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PRESS RELEASE

Downey Approves Implementation of Citywide Fiber Optic Network System *Residents and businesses will have better access to reliable, high-speed internet*

Downey, CA, February 9, 2022: The City of Downey is pleased to announce it has approved a contract with SiFi Networks to begin the implementation of a Fiber Optic Network System throughout the City. This new partnership with SiFi Networks will help increase connectivity to high quality, reliable internet for residents and businesses.

Over the past few years, the City of Downey has recognized the need for a fiber optic network that would serve not only certain commercial business districts and residential neighborhoods, but the entire network of City streets, allowing every resident and business access to inexpensive and reliable high-speed internet service.

“We are excited to partner with SiFi Networks and become a Fiber City,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco. “Providing quality, high-speed internet for our community has been a priority for our City and we are happy to see this come to fruition.”

This new fiber optic network system will help strengthen Downey’s competitive advantage in retaining and attracting businesses, jobs and private investment in the community, therefore bolstering economic development in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton added, “Enhancing access to high speed internet is essential in closing the digital divide and providing our residents with the opportunity to access vital online resources.”

With this new fiber optic infrastructure, the City will also be able to accommodate future expansion and innovative opportunities such as free WiFi access at City buildings and parks, smart city applications including automated traffic control system, streetlights, electric vehicle charging stations, building and energy management systems, among others.

The total estimated project cost will be more than \$100 million and will be funded by SiFi Networks, with no cost to the City. The implementation timeline will take approximately four (4) years.

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