



Memorandum

Date: 7/6/2021
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 21-088
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

Approval of Eastrail Fiber Optic Connectivity MOU

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

City Council has been provided an update on recent activities relating to the Eastrail, which includes the Redmond Central Connector (RCC). This update included a briefing on the Eastrail fiber project and MOU among Eastrail owners and easement holders. Approval of this MOU will allow for the fiber project RFP to move forward in the fall of 2021.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Consistent with Redmond Comprehensive Plan (Utilities/Telecommunications) and consistent with policy PR-52 in the Comprehensive Plan regarding coordination with the Eastside Rail Corridor (Eastrail) RAC and planning for future utilities.
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
We are seeking City Council approval of an MOU for the Eastrail Fiber Project at the July 6, 2021 Regular Business Meeting. Redmond has already installed one, 4" conduit along RCC I and RCC II. The uncompleted section of RCC III is the only section without conduit.

OUTCOMES:

The Eastrail Fiber project will allow opportunity to install conduit and pull fiber for public/municipal uses, lease excess fiber to local businesses/residences and promote digital inclusion, smart trail, and smart city strategies.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

No fiscal impacts expected, but potential revenue source. The RFP will identify if bidders are willing to build the infrastructure in exchange for opportunity to lease fiber.

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/2/2020	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Receive Information
6/1/2021	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Human Services	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

It is anticipated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued in late 2021 to design, construct, maintain, and operate fiber communications infrastructure along the Eastrail Corridor.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

If City Council chooses not to approve, the release of the RFP in late 2021 may be delayed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Eastrail Fiber Development Overview
Attachment B: Eastrail Fiber Project MOU