

Exchange Agreement between Denton ISD, County of Denton and Zayo Group, LLC

July 28, 2015

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of the attached contract with Zayo to improve/enlarge Denton ISD fiber network for the eastern DISD corridor.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- The Board heard Zayo's proposed actions and outcomes in closed session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- DISD needs to expand our eastern fiber network with the new high school, elementary school and middle school. This contract with Zayo will complete these connections and give DISD a much needed redundant backup connection to our central technology building. Having a redundant connection solidify's the voice, video and data if our fiber were to be cut on our current sole connection to the eastern corridor. The fiber installed by Zayo will be owned by Denton ISD forever. All installations will be monitored by Henkels and McCoy, the District's Engineering/Construction contractor.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- While we have had a ROW contract with the City of Denton for years, we have never allowed an outside entity to share our underground fiber pathway. COD will receive a franchise fee by allowing Zayo to occupy one empty conduit across the city on our fiber conduit. This contract with Zayo should not affect our ROW agreement with the COD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The district will not incur any costs of constructing or acquiring the ROW in the fiber construction. The fiber construction in the eastern corridor ending up at our DCTA fiber network will be traded for the empty conduit that DISD has from the DCTA line to Mayhill and ending at the northwest corner of Discovery Park on the UNT campus. DISD will eventually bring these sections into our location services. These costs will be borne by the technology division in the future.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow the district to connect our eastern corridor fiber network to our DCTA fiber pathway. This will also give the District redundancy in fiber connections to the eastern corridor.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- Since the District has a ROW with the City of Denton, the COD will need to approve this project and in return will receive ongoing franchise fees from Zayo for the areas that DISD conduit traverses the city limits to the Discovery Park campus..

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed ...

OTHER COMMENTS:

- This contract saves the district and taxpayers about \$3.5 M in construction bond costs as the district is giving an empty conduit in the exact area that Zayo needs to expand their service across the City of Denton. This is a great deal for DISD, the teachers, students and parents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

Superintendent recommends that the Board approve this request

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Ernie Stripling, TIO
- Chris Langford, Wan Manager

ATTACHMENT:

- Exchange Agreement with ZAYO, Denton County and Denton Independent School District

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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