

<b>CLEARANCES</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date Received in Council Office</b>	<b>Agenda Date</b>	<b>Assigned to:</b>
Originator:	Mann	3/10/2010		3/16/2010	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	<i>W. B. ...</i>	3.10.10			
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**  
 Resolution of support for COB Google Fiber submittal

**ATTACHMENTS:**

SEPA review required?    (    ) Yes    (    ) NO SEPA review completed?    (    ) Yes    (    ) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing?    (    ) Yes    ( X ) NO Requested Date:
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**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:** *(If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)*

In early 2010, Google announced plans to launch an experiment to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. The networks will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today (over 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections) and Google plans to offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people. Bellingham Mayor Dan Pike announced in February that the City of Bellingham will ask Google to consider Bellingham as a location for its "Fiber For Communities" initiative.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**  
 3/16/2010: Council Approved 7-0  
 Res. 2010-009

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Res. 2010-009

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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-009**

6 **SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM'S GOOGLE FIBER**  
7 **FOR COMMUNITIES SUBMITTAL**

8 **WHEREAS,** Google recently announced plans to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in  
9 one or more trial locations across the country; and

10 **WHEREAS,** technology entrepreneurs, business development experts, and hundreds of  
11 community members have encouraged local leaders to promote Bellingham for this opportunity;  
12 and

13 **WHEREAS,** ultra-high-speed internet service could create tremendous opportunities for  
14 Bellingham and Whatcom County, including economic development and job creation, increased  
15 technology capacity for public and private uses, and innovative, sustainable ideas spurred by the  
16 availability of ultra-high speed networking; and

17 **WHEREAS,** Bellingham and Whatcom County have many features that should be very  
18 attractive to Google, such as a strong higher education network and progressive K-12 schools, the  
19 presence of specific business types such as technology and health care, commitment to green  
20 initiatives and industries, active, hard-working engaged residents, and a beautiful natural  
21 environment; and

22 **WHEREAS,** Bellingham is a small city with entrepreneurial spirit, vision, and an appreciation  
23 for technology - an ideal testing ground for Google's fiber installation; and

24 **WHEREAS,** Bellingham and Whatcom County are uniquely positioned between Seattle and  
25 Vancouver BC, with complementary interstate highway, marine, air, and rail infrastructure; and

26 **WHEREAS,** Bellingham and Whatcom County offer a progressive and innovative community  
27 that will welcome Google.

28 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council:

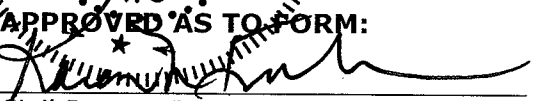
- 29 • Endorses the City of Bellingham's Google Fiber for Communities submittal; and
- 30 • Offers to help and support in the future, should the City be selected for Google's project; and
- 31 • Urges community residents to show their support by nominating Bellingham using the Google  
32 Fiber for Communities "Nominate Your Community" website.

33 APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2010.

34 **WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**  
35 **WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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38 Sam Crawford, Council Chair

39 **ATTEST**  
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42 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

43 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
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46 Civil Deputy Prosecutor

