

Right-of-Way Access and Use Agreement for Deployment of Citywide Fiber Optic Network with SiFi Networks Yuba City LLC September 7, 2021

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Background



SiFi Networks

- An international fiber optic network developer that funds, builds and operates state of the art community wide networks enabling Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to deliver next generation applications including superfast internet, video and phone
- Established agreements with multiple municipalities throughout the country to implement networks

Background



- SiFi Networks Yuba City LLC
 - Proposes to build a privately-funded citywide fiber optic system in the City
 - SiFi will own and maintain the backbone infrastructure, and lease the fiber lines to ISPs that will in turn offer data service to customers



- Right-of-Way Access and Use Agreement
 - Scope of Project A fiber optic network will be installed throughout the City
 - Term Initial term is 30 years and may be renewed for additional terms of 15 years each upon approval of a written amendment
 - Efficient Permitting Process SiFi will pay the City up to \$100,000 per year to assist with the review and processing of SiFi's permit applications

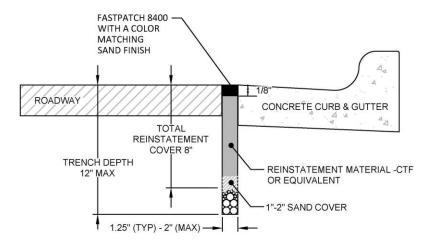


- Right-of-Way Access and Use Agreement
 - Other Third-Party Agreements The City shall not solicit or accept offers from, or enter into an agreement with, any third party regarding a fiber to the premise system within the City's boundary until after the first anniversary of the Effective Date

<u>Analysis</u>



- Right-of-Way Access and Use Agreement
 - Construction Slot cut micro trenching





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 - Maintenance SiFi will be responsible for the maintenance of the System
 - Timing SiFi will use commercially reasonable efforts to commence construction on or before a date that is 24 months after the execution of the Agreement, and complete construction on or before a date that is 36 months after the construction commencement date



- Agreement does not prevent other service providers from installing their own citywide fiber optic networks or expanding their existing fiber infrastructure
- Potential to install a closed-loop municipal fiber system for the City's exclusive use



- SiFi will pay the City up to \$100,000 per year to assist with the review and processing of SiFi's permit applications
- There is no cost to the City for SiFi to install the citywide system

Alternatives



 Do not authorize the execution of a Rightof-Way Access and Use Agreement with SiFi Networks Yuba City LLC



Recommendation & Next Steps

 Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Right-of-Way Access and Use Agreement for deployment of a citywide fiber optic network with SiFi Networks Yuba City