

RESOLUTION NO. RES-21-0062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, WITH CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA INC. DBA FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS, WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, TO OCCUPY, PLACE AND MAINTAIN ATTACHMENTS ON FRONTIER POLES AND USE CONDUITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES TO THE SANTA FE AVENUE SYNCHRONIZATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FOR AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Technology and Innovation (TI) Department began to prepare a Citywide Fiber Network Infrastructure Initiative with the intent of expanding the fiber network to all areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, certain areas of the City are not connected to fiber connections, thereby limiting resident, business, and educational access to stable internet services; and

WHEREAS, one area that has been identified as particularly underserved by fiber services is the Santa Fe Corridor in West Long Beach. This area is particularly challenging to access for fiber network expansion due to the LA River running north/south in the western segment of the City; and

WHEREAS, TI conducted a Request for Information to determine which service providers have conduits in various parts of the City, and Citizens

1 Telecommunications Company of California Inc. dba Frontier Communications (Frontier)
2 was the only known service provider that owns conduits located on or near the bridge
3 pathways allowing for east/west access into the Santa Fe corridor; and

4 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has received funding from the
5 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to perform capital
6 improvements and traffic signal synchronization along the Santa Fe Avenue Corridor; and

7 WHEREAS, the Project should be completed by December 2021 and
8 completion is dependent on installing fiber across Anaheim Street and across Wardlow
9 Road to the City's fiber infrastructure; and

10 WHEREAS, combining TI's efforts to lay fiber cable at the same time as
11 Public Works' Project is consistent with the City's Dig Once Policy; and

12 WHEREAS, Frontier already has conduits crossing the Los Angeles River
13 and Interstate 710 which have previously been used by the City that provides the most
14 direct access to the Project location; and

15 WHEREAS, this agreement will enable the City to use the conduits to
16 extend the City's fiber network to the Project site so that the Project may be timely
17 completed; and

18 WHEREAS, no useful purpose would be served by advertising for bids and
19 to do so would constitute an idle and useless act and an unnecessary expenditure of
20 public funds;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
22 follows:

23 Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated
24 herein.

25 Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract,
26 and any amendments thereto, with Citizens Telecommunications Company of California
27 Inc. dba Frontier Communications, to occupy, place, and maintain attachments on
28 Frontier poles and conduits for the purpose of extending telecommunication services on

1 the Santa Fe Avenue Synchronization Enhancement Project, in an annual amount of
2 Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for a period of ten (10) years.

3 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
4 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
6 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of June 15, 2021
7 by the following vote:

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9 Ayes: Councilmembers: Zendejas, Allen, Supernaw, Mungo,
10 Saro, Uranga, Austin, Richardson.

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13 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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15 Absent: Councilmembers: Price.

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17 Recusal(s): Councilmembers: None.

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