used for public access to about 1 million pages of the City documents.

Fast and reliable fiber connections at these locations will improve public services, increase productivity of the City employees, including mobile users. They will also increase reliability and resilience of the City computer system by enabling data replication between the locations and better remote access for employees during emergencies. In the future fiber connections can be used for lateral expansions to the business and residential areas.

2. Internet connection from the Public Safety Center is also used for card access and video security system at multiple City locations, including City-owned High Rise building for subsidized housing. Reliable fiber connection at the Public Safety Center will improve security of these City facilities.
3. The City Library uses cable connection to serve patrons. When the cable connection goes down, even momentarily, the staff can no longer use the computer system to check books in and out, and have to use manual procedures, which places excessive load on the already overextended Library staff. Fiber connection at the Library will significantly improve reliability of Library services and provide better Internet access to Library patrons.

4. The City has very uneven elevations, with Water Tower at the highest point in the City. Fiber connection to the Water Tower can serve as a backbone for wireless network that will cover significant part of the City and provide connections for Police, Fire, and Public Works vehicles.
5. Total annual Internet connection costs for the City are \$17,000. Fiber network connection will reduce these costs and provide much better speed and reliability.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Columbia Heights will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Walt Fehst
City Manager
City of Columbia Heights



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March 22, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. For the Columbia Heights Fire Department / Emergency Management, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

Throughout Anoka County, emergency calls are directed to a single County 911 communications center that in turn dispatches fire calls to local fire stations such as those in the community we serve. While an initial fire call is communicated from the 911 communications center to individual stations instantaneously, an automated system also sends a more detailed incident dispatch to station printers. Known as "rip and run," this approach gives our crews important information as they depart on a call. However, for many stations, these printouts are communicated via slow and unreliable dial-up internet service due to the lack of high-speed broadband connectivity. Often times, our engines have left the station by the time these printouts are available – a problem the Zayo Bandwidth – Anoka County proposal remedies by providing fiber connectivity to all fire stations in our community. Moreover, fiber connectivity would allow for a more robust and cost efficient automated "rip and run" approach that offers additional information and features to our crews as they depart on fire calls.

Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; our fire department is no exception. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication between our station and crew in the field. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which is achieved through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to "rain fade" in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to all public safety communications. Our need for data speeds among our engines in the field is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.

As if slow and unreliable Internet access at our stations was not bad enough, once our engines leave the station they lose access to the Internet entirely. Given the Internet's increasing role as a mode of communication and tool for fire crews both in the station and in the field, this reality severely limits our potential for improved innovation, productivity, and effectiveness. Although such connectivity is available elsewhere via wireless Internet access, the lack of a robust broadband infrastructure in our community limits wireless connectivity and thus Internet access for our engines in the field. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity and effectiveness of our fire crews in the field.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project promises to address a number of concerns of and provide many benefits to the Columbia Heights Fire Department / Emergency Management as noted above.

Clearly, law enforcement stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Gary Gorman, Fire Chief
Columbia Heights Fire Department / Emergency Management

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**Forest Lake Fire Department
220 North Lake Street
Forest Lake, Minnesota 55025**

February 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Forest Lake Fire Department serving the City of Columbus conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 200 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by all the departments of City of Columbus.

Our Fire Department is actively seeking ready access to high speed connectivity in order to receive reliable service with improved performance to remain informed with the latest fire fighting practices, availability for efficient internet training opportunities along with better modes of communications with other agencies. The emergency management community understands the benefits of this project as the need for redundancy and wireless capacity is essential to efficiently and adequately address a variety of emergency situations that arise on an ongoing basis.

The Forest Lake Fire Department along with the City of Columbus will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Gary Sigfrinius
Chief, Forest Lake Fire Department.

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March 3, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Coon Rapids conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the City of Coon Rapids, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits: Vital Coon Rapids locations such as the Fire stations and water treatment plants currently communicate to city hall via commercially available lines (cable tv, phone lines, DSL, etc). This is problematic in two ways. First is cost. The city must maintain and pay for separate phone systems and network connections in each of these facilities. High speed broadband connections would allow the city to consolidate phone systems, data access, and security systems at a central location, thus saving money. Secondly, quality of service. High speed connections in remote locations would allow for better access to centralized databases. This includes city financial data, electronic records management systems, maintenance records and mandated reporting data in the fire and utilities departments. We are unable to run some computer applications where the database is at city hall because communication is too slow for the data transfer. Critical information about an emergency event arrives at the fire station by phone line AFTER the firefighters have already left the station. Quicker access to data and information means better service to residents.

The entire city water system – treatment plants, wells, and water towers - is managed through software running on a system located at our public works facility. The public works facility does not have redundant network connections. This fiber project would allow us to create a backup network path.

The City of Coon Rapids houses the law enforcement records system for the entire county. All county agencies communicate from squad cars and offices to the software and database at Coon Rapids. The squad cars currently use commercially available wireless and wired networks to communicate to the records system. The wired portion of this network costs the county nearly \$800 per month. With a high speed backbone throughout the county, we could potentially install our own wireless network which would be less costly and more secure. The collaboration between the county agencies has been in effect for many years, the records system sharing since 1999. This sharing of data is extremely important to law enforcement efforts in Anoka County. High speed network connections would allow for a faster, more cost effective connection to the needed software and data.

The City of Coon Rapids is aging and is moving into a redevelopment phase. City planners are working on projects to revitalize the city, and two projects are in the works to achieve that. First, the City is preparing for phase one of an extensive community center project. The community center location is along a major transportation corridor in the community which is in severe economic decline. The community center, which will likely be a partnership that will include the Anoka Hennepin School District, Anoka County, and the Anoka Ramsey Community College, is intended to be an economic anchor to the surrounding redevelopment properties. It is clearly expected that the facility will stimulate business redevelopment along nearby Coon Rapids Boulevard. This building will be used by the public for many different activities and may include a county library, community room space, a community welcome center for its increasingly diverse population, and hopefully a community computer center to serve the underserved and workforce needs of the region. High speed network connections here will be vital to its success.

The City is also renovating another community facility at its Bunker Hills Golf Course location. Included among proposed upgrades to this city-owned facility are new banquet facilities, meeting rooms, a restaurant and grill room, as well as the headquarters for the Minnesota section of the Professional Golfers Association of America. The clubhouse will also have an area which will accommodate state of the art golf simulator machines which would allow golfers to play against people remotely over the internet. This will be an important revenue stream for the City in the winter months. This facility is a central part of the City's overall economic development strategy which is vital in terms of addressing the community's economic pressures. A high speed internet connection of reasonable cost is important to all of this building's features.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Coon Rapids will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Matt Fulton
City Manager
City of Coon Rapids



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March 3, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications & Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Fridley conveying our support for the proposed public-private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the City of Fridley, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits. The largest problem addressed would be the lack of, or limited communications, between city hall and remote sites such as fire stations 2 and 3. Fridley's current communications infrastructure is both slow and costly. All but the City's two largest sites are either connected to city hall by expensive and slow leased lines, or not connected at all. Currently available solutions to the City's bandwidth problems are cost prohibitive.

This lack of capacity prevents the City from providing the level of service the community deserves. One area impacted is the City's disaster preparedness. The addition of high-speed communications between sites would allow the City to create and support redundant sites that could be utilized in the event of a disaster. This not only affects Fridley and Anoka County but, because Fridley is adjacent to Minneapolis, it may one day be called upon to support disaster recovery efforts in that city.

The increased bandwidth and lower cost would also allow the City to create educational opportunities related to the City's Springbrook Nature Center in cooperation with the Fridley School District, and other nearby school districts.

Finally, because the envisioned project is county-wide, it presents several opportunities for increased inter-governmental cooperation, including better communication between the Fridley Fire Department and the Spring Lake Park/Moundsview/Blaine Fire Department, as well as the ability for Fridley's Springbrook Nature Center to share educational programs and resources with other nature centers in the county.

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As noted above, the City of Fridley will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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William W. Burns
City Manager

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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the Fridley Fire Department, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

1. Throughout Anoka County, emergency calls are directed to a single County 911 communications center that in turn dispatches fire calls to local fire stations such as those in the community we serve. While an initial fire call is communicated from the 911 communications center to individual stations instantaneously, an automated system also sends a more detailed incident dispatch to station printers. Known as "rip and run," this approach gives our crews important information as they depart on a call. However, for many stations, these printouts are communicated via slow and unreliable dial-up internet service due to the lack of high-speed broadband connectivity. Often times, our engines have left the station by the time these printouts are available – a problem the Zayo Bandwidth – Anoka County proposal remedies by providing fiber connectivity to all fire stations in our community. Moreover, fiber connectivity would allow for a more robust and cost efficient automated "rip and run" approach that offers additional information and features to our crews as they depart on fire calls.
2. Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; our fire department is no exception. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication between our station and crew in the field. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which is achieved through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to "rain fade" in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to all public safety communications. Our

need for data speeds among our engines in the field is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.

3. As if slow and unreliable Internet access at our stations was not bad enough, once our engines leave the station they lose access to the Internet entirely. Given the Internet's increasing role as a mode of communication and tool for fire crews both in the station and in the field, this reality severely limits our potential for improved innovation, productivity, and effectiveness. Although such connectivity is available elsewhere via wireless Internet access, the lack of a robust broadband infrastructure in our community limits wireless connectivity and thus Internet access for our engines in the field. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity and effectiveness of our fire crews in the field.

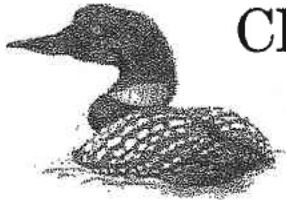
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Clearly, the fire service stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



John Berg, Fire Chief
City of Fridley



CITY OF HAM LAKE

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March 1, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter conveying support from the City of Ham Lake for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental institutions.

For the City of Ham Lake, the proposed project would provide a direct connection to the Ham Lake City Hall which includes a Substation for the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, Ham Lake Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3 (in the future), and the Public Works building. Construction of this fiber-optic network will greatly improve the reliability, performance and costs associated with providing public safety and other services to the residents and businesses in the community.

For the past several months, the connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to form a comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

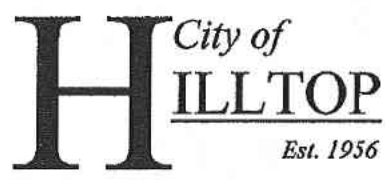
The City of Ham Lake will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

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Doris A. Nivala
Administrator

Mayor Jerry Murphy
City Council Members:
Linda Johnson
Sharon Johnson
Leonard Kozicki
James E. Shear



"Little city with a big heart."

Clerk-Administrator: Ruth J. Nelsen

March 25, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Hilltop conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

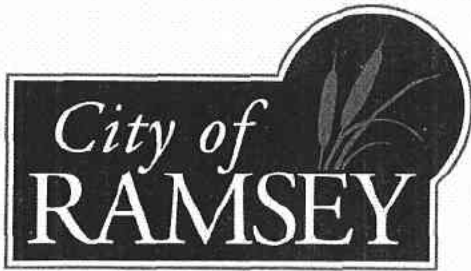
For City of Hilltop, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce significant benefit. Specifically, the project will provide our city hall with direct fiber connectivity for faster, more reliable and more cost effective service. Such improved service will allow us to better communicate with our residents and, as a result, better serve their needs. In addition, the potential for future lateral investment to the premise and for wireless capacity will be of particular benefit to our community and, in particular, select neighborhoods within our community where affordable and reliable Internet service is currently lacking.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Hilltop will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

Ruth J. Nelsen
City Clerk-Administrator
City of Hilltop, Minnesota



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March 15, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter from the City of Ramsey conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Ramsey, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits:

1. The City of Ramsey currently has approximately 80 employees at our Municipal Center location. All users are sharing one T1 connection to the State of Minnesota for Internet, Email, and Criminal Justice Data Network (CJDN) traffic. We also utilize LOGIS (Local Government Information Systems) which houses many of our applications off-site such as Financial, Permits and Inspections Systems, GIS and Special Assessments. The users accessing these database driven systems are also utilizing that same T1 connection. A fiber connection to the State of Minnesota would greatly increase efficiency and reduce cost for the entire city. It would also increase reliability by enabling redundant data connections.
2. The City of Ramsey is part of a countywide consortium for police and fire data services. All agencies are connected via a WAN with connections to central locations that house all of our data. From time to time, we may have load issues on our T1 line that can severely affect our connection speeds and literally slow things down to a crawl on our public safety side. As we become more dependent on technology in the public safety area, the need for high-speed connectivity is critical.

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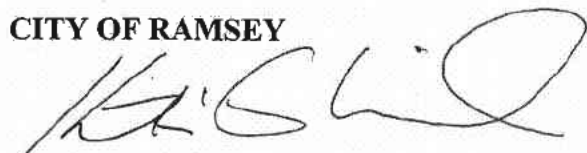
3. The City currently has two fire stations, both connected to the Municipal Center via a T1 line. One of the fire stations serves as a backup Emergency Operations Center (EOC.) It is critical that we have high-speed, redundant service during an emergency situation. A fiber backbone between the two locations would provide that service.
4. The City also has a Public Works facility located approximately one mile from city hall. That location is also served by a lone T1 circuit. Staff has had to move some applications from our servers and backup facilities located at city hall to their own PC's because of the unreliable and slower speeds of the current T1 connection. A fiber connection would reduce hardware costs and greatly improve efficiency at this location.
5. Total annual connection costs for the city are over \$13,000. A fiber network would reduce these costs as well as reduce hardware requirements and associated maintenance costs at these remote locations.
6. Fast, reliable, redundant fiber connections at all locations would improve public service and increase efficiency and productivity. Fiber connections will also reduce costs and increase reliability by enabling data replication across all locations. Future fiber connections can be expanded to include retail, industrial, and residential areas.

For the past several months, the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Ramsey will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

CITY OF RAMSEY



Kurtis G. Ulrich
City Administrator



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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from the City of Saint Francis conveying our support for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the City of Saint Francis, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce benefits including:

Allow a significant percent of our population to have access to broadband connectivity who currently are only accessible to dial-up service.

Provide more reliability and improved performance for the follow municipal departments:

- Saint Francis City Hall
- Saint Francis Police / Fire Station
- Saint Francis Water & Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- Saint Francis Public Works Building

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to form a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, the City of Saint Francis will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Matthew L. Hylen
City Administrator



St. Francis Police Department

Jeffrey Harapat, Chief of Police

March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the St. Francis Police Department, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

1. In order to maximize our presence in all corners of our community, our patrol units must be able to complete office tasks such as filing accident reports while in the field. Many of these tasks require internet connectivity – a necessity lacking in certain "dead" areas where broadband access is limited and wireless internet connectivity is lacking. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity of our officers in the field and, as a result, allow our patrol units to maintain increased presence in our communities.
2. Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; our police department is no exception. To patrol our community and respond to emergencies as they arise, we must maintain adequate radio communications. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which is achieved through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to "rain fade" in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to public safety communications. Our need for data speeds in patrol cars is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.
3. Great precaution and time is invested in maintaining the evidentiary chain of custody. Cases can be lost and criminals set free if this chain is broken. Institutional fiber connectivity would allow for transmittal of evidence using data files instead of physical transport of evidence. This is considerably more efficient as transportation costs and time of travel are virtually eliminated.



St. Francis Police Department

Jeffrey Harapat, Chief of Police

4. In addition, institutional fiber connectivity among public safety jurisdictions would allow for implementation of countywide electronic police records management. This capacity would allow public safety to communicate in ways it currently cannot. Specifically, we could access criminal records and prior convictions more quickly and efficiently, enjoy generally streamlined processes, and benefit from savings in cost and time.

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Clearly, law enforcement stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Chief Jeffery Harapat
St. Francis Police Department



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March 24, 2010

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2. Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; our fire department is no exception. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication between our station and crew in the field. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which is achieved through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to "rain fade" in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to all public safety communications. Our need for data speeds among our engines in the field is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.
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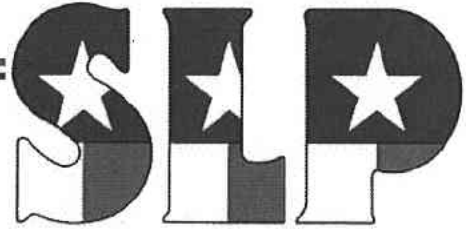
Sincerely,

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Chief Buddy Vangelof
St. Francis Fire Department

City of Spring Lake Park

1301 Eighty First Avenue Northeast
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Mayor
Robert Nelson

March 3, 2010

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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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*Administrator,
Clerk-Treasurer*
Barbara L. Nelson

Chief of Police
David Toth

Dear Mr. Strickling:

*Parks & Recreation
Director*
Marian Rygwall

I am pleased to write this letter from the City of Spring Lake Park conveying our support for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

*Public Works
Director*
Terry Randall

*Code Enforcement
Director*
Barry Brainard

The City of Spring Lake Park currently has service through our telecommunications franchise with Comcast however, the proposed project would address a number of current concerns and produce the following benefits: redundancy of service for the Spring Lake Park City Hall/Police Department and the Spring Lake Park/Blaine/Mounds View Fire Station No. 1; and the potential for faster, more reliable service, and reduced or more predictable cost potential for customers within the City of Spring Lake Park.

For the past several months, the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to form a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

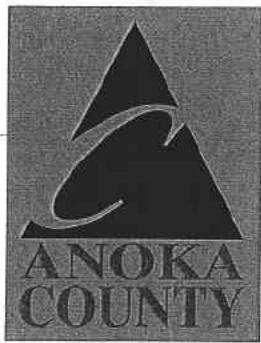
As noted above, the City of Spring Lake Park will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Nelson

Barbara L. Nelson
Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer





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COUNTY OF ANOKA

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March 23, 2010

DENNIS D. BERG - CHAIR
County Board of Commissioners

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

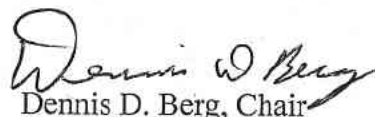
I am pleased to write this letter of commitment from Anoka County conveying our support for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting more than 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

The county board has passed a Resolution of Support for the project, committed to make a matching contribution through bonding, and approved an agreement with Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, for the project.

As the county has grown both in size and in scope of services, we have become more reliant on high-speed broadband for doing business among our staff, as well as with state and federal agencies, other counties, and most importantly, our citizens. The project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by governmental and educational institutions in Anoka County. These problems include the inability of the current broadband providers to provide affordable high-speed broadband.

There will be significant benefit from the Connect Anoka County project through a successful Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application with Zayo Bandwidth, LLC. This project will also align with the findings of the Minnesota Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Dennis D. Berg, Chair
Anoka County Board of Commissioners

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Office of the Sheriff

Anoka County
Sheriff Bruce Andersohn

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March 16, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

1. As the only law enforcement agency serving much of greater Anoka County – namely, through contract police services with the communities of Andover, Bethel, Columbus, East Bethel, Ham Lake, Linwood, Nowthen, and Oak Grove, our units are regularly patrolling remote areas. In order to maximize our presence in these areas, however, our deputies must be able to complete office tasks such as filing accident reports while in the field. Many of these tasks require internet connectivity – a necessity lacking in many “dead” areas of greater Anoka County. Deployment of an institutional fiber network enabling wireless connectivity will greatly enhance the productivity of our deputies in the field and, as a result, allow our patrol units to maintain increased presence in our communities.
2. Fast, reliable communication is an obvious requirement for everyone involved in the delivery of public safety services; the Anoka County Sheriff's Office is no exception. To adequately patrol our communities and respond to emergencies as they arise, we must maintain radio communications among our main office, patrol stations, and units patrolling throughout the county. Proposed institutional fiber connectivity to nine separate 800 megahertz radio towers forming a radio loop around the county will ensure faster, more reliable communication. Given the bandwidth required for radio communication, current capacity to these towers – which we achieve through a microwave loop approach – is insufficient, subject to “rain fade” in inclement weather, and poses a significant long-term threat to our public safety communications. Our need for data speeds in patrol cars is increasing and is outpacing the bandwidth we can get from the incumbent data providers.



3. The Sheriff's Office currently devotes key personnel and scarce time to the transportation of prisoners between locations within and beyond Anoka County. Increasingly, this is becoming a problematic drain on resources – particularly in these times of lean budgets. Institutional fiber connectivity would allow for video arraignments and thus could free our deputies to focus on any number of alternative priorities that directly benefit public safety. The capacity for video arraignment represents a great opportunity for public safety to capitalize on the latest technology in order to more efficiently deliver services.
4. Similarly, great precaution and time is invested in maintaining the evidentiary chain of custody. Cases can be lost and criminals set free if this chain is broken. Institutional fiber connectivity would allow for transmittal of evidence using data files instead of physical transport of evidence. This is considerably more efficient as transportation costs and time of travel are virtually eliminated.
5. In addition, institutional fiber connectivity among public safety jurisdictions would allow for implementation of countywide electronic police records management. This capacity would allow public safety to communicate in ways it currently cannot. Specifically, we could access criminal records and prior convictions more quickly and efficiently, enjoy generally streamlined processes, and benefit from savings in cost and time.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project promises to address a number of concerns of and provide many benefits to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office as noted above.

Clearly, law enforcement stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Bruce Andersohn
Sheriff

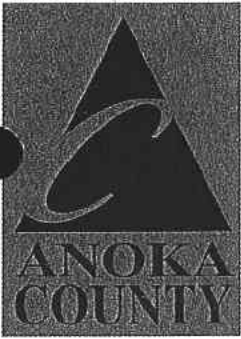
COUNTY OF ANOKA

Public Services Division

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Date: March 1, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

Anoka County Highway supports the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 140 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

Communication is a powerful tool in doing business and communication is our basis for supporting high-speed internet connectivity to all government agencies throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. We support the use of broadband to effectively communicate between each entity. If all governmental entities were connected through broadband, it would make transferring our large Highway files much faster and easier to agencies that do not currently have broadband connectivity.

Anoka County Highway Department would support broadband widening throughout the county for the benefit of all governmental entities.

Sincerely,

Carol Schaffer
Office Administration Manager
Anoka County Highway Department
1440 Bunker Lake Blvd
Andover, MN 55304



COUNTY OF ANOKA

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February 26, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka County Central Communications conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. My department provides 911 call taking and public safety dispatching services for all 330,000 citizens of Anoka County. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 140 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

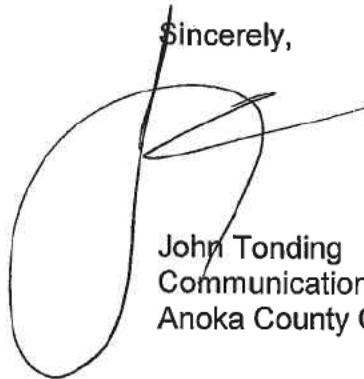
For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by Anoka County 911.

- **Anoka County 911 Dispatch Center** – Our 911 public safety answering point (PSAP) connects via IP to many external systems to provide critical services. This project would improve the speed and reliability of those critical connections.
- **Alternate Public Safety Answering Point** – We maintain a backup 911 center at a remote location, in the event our primary center is unable to function. Broadband connectivity at this site will provide improvements in speed and reliability for critical data at this location.

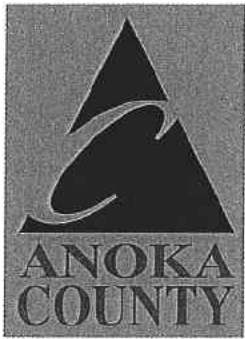
- **Radio Towers located in Bethel, Blaine, Columbia Heights, Columbus, Ham Lake, Lino Lakes, Nowthen, Ramsey, and Stacy** – We have 9 radio sites within Anoka County that provide public safety radio coverage. These sites must be operational 24 hours a day, and connect to one another and to the larger regional radio network via loop microwave. However, we have several microwave "spurs" off of the main loop, and the sites connected to these spurs do not have loop protection. Additionally, certain conditions such as heavy rain fade may affect both microwave paths into and out of a given site. The use of the planned fiber network as a redundant path for each site would provide an important improvement in survivability. Redundant IP equipment would be installed at each site, providing important backup connectivity.

Anoka County Central Communications will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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John Tonding
Communications Manager
Anoka County Central Communications



ANOKA COUNTY LIBRARY

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February 25, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka County Library conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 140 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to the current connectivity in several of the Anoka County Libraries. Some of our branches are in areas that have very limited or low bandwidth service offerings from the current broadband providers. In other cases, limited services are available, but at costs so prohibitive that it is not feasible to acquire service. Since so many of our locations have connectivity issues, patrons that visit our other locations experience long waits for access to public computer workstations.

- Northtown Library / Library Support Services located in Blaine, MN, serves as the central hub for the library's telecommunications. Our phone system is headquartered here as is our connection to the Internet. Placing this building on fiber that is directly linked to our branches, as well as the Government Center, is critical for our business needs.
- Johnsville Library located in northern Blaine, Centennial Library located in Circle Pines, Crooked Lake Library located in Coon Rapids, and Mississippi Library located in Fridley are all heavily used by residents for access to public

computer workstations. The current bandwidth is woefully inadequate; all except two have just a single T-1 connection, one has 2 T-1s while the last is slated to be added to the fiber ring in the near future. Access to the Internet slows to a crawl when we first open and then again after school dismisses for the day. Customers will frequently wait more than an hour for access to a computer workstation. High-speed internet connectivity is critical to easing the bottlenecks and to help the library bridge the digital divide for our disadvantaged residents.

- North Central Library located in Ham Lake and St. Francis Library located in St. Francis, are smaller facilities that serve a smaller population. Nonetheless, increased bandwidth and greater reliability are important; fiber is not available in these communities. The BTOP grant would provide high-speed access at a more reasonable cost allowing these library users better services.

Anoka County Library will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

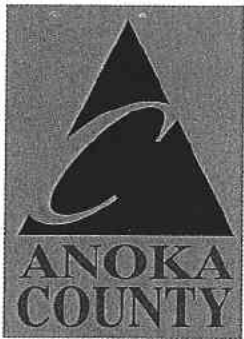
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Marlene Moulton Janssen
Director of Anoka County Library

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March 17, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from the Anoka County Government Center conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 140 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by the Anoka County Government Center.

Anoka County faces many challenges in providing connectivity to our remote locations. Some areas of the County have very limited or low bandwidth service offerings from the current broadband providers. In other cases, limited services are available, but at costs so prohibitive that it is not feasible to acquire service. Many of the remote sites with slower links require investments in onsite servers and hardware in order to provide access to files and applications. This places a significant burden on our already strained infrastructure budget.

By giving all the Anoka County remote sites fiber connectivity, and the speed that goes with it, we could provide more centralized services through the Anoka County Government Center. This would allow us to save tax payer money by giving us the ability to consolidate servers in the County's Data Center (no need for excessive application servers in remote offices anymore), reducing network/server administrative costs (sending engineers out to service remote servers would be a thing of the past) and provide additional redundancy and failover capability for applications/servers out in the remote sites that do not have this capability today increasing their ability to recover from application outages.

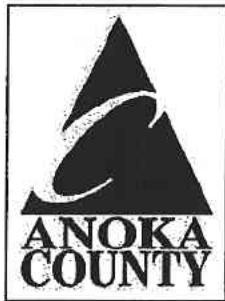
Additionally, fiber connectivity throughout the County would allow us to lay the foundation for future technology productivity improvements for government employees, including providing telephone service through our network, allowing us to integrate/consolidate all our messaging platforms (email, voicemail, chat, etc.) and be able to provide desktop video conferencing services all through an enterprise ready, fiber connected County Government Center solution.

The Anoka County Government Center will gain significant benefits from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Dan Lekatz
Manager of Infrastructure & Technical Services
Anoka County Government Center
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COUNTY OF ANOKA

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Human Services Division Manager
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March 1, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka County Human Services conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 200 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed Internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by Anoka County Human Services.

Anoka County Human Services has three sites that are presently not connected by broadband. These sites include:

- Eastern Human Service Center, Lexington
- Anoka County Juvenile Center Campus, Lino Lakes
- Southern Neighborhood Center, Columbia Heights

These three sites are presently connected by T1 lines, which are expensive and do not have the same speed and security that broadband would provide. The Human Services departments are increasingly becoming more reliant on technology. Many of the departments operate entirely with EDMS capabilities. Transferring these electronic files would be much more efficient using broadband technology.

Staff resources are declining because of budget cuts. We must rely on technology to improve our efficiency so that we can provide the needed services to our citizens.

Anoka County Human Services will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and

Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Jerry Soma, Division Manager
Anoka County Human Services

JS:pm



Anoka County Parks and Recreation

550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW, Andover, MN 55304

February 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

We are pleased to submit this letter of support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities involving approximately 30 governmental entities.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community agencies throughout Anoka County. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed. The project will address a number of problems related to community connectivity including issues currently experienced by the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department, detailed as follows:

- Anoka County Parks Conference and Administration Building – Poor connectivity between the Conference and Administration Building (Bunker Hills Activity Center) and our satellite locations creates a number of problems, including inadequate communications and productivity between these locations. We are required to keep multiple copies of files and databases, and to utilize precious storage space on servers. Many locations are connected utilizing less than desirable connection speeds, making the transfer of large documents time intensive and tedious.
- Bunker Hills Community Meeting Facility – Connection to this facility would offer the many county departments and civic organizations that utilize this location an affordable meeting space with the latest connectivity. There have been communication difficulties related to the building automation system which remotely controls and monitors building temperatures and other HVAC functions.

- Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center – This location has some of the slowest connectivity speeds in the Department. When processing Point of Sale Transactions through our web-based system, it may take 3-5 minutes to process simple rental or purchase transactions. When serving the public, this is unacceptable.
- Joseph E. Wargo Nature Center – This is one of the largest and most heavily used nature centers (2009 had 48,000+ visitors) in the state, and it is connected using a DSL connection. Anoka County Parks houses 11 staff members at this location, and they have limited ability to process transactions, access videos and presentations via the internet, and transfer files. Most recently we had an excellent interpretive opportunity to set up a live Osprey Cam, to show the hatching process on the Anoka County Parks website, and were unable to do so because of limited connectivity. Most notably, we are not able to back up files at this location, because the connectivity from the Nature Center to the Government Center is so poor, that we cannot possibly back up all the files.
- Banfill-Locke Arts Community Center – This is a County owned building that house the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts (BLCA) a non-profit arts organization. While we do not encounter the cost for connectivity, we do know that BLCA would benefit greatly from an increased connection. They often host Artist-in-Residence, as well as classes on different art techniques. They also have their own website. All of these things require better connectivity than they currently have.
- Headquarters of MN Parks and Recreation Association (Islands of Peace Visitor Center) - This is a County owned facility that serves as the State Headquarters for the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association. Broadband will improve communications for the building automation system and provide higher speeds for more efficient business operations.
- Riedel Farm Estate – This is a historic 1880's farm estate that is the site of many weddings, corporate retreats and family gatherings. At this time, the connectivity offered there is only of dial up speed. This is not an acceptable connection to offer to our customers. By adding broadband connectivity, we would be able to offer an even better service to our citizens and patrons.
- Anoka County Parks Northern Maintenance Shop – This facility offers maintenance to the northern part of the 10,000 acre county park system. They are currently operating with a DSL connection that offers less than favorable speeds.
- Chomonix Banquet Center – This county-owned facility is valued as a strong asset providing home for community meetings, social engagements, and other activities. However, we do not have the ability to upgrade from a DSL connection. There are many ongoing service issues, along with speed, that make improved connectivity at this location a priority.

- Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Visitor Center – This is a brand new facility that would greatly benefit from fiber connectivity to enhance communication speeds and sales transaction speeds for one of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area's most popular campground and regional park.

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. We are happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

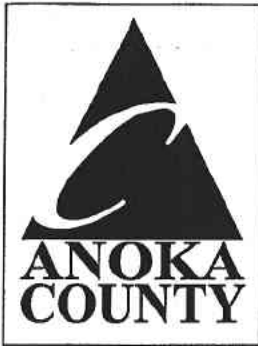
Sincerely,



John K. VonDeLinde
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Commissioner Dick Lang
Chair
Anoka County
Parks and Recreation Committee



COUNTY OF ANOKA

OFFICE OF LICENSE BUREAU

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February 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka County Governmental Services, License Bureau conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 200 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

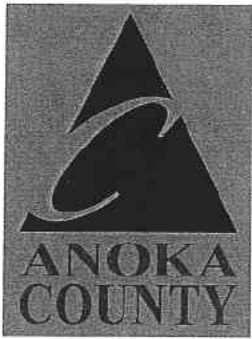
For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by Anoka County Governmental Services, License Bureaus.

Anoka County operates five license centers throughout the county in the cities of Anoka, Blaine, Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, and Ham Lake License Center. The license centers provide convenient access to an array of services including motor vehicle registrations, hunting and fishing licenses, death certificates and other state or local licenses and certificates. Reliable high speed connections are vital to allow individual license centers to operate. The current connection is slow which effects customer service, broadband would add a faster connection and improve customer service.

Anoka County Governmental Services, License Bureaus will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

Paula K Anderson, Manager of License Bureau Services
John D Lenarz, Manager of License Bureau Services



COUNTY OF ANOKA

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G.I.S. Department Geographic Information Systems

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March 17, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am writing this letter, on behalf of the Anoka County GIS Department, in support of the proposed BTOP grant application being submitted jointly by Anoka County and Zayo Bandwidth, LLC. If awarded, this grant could help develop a fiber network in Anoka County that would provide government agencies, businesses, educational institutions, citizens and other constituents with high speed internet connectivity.

Anoka County GIS has a particular interest in this project because of the large amount of bandwidth needed to provide GIS data and services to municipalities, off-site County facilities and to the general public via GIS web applications. Anoka County has invested heavily in an enterprise GIS. The benefits of this investment cannot be fully realized while customers are connecting to our GIS database using T1, dial-up or wireless connections.

A high speed fiber network would allow GIS users in the community to access our on-line GIS applications and even connect directly to our enterprise database, thereby reducing duplication of effort. City planners, emergency management officials, public safety staff, administrators, and other government employees can do their jobs more efficiently by gaining direct access to Anoka County GIS resources. This type of access is currently not possible, especially for the underserved rural areas of Anoka County.

Anoka County recently purchased a software/imagery package called Pictometry and needed to deploy over 700 GB of aerial imagery to fifteen municipalities in the County. The images had to be copied to external hard drives and physically delivered to the cities due to a lack of fiber connectivity between the government center and the various city halls. Subsequent updates to the Pictometry database could be pushed out via FTP if high speed connections were in place.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions regarding GIS and broadband in Anoka County.

Sincerely,

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John Slusarczyk

Anoka County GIS Coordinator



ANOKA COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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William Nelson

March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter from the Anoka County Housing and Redevelopment Authority conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

This proposal is the result of an effort begun in 2002 by the County and the HRA to identify strategies that promote a strong future for area residents, businesses, and local governments alike. The year-long effort engaging over 40 county decision-makers and business leaders concluded that "countywide high-speed internet access is critical to attracting businesses, which makes it a top priority for cities and chambers (of commerce) in Anoka County. Currently, portions of the county do not have such access and consequently are not viewed as favorable business locations for economic development." Unfortunately, this reality remains true for many parts of Anoka County today.

In the 20th century, the rise of the interstate highway system helped our nation enjoy unparalleled economic growth, facilitating the exchange of goods and services and connecting local and regional markets from coast to coast and to all corners of the globe. In many respects, broadband data infrastructure serves this role in the 21st century. Clearly, a robust broadband data infrastructure is essential to the economic survival of towns, cities, and entire regions today and in the future. As the Federal Communications Commission notes:

Broadband technology is a key driver of economic growth. The ability to share large amounts of information at ever-greater speed increases productivity, facilitates commerce, and drives innovation. Broadband is changing how we communicate with each other, how and where we work, how we educate our children, and how we entertain ourselves.

When it comes to the Internet – speed matters. Communities must have ready access to high-speed connectivity in order to support continued development of the services and applications that enable them to remain competitive in the global economy. For business, this means easier communications, greater productivity, and the ability to attract and retain workers. Specifically, high-speed networks stimulate economic development and entrepreneurial innovation by:

- Attracting technology-based employers and supporting “creative workers” who require access to bandwidth and cutting-edge applications.
- Promoting worker-friendly telecommuting and flex-time policies that encourage employee recruitment and retention, as well as reduce overhead expense.
- Improving the competitiveness of local businesses in a global marketplace.
- Increasing the ability of smaller communities to attract and retain new workers.
- Expanding educational and training opportunities to remote locations.
- Encouraging the development and use of new business services and applications.
- Providing businesses the ability to handle large amounts of data for marketing, research, and other data-intensive application.

Clearly, the county stands to gain significant economic development benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota.

Sincerely,



Paul McCarron, Chair
Anoka County Housing
and Redevelopment Authority

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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, Ramsey, Minnesota, conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 200 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by (city/college/school district/agency) name here).

The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, in Ramsey Minnesota, would benefit from County wide Broadband connectivity to the Internet, on a variety of Levels. Most of all, it would enhance inter-government agency communication and assist the Medical Examiner's Office with its outreach to the community.

1 – While death investigations can be complicated and challenging, often the ME-Office utilizes many investigators which are required to report back to the ME-Office. Broadband Connectivity throughout the County would alleviate some of the current difficulties with electronically transmitting reports back to the ME-Office.

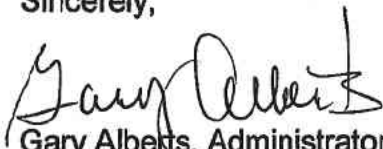
2 – The ME Office interfaces with Law Enforcement, City Governments and Medical facilities. County wide Broadband connectivity would enhance the delivery of reports between offices and the personnel in the field performing and gathering those reports. This is especially true during weekends and after business hours.

3 – The ME-Office has an outreach program to the community and has connected with local High Schools and Colleges. There is currently an active internship program to train and educate students and prospective investigators. County wide Broadband connectivity would aid such training. This is especially true for online over the internet training which is ongoing and evolving. Once again this would be most valuable for live investigations.

4 – Anoka County in general, is involved with disaster recovery and counter-terrorism planning. The ME-Office would be part of such planning. Obviously if a large event were to occur, there would be many in the field investigations. County Wide Broadband Connectivity would aid such disaster recovery and planning.

The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Gary Alberts, Administrator
Midwest Medical Examiner's Office



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March 25, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of Anoka CAN (Computer Access Now; EasyGrants ID 4472) conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

After several months of close coordination with Anoka County and its Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) project team, Anoka CAN submitted a complementary Public Computing Center (PCC) application comprised of a partnership among Anoka County Libraries, the Job Training Workforce Center, the Anoka Ramsey Community College and area school districts. Our grant proposal provides and expands on training and assistance programs, and it seeks to improve computer literacy, expand computer access for citizens and provide training for the unemployed and for small business development.

Specifically, our PCC application proposes to upgrade 35 existing computer stations and invest in 228 new laptop computers at 13 targeted sites throughout the county. All PCC sites are located along the proposed Zayo Bandwidth - Anoka County CCI fiber network. The provision of high speed access to our sites through the proposed network will provide necessary infrastructure for our PCC proposal. While the PCC grant application is not entirely dependent on the proposed network, significant cost savings can be achieved to the PCC locations through efficiencies in operations, reduction in connectivity costs and reduced future costs for network expansions. If grant funding is not received for the proposed network infrastructure, higher costs will be incurred by the PCC for the required bandwidth.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in high-speed internet connectivity for community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, MN. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Anoka CAN will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka-Hennepin School District conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

Although Anoka-Hennepin School District currently enjoys internal network fiber connectivity among district facilities and to the Internet, the proposed project would provide our district network with a number of valuable benefits.

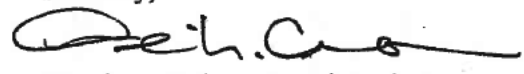
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In addition, the proposed project would entail a sizable fiber build in our area, which improves the environment for future broadband development aimed at delivering high-speed internet connectivity to the homes of our families, teachers, and staff. Eventual realization of ubiquitous broadband access and adoption are essential as a foundation for the implementation of cutting-edge educational applications that will engage students through new media, extend the learning day, and dramatically improve communication among students, parents, and teachers alike. Such innovations promise to deliver great return in the form of student performance and achievement.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and – as noted above – the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced by our staff, students, parents and citizens.

The Anoka-Hennepin community will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Dennis L. Carlson, Superintendent
Anoka-Hennepin School District 11

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March 1, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Columbia Heights School District conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For Columbia Heights School District, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits:

1. **Enabling a stronger 21st Century Learning Environment:**
Educating 21st Century learners is a challenging task considering the transformation that is required within our schools to facilitate this. As we continue to add internal technologies to enable us to be successful at 21st Century Learning, we continue to see a yearly growth in the need for more bandwidth. As we add additional bandwidth our costs for this are growing just as fast. We know that our need will continue to grow; at the same time the affordability of this growth continues to be an increasing concern. Providing more bandwidth at a more affordable rate will assist us in meeting the challenges of educating 21st Century Learners.
2. **Faster Access to Internet Resources:**
The amount of time that our students have within our walls is jam packed with educational opportunities. Time is extremely valuable while they are here and not having the needed connection speed can bring a computer class to a complete halt. More and more curriculum is online and when that connection is not sufficient learning can stop which can and does have a negative impact on overall student potential.
3. **Meeting State Mandated Testing Requirements:**
The state of Minnesota has decided to move towards online standards testing over the last few years. Currently, the science test is online and the math test is coming soon. While the state continues to increase the amount of online mandated testing our speed and reliability of the internet becomes even more critical. To ensure the best experience and opportunity for the students testing, it is vital that we have a fast reliable connection. Connection problems during testing can and do adversely affect students' scores which may have a adverse affect for a students' future.

4. Higher Availability/Redundancy

Currently the school district is served by a single fiber connection, which though more reliable than our old T1 line is still a single point of failure for us. In today's digital world, we have a growing amount of educational content on the web requiring a stable consistent connection to the internet. With our districts demographic data: 72% Free and Reduced Lunch, 65% minority and 27% English Language Learners, the time our students have to access our computer systems is extremely valuable. On a yearly basis we see some connection problems with our internet service on our current single fiber line; these problems cause costly interruptions to our students' digital learning.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Columbia Heights School District will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Bryan Hennekens
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Peggy Flathmann, Ed. D.
Superintendent

March 5, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Fridley School District conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

The proposed project would benefit the Fridley School District by significantly increasing the speeds of a fiber network providing new possibilities for student and community education online learning. So many learning opportunities can be increased from this technology including students receiving homebound services and providing access to our International Baccalaureate program through distance learning.

A redundant fiber network is beneficial to Fridley Schools as we continue to integrate technology with student learning providing our students with the knowledge and skills to be digital content producers. We have researched the benefits of a high speed redundant network and the cost has always been out of our budget.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Fridley School District will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peggy Flathmann, Ed. D.
Superintendent
Fridley Public School District



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March 3, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Independent School District No. 15 – St. Francis, MN, conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For Independent School District No. 15 - Saint Francis, the proposed project would address a number of current problems including: limited or no access to fiber-optic connectivity for outlying school locations and a complete lack of redundant fiber-optic connectivity for the district's existing fiber-optic network.

Because several of our school buildings are located in extremely rural areas, access to fiber-optic service is very limited if available at all. Currently, two of the district's outlying school buildings are scheduled to be upgraded from T-1 connections to 10 meg fiber-optic connections this summer. The need for greater bandwidth exists in these locations, but the 10 meg fiber connection was the fastest fiber option available. In yet another location, a 1.5 Meg T-1 connection is our only option.

Another substantial problem for the district is the lack of redundancy in our fiber-optic network. The district is currently served by a single 1 gig fiber-optic connection leaving the district. Inner-district links are also single connections serving each building. As was the case in the spring of 2009, serving individual school buildings and ultimately an entire school district with non-redundant single network connections can cause problems. At that time, because of an up-stream network hardware problem, ISD 15 was without an internet connection for almost three full working days. In a time when many of our software systems are web-based or remotely hosted, that outage brought the business side of the educational process to a stand-still and many hours of lesson plans and learning activities had to be adjusted in the classroom.

If this project is funded, the investment would help to meet the current needs of the district by providing redundant fiber-optic network connections and fiber-optic service to buildings where it is currently not available and position the district for growth in size and technical capabilities in the future.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Independent School District No. 15 - Saint Francis will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

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Edward C. Saxton
Superintendent of Schools



March 22, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Spring Lake Park School District No. 16 conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

Although Spring Lake Park School District No. 16 currently enjoys internal network fiber connectivity among district facilities and to the Internet, the proposed project would provide our district network with a number of valuable benefits.

Specifically, the proposal would provide institutional fiber connectivity to our network for the purpose of connecting district facilities to other network anchor institutions, including other school districts. The added connectivity will allow for increased opportunities for collaboration and cost reduction from delivering common services (for both internal and external customers); improved data, service, and faculty sharing opportunities to better serve students, families and citizens; capacities to further reduce areas of duplication; new opportunities to access backup facilities and data storage; and additional infrastructure reliability and redundancy.

In addition, the proposed project would entail a sizable fiber build in our area, which improves the environment for future broadband development aimed at delivering high-speed internet connectivity to the homes of our families, teachers, and staff. Eventual realization of ubiquitous broadband access and adoption will allow for implementation of cutting-edge educational applications that will engage students through new media, extend the learning day, and dramatically improve communication among students, parents, and teachers alike. Such innovations promise to deliver great return in the form of student performance and achievement.

Lawrence E. Strickling
March 22, 2010
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Spring Lake Park School District No. 16 will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. If I can provide additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Ronneberg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



ANOKA-RAMSEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Office of the President

March 5, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am writing this letter of support to express Anoka-Ramsey Community College's full endorsement of the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure proposal submitted in partnership by Zayo Bandwidth, LLC and Anoka County, Minnesota.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, whose campuses are located in Coon Rapids and Cambridge, MN, primarily serves the people of the northern Twin Cities metropolitan area (five counties) and the adjacent north central region of the state (four counties). The college's partnership through this grant with Zayo and Anoka County would result in broadband fiber lines connecting the state of Minnesota's broadband network with our Coon Rapids campus, plus connect the Coon Rapids campus with the Cambridge campus (30 miles to the north). This grant partnership would significantly benefit Anoka-Ramsey's students, residents in its service area, and college employees by increasing bandwidth for instructional technology, providing adoption horizons to deliver higher quality learning environments, and improving communication systems and efficiency of services.

- 1. Increased bandwidth:** Anoka-Ramsey currently has two point-to-point T1's connecting its two campuses, totaling an approximate bandwidth of 3MBS. This existing bandwidth has significantly limited usage of instructional technologies for online learning, because a segment of the bandwidth is required to support the college's phone system (equipment communication, call routing, four-digit dialing, and wireless). Current instructional uses include audio and video integration, video conferencing, recorded screen captures, presentations available for student reference, and learning objects such as simulations and video. Simply put, the bandwidth is tapped out. *New fiber lines would provide increased broadband capacity to support improved teaching and learning environments; instructional technology usage would increase and be enhanced.*

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2. **Higher Quality Learning Environments:** The technological tools utilized today for teaching and learning are qualitatively different from those used just ten years ago. In addition, the pace of change is accelerating, so no effort in online learning would be effective without including up-to-date hardware and software necessary to keep pace with 21st century instructional needs. Unfortunately, most new instructional tools are not only *qualitatively different but also quantitatively different* in terms of required bandwidth. As a highly respected community college, Anoka-Ramsey strives to provide high quality learning environments. Were this grant to be awarded, the college would pursue new adoption horizons to include many new instructional technologies such as the personal web (a customizable learning environment that often makes use of multimedia widgets), semantic-aware applications (gathering and using the context in which tools are used and leveraging that information to extract meaning), smart objects (ordinary objects with the ability to recognize their physical location and respond appropriately or to connect with other objects or information), and 3D modeling, simulations, and immersive virtual worlds. *Improved bandwidth capacity would enable the implementation of these and other learning tools for engaging students.*
3. **Improved Seamlessness and Efficiencies:** Increased bandwidth between the two campuses would result in a more seamless and reliable network. The resulting redundant circuits would almost guarantee continuous service without interruption. The high speed fiber backbone that is planned would lead to shorter wait-times for all college users and increase the reliability of service through improved access. The additional bandwidth would enhance college email functionality, VPN, data access, backups, SAN electronic signage, multimedia, and video. These channels would provide employees increased capacity for work productivity and efficiency, as well as improve the interconnectivity between campuses for meetings, events, and numerous other collaborations.

Why are increased bandwidth, improved instructional environments, and seamlessness and efficiency important? These three benefits are critical to the college's continued enrollment growth, the expansion of online course offerings for learners, and the resulting improved higher educational attainment rates of the people in our nine-county service area.

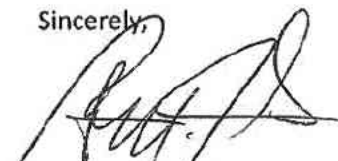
1. **General Enrollment:** Currently, our college serves more than 11,000 learners, 16 to 85 years of age, as they complete various programs, including associate degrees that transfer as the first two years of a bachelor's degree, credit certificate programs leading immediately to rewarding career opportunities, and noncredit offerings that enhance learners' quality-of-life. Anoka-Ramsey's enrollment grows each year; since FY2003 college-wide headcount has risen 24.7% (from 8,853 unduplicated learners to 11,044 learners in FY2009). Increased bandwidth will benefit more learners as college enrollment continues to rise.
2. **Online Enrollment:** Anoka-Ramsey began tracking its online course enrollment in FY2004 when the total number of online registered credits was 7,286. In FY2009 online registered credits totaled 21,648 — an amazing 200% increase. Increased bandwidth and improved capacity for

instructional technologies will not only benefit more learners but also provide richer, higher quality learning environments both on-site and by distance.

3. **Higher Educational Attainment:** According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 27.4% of Minnesota residents held bachelor degrees or more. However, it is a different story in the nine primary counties served by Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Of the nine counties served, only one (Ramsey County) surpassed Minnesota's overall higher educational attainment percentage. The percentage of residents in Anoka-Ramsey's remaining eight-county service area who had earned a bachelor's degree ranged from 10.3% to 21.3%, with most of the counties lying below 15.3%. Increased bandwidth, improved learning environments, and seamless services will contribute to higher educational attainment rates in the northern Twin Cities metropolitan area and East Central Minnesota.

Please give this proposal your most serious consideration. Students, the community, faculty, and staff of Anoka-Ramsey Community College would all benefit significantly from the proposed broadband infrastructure enhancements. Anoka-Ramsey Community College fully supports this partnership. Should you need any additional information, I welcome your call.

Sincerely,



Dr. Patrick M. Johns
President



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March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I write to express Hennepin County's support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. This BTOP application submitted with the active support of dozens of local stakeholders – municipalities, schools, community colleges, and others – will result in comprehensive community infrastructure that meets the needs of local governments, educational institutions, and the broader community alike.

As a local County government, we are well aware of the critical role broadband access plays in our region's future – for instance, in the development of our economy, our children's education, our access to health care, our public services and public engagement in democracy, and the quality of our lives. We also know that thousands of area residents are not prepared for that future. Whether the reason is cost, education, age, lack of social support or exposure, thousands of our residents remain disconnected from broadband connectivity in their homes. This persistent digital divide isn't just a problem for area residents stuck on the wrong side – it's a problem throughout Anoka County and the broader Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Given BTOP funding, the Zayo Bandwidth – Anoka County approach will provide a model for what significant, forward-thinking investment in broadband can achieve. This initiative will use BTOP funds to invest in fiber infrastructure ensuring reliable, secure, and efficient high-speed connectivity among public anchor institutions, and it will lay the foundation for high-speed broadband connectivity to area businesses and residents. This network also includes direct connections to Ramsey County and Washington County, enabling broad metro county network connections that can be used for county shared services and improved government efficiencies.

This is a straightforward, common-sense approach to the problem that the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program was created to address, and I offer our strongest endorsement of this application. We urge NTIA to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Richard P. Johnson
County Administrator



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March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am writing to express Ramsey County's support for the proposed public/private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. This Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) application submitted with the active support of dozens of local stakeholders – municipalities, schools, community colleges, and others – will result in a comprehensive community infrastructure that meets the needs of local governments, educational institutions, and the broader community alike.

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Please contact us if we can provide any information or assistance.

Regards,

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Julie Kleinschmidt
Ramsey County Manager

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March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Scott County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express Scott County's support for the proposed public-private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. This BTOP application – submitted with the active support of dozens of local stakeholders, including municipalities, schools, community colleges, and others – will result in comprehensive community infrastructure that meets the needs of local governments, educational institutions, and the broader community alike.

As a local County government, we are well aware of the critical role broadband access plays in our region's future; for example, in the development of our economy, our children's education, our access to health care, our public services and public engagement in democracy, and the quality of our lives. We also know that for a variety of reasons, thousands of area residents are not prepared for that future and remain disconnected from broadband connectivity in their homes. This persistent digital divide isn't just a problem for area residents stuck on the wrong side – it's a problem throughout Anoka County and the broader Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Given BTOP funding, the Zayo Bandwidth–Anoka County approach will provide a model for what significant, forward-thinking investment in broadband can achieve. This initiative will use BTOP funds to invest in fiber infrastructure ensuring reliable, secure, and efficient high-speed connectivity among public anchor institutions, and it will lay the foundation for high-speed broadband connectivity to area businesses and residents. This network also includes direct connections to Ramsey County and Washington County, enabling broad metro county network connections that can be used for county-shared services and improved government efficiencies.

This is a straightforward, common-sense approach to the problem that the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program was created to address, and Scott County offers our strongest endorsement of this application. We urge NTIA to do the same.

Sincerely,

Barbara Marschall, Chair

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Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I write to express Dakota County's support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. This BTOP application submitted with the active support of dozens of local stakeholders – municipalities, schools, community colleges, and others – will result in comprehensive community infrastructure that meets the needs of local governments, educational institutions, and the broader community alike.

As a local County government, we are well aware of the critical role broadband access plays in our region's future – for instance, in the development of our economy, our children's education, our access to health care, our public services and public engagement in democracy, and the quality of our lives. We also know that thousands of area residents are not prepared for that future. Whether the reason is cost, education, age, lack of social support or exposure, thousands of our residents remain disconnected from broadband connectivity in their homes. This persistent digital divide isn't just a problem for area residents stuck on the wrong side – it's a problem throughout Anoka County and the broader Twin Cities metropolitan area.

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This is a straightforward, common-sense approach to the problem that the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program was created to address, and Dakota County offers our strongest endorsement of this application. We urge NTIA to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandt Richardson".

Brandt Richardson
Dakota County Administrator

cc: Dakota County Board of Commissioners
Terry Johnson, Anoka County Administrator
Jack Ditmore, Dakota County Operations, Management and Budget Division
Anita Scott, Dakota County Information Technology

Denise Dittrich
State Representative

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March 18, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As a State Representative for Anoka County, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

I support Connect Anoka County's bid for ARRA funding. More importantly, I support the Connect Anoka County project in creating the infrastructure for high speed internet. Also, in my work to try to extend access to broadband internet on the state level, I found that approximately 66% of the county is underserved in terms of high-speed Internet access. Moreover, high-speed internet access has a high level of public support within the county.

Access to broadband fosters increased economic development opportunities within Anoka County and throughout Minnesota. It enhances not only educational opportunities, but also employment opportunities. In fact, because I believe in this resource, I have authored a fiber optic bonding bill for all school districts within the state. Hence, I also support increased access to high-speed broadband internet access statewide.

Your work to extend access to broadband internet in Anoka County would help Minnesota move upwards in US broadband speed and penetration rankings

Sincerely,

Denise Dittrich
State Representative; District 47a



Melissa Hortman
State Representative
Assistant Majority Leader

District 47B
Anoka and Hennepin Counties



Minnesota House of Representatives

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March 16, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced throughout the county.

Whether it be through new or improved speed and broadband capacity, redundant institutional and internet connections, or long-term cost stability, the communities I represent will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Hortman".

Melissa Hortman
State Representative (47B)



Tom Tillberry
State Representative

District 51B
Blaine, Fridley, Mounds View and
Spring Lake Park



Minnesota House of Representatives

March 18, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed, and the project will address a number of problems related to connectivity currently experienced throughout the county.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Tillberry".

Tom Tillberry
State Representative





March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Sincerely,

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Jim Abeler,
State Representative
District 48B

Handwritten signature of Kate Knuth in black ink.

Kate Knuth,
State Representative
District 50B

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Rob Eastlund,
State Representative
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Paul Gardner,
State Representative
District 53A

Handwritten signature of Jerry Newton in black ink.

Jerry Newton,
State Representative
District 49B





Senate

State of Minnesota

March 19, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debbie'.

Debbie Johnson
State Senator

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March 18, 2010

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Whether it be through new and improved speed and broadband capacity or long-term cost stability, the communities I represent will gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota.

If you should have any question, please contact me anytime.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Jungbauer".

Mike Jungbauer
Minnesota State Senator
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March 18, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

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Sincerely,

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March 19, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Rummel".

Sandy Rummel
District 53



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March 22, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

Please accept this letter in support of Anoka County, Minnesota's grant application for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). As you know, BTOP provides funding in support of broadband infrastructure deployment in underserved areas to promote job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth.

Specifically, Anoka County is seeking funds to construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. Among project benefits, the proposed fiber build will connect the two campuses of Anoka Ramsey Community College and provide needed redundancy for the area school district networks. These improvements will provide enhanced educational opportunities for students throughout Anoka County. As such, I respectfully request this application be given all due consideration.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. If I may be of any additional assistance, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Brian Looser, at (202) 225-2331.

Sincerely,



Michele Bachmann
Member of Congress

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March 25, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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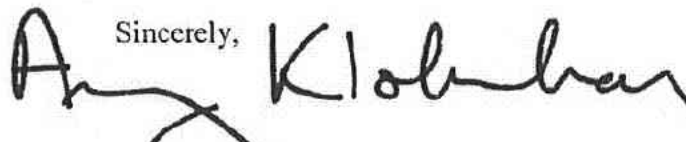
Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing to urge your strong consideration of the proposal being submitted by Anoka County, Minnesota for a grant from the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (BTOP) in the amount of approximately 26 million dollars. As part of a public/private partnership, this funding will be used to construct a broadband fiber network.

Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, a recipient of early BTOP funds, and Anoka County have come together to provide a middle-mile fiber network that will connect over 130 facilities from over 30 government institutions. The network will greatly enhance emergency response communications and capacity throughout Anoka County by delivering fiber connectivity to public safety radio towers and, in some cases, replace dial-up connectivity with actual broadband access. In addition, the network will connect the two campuses of Anoka Ramsey Community College and provide needed redundancy for area school district networks.

As a senator of Minnesota who currently serves on the Senate Commerce Committee, I strongly support access to technologies that make our citizens competitive in the global economy. Equipping our state with a new broadband network will allow for greater and more efficient distribution of information which will improve educational, health, and safety services and ease the economic and competitive disadvantages of our rural businesses.

For the reasons stated above, I encourage your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jake Spano in my Minnesota office at (612)-6727-5220 or by email at jake_spano@klobuchar.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

March 25, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter from ProTech Computer Solutions, Inc. conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

This proposal is the result of an effort begun in 2002 by the County and various area business leaders to identify strategies that promote a strong future for area residents, businesses, and local governments alike. The year-long effort engaging over 40 county decision-makers and business leaders concluded that "countywide high-speed internet access is critical to attracting businesses, which makes it a top priority for cities and chambers (of commerce) in Anoka County. Currently, portions of the county do not have such access and consequently are not viewed as favorable business locations for economic development." Unfortunately, this reality remains true for many parts of Anoka County today.

In the 20th century, the rise of the interstate highway system helped our nation enjoy unparalleled economic growth, facilitating the exchange of goods and services and connecting local and regional markets from coast to coast and to all corners of the globe. In many respects, broadband data infrastructure serves this role in the 21st century. Clearly, a robust broadband data infrastructure is essential to the economic survival of towns, cities, and entire regions today and in the future. As the Federal Communications Commission notes:

Broadband technology is a key driver of economic growth. The ability to share large amounts of information at ever-greater speed increases productivity, facilitates commerce, and drives innovation. Broadband is changing how we communicate with each other, how and where we work, how we educate our children, and how we entertain ourselves.

When it comes to the Internet – speed matters. Communities must have ready access to high-speed connectivity in order to support continued development of the services and applications that enable them to remain competitive in the global economy. For business, this means easier communications, greater productivity, and the ability to attract and retain workers. Specifically, high-speed networks stimulate economic development and entrepreneurial innovation by:

- Attracting technology-based employers and supporting "creative workers" who require access to bandwidth and cutting-edge applications
- Promoting worker-friendly telecommuting and flex-time policies that encourage employee recruitment and retention, as well as reduce overhead expense
- Improving the competitiveness of local businesses in a global marketplace
- Increasing the ability of smaller communities to attract and retain new workers
- Expanding educational and training opportunities to remote locations
- Encouraging the development and use of new business services and applications
- Providing businesses the ability to handle large amounts of data for marketing, research, and other data-intensive applications

For ProTech Computer Solutions, Inc., in addition to the overall benefit to the community and area business, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:

- Expansion of high-speed Internet access to several of our customers in the area who are outside of existing coverage areas and suffer the expense of very costly solutions for basic business tools such as e-mail & basic Internet access.
- Availability of affordable high-speed Internet access for our senior customers with fixed-incomes who, with their fixed incomes, are unable to absorb the added monthly costs of existing broadband offerings from local phone and cable operators.

Over the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. This effort involved a series of community forums, a business questionnaire campaign, and outreach to individual businesses and the broader business community.

Clearly, local business stands to gain significant benefit from an investment in broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



Randy Clark, President
ProTech Computer Solutions, Inc.
12527 Central Ave NE, Suite 117
Blaine, MN 55434



25 March 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter from PC Bits conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

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When it comes to the Internet – speed matters. Communities, businesses, and individuals must have ready access to high-speed connectivity in order to support continued development of the services and applications that enable them to remain competitive in the global economy. For businesses and counties, this means easier communications, greater productivity, and the ability to attract and retain workers/citizens. Specifically, high-speed networks stimulate economic development and entrepreneurial innovation by:

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For PC Bits the proposed project would address a number of current problems and could produce the following benefits:



Many of my customers cannot receive anything but old fashioned dial-up. They find this to be extremely frustrating as well as leaving them vulnerable to virus attacks. Because of the slow download times they cannot receive the Updates they need. Anything we can do to facilitate high-speed Internet Access MUST be done.

Cities/counties that have fiber backbones are receiving grants from companies like Google to develop new Internet Access technologies. These new technologies can put a county in the national spotlight and attract new businesses and citizens.

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Sincerely,

Dean Hancy

Dean Hancy
Owner – PC Bits



March 2, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The City of Columbus is pleased to write this letter conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions. For the City of Columbus, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce benefits such as direct connectivity between public facilities and the expected benefits associated with direct fiber connectivity to our city hall, fire substation, and public works department.

At this time, the City only has the ability to purchase 8Mbps service that is shared among all employees and facilities on a daily basis. We are unable to support connectivity to all of our public facilities due to the lack of availability of higher speed internet infrastructure. The benefit of this proposed project are faster speeds, better communications between agencies and departments along with increased wireless capacity that will lead to further improvement of productivity and service to all of our customers in the community.

In addition, many of our area residents and businesses lack reliable, affordable Internet connectivity and must utilize prohibitively slow and unreliable dial-up and satellite service. Introduction of countywide fiber infrastructure running through our community will allow for future investments that provide our area residents and businesses with reliable, affordable Internet service currently enjoyed by their peers in other more connected areas of the state and region. Such connectivity and the economic development that it facilitates is absolutely vital to the future of our community.

As noted above, the City of Columbus will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City Hall Offices.

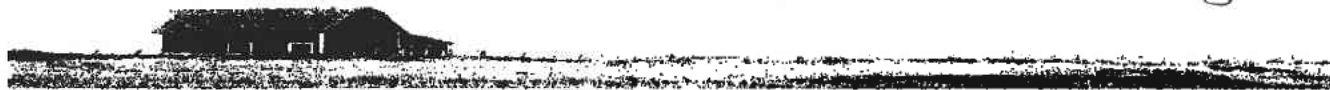
Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mursko
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CITY OF NOWTHEN

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March 2, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from City of Nowthen conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For City of Nowthen, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits: With limited internet capabilities the city is unable to communicate effectively with the public. An institutional fiber network with direct connection to the below listed facilities would greatly improve public communication through a faster reliable service.

- Nowthen City Hall – 19800 Nowthen Blvd NW, Nowthen, MN 55303
- Nowthen City Offices – 8188 199th Ave NW, Nowthen, MN 55330
- Nowthen/ Ramsey Fire Station 3 – 19888 Nowthen Blvd NW, Nowthen, MN 55303

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, City of Nowthen will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NOWTHEN

Corrie LaDouceur
City Clerk

where it still feels like country



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March 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Carver County asks that you strongly consider the overall benefits of the three applications for BTOP funding for projects in the seven-county Metropolitan Area of Minneapolis and St. Paul. These three applications, the Ramsey Broadband Coalition, the Carver County Open Fiber Initiative, and the Connect Anoka County project, will facilitate a common high-speed fiber loop that will connect the seven counties (Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, Anoka, Scott and Carver) in the Twin Cities metropolitan region of Minnesota. Having this comprehensive infrastructure in the metro region will make existing government operations more efficient and cost-effective, and it will lay the foundation for addressing a broad range of needs in the future.

As the third-fastest growing county in Minnesota, Carver County expects to see its current population more than double by 2030. In order to keep pace with this rapid population growth in times of shrinking budgets, public entities must find ways to operate as efficiently as possible and make the best use of data and communication strategies. We have worked in partnership with a far-reaching collection of city, county and township officials, K-12 schools, fire departments, public safety and law enforcement agencies, institutions of higher learning, libraries, community support organizations, social service and healthcare organizations to design our project to be as effective as possible. The end result promises to be a cost-effective, efficient method of providing broadband services throughout the county that could not otherwise be built, a system that will improve government and business operations and the lives of our residents. Being able to connect the county's system to the other metro counties will magnify its value.

Carver County fully supports all three Twin Cities broadband projects, and we urge the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to do the same.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

David Hemze
County Administrator



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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka Technical College conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

The Anoka Technical College and Anoka Ramsey Community College will benefit from this project. The new high speed fiber connection from Rice County will enable a redundant Gigabit or better network design, resulting in increased availability at a competitive cost.

An additional benefit to Anoka Ramsey Community College is the greatly improved inter-campus connectivity. The project, if funded, will allow improved services and increased availability of on line and networked instructional delivery on the Cambridge campus.

MnSCU colleges have pioneered the remote delivery of live interactive teaching and learning experiences. Without the reliability offered by redundancy in the network, such initiatives to increase efficiencies and reduce environmental impact will be more difficult of prohibitively expensive to implement. MnSCU colleges also have traditionally been the highest capacity publicly funded network in most areas of the state, providing MnSCU's long term anchor tenancy on community high speed networks.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input

from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Anoka Technical College will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,



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March 5, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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U.S. Department of Commerce
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of Linwood Township's Town Board, this letter is being submitted conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct a middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.

For Linwood Township, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits for the town hall, fire station and senior center: All sites need a more reliable service, improved performance, faster speeds, reduced or more predictable cost, security, potential for future lateral investment to the premise, wireless capacity, etc.

For the past several months, the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from dozens of community stakeholders has been gathered and reviewed to inform a truly comprehensive, community-oriented approach to broadband development.

As noted above, Linwood Township will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. If you require any additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Parker.

Michael Parker
Town Board Chairman

Handwritten signature of Philip Osterhus.

Philip Osterhus
Town Board Vice-Chairman



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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am pleased to write this letter of support from Anoka Technical College conveying our support for the proposed public private partnership between Zayo Bandwidth, LLD, and Anoka County, Minnesota. This partnership will construct middle-mile fiber network connecting over 130 facilities from approximately 30 different governmental anchor institutions.


Anoka Technical College is located in Anoka Minnesota and is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities system. For Anoka Technical College and supporting community partners, the proposed project would address a number of current problems and produce the following benefits:

1. **Increased bandwidth:** Our students and community partners are ever more reliant on internet connectivity and the speed of those connections. They affect daily commerce and our communities' ability to learn and live well. The proposed bandwidth capacity will support online learning and access to program instruction for both business and individuals alike. Current instructional uses include audio and video integration, video conferencing, and instructional content. Connectivity speed sufficient to support growing user's connections and the development of improved instructional methods is critical for the educational success of our community. New fiber lines would provide the increased broadband capacity to support growth in this area improving our ability to enhance teaching and learning environments, and instructional technology delivery.
2. **Improved integration:** Our College in partnership with other MnSCU institutions is constantly seeking ways to maximize the use of shared resources and leverage taxpayer investments. The proposed project enhances and re-enforces the network infrastructure that will support such collaboration.

For the past several months the Connect Anoka County broadband development project has actively engaged a variety of area stakeholders interested in providing high-speed internet connectivity to community anchor institutions throughout Anoka County, Minnesota. Participation and input from

As noted above, Anoka Technical College will gain significant benefit from broadband development through a successful BTOP grant application from Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, and Anoka County, Minnesota. I am happy to provide you with any additional information necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Weyandt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anne Weyandt
President
Anoka Technical College