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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 2015

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Mike Beckstead, Chief Financial Officer *MB*

From: Jessica Ping-Small, Revenue and Project Manager *JPS*

RE: March 24, 2015 Work Session Summary – Broadband Strategic Plan

Councilmembers present: Mayor Weitkunat, Mayor Pro-Tem Gerry Horak, Wade Troxell, Bob Overbeck, Gino Campana, and Ross Cunniff

Staff present: Mike Beckstead, Jessica-Ping-Small

Discussion Summary:

- General support for Broadband Strategic Plan as presented by staff
- Discussion related to the high level of interest by the community
- Dialogue surrounding the need for thorough community engagement including hard to reach citizens and the importance of providing a safe and secure solution
- Discussion regarding the need to consider all options for providing Broadband service and that it isn't necessarily an "either/or" solution
- General comments regarding the importance of understanding the need for service and the concept of leveraging the City's existing infrastructure
- Comments related to the need to address SB152 at the appropriate time
- Unanimous support for direction of project as presented

Next Steps:

- Staff will proceed with the project plan
- Staff will continue the internal dialogue relating to SB152 to determine the appropriate timing of a possible ballot initiative
- In addition, staff committed to reporting back to City Council on a regular basis including the prescheduled July and December work sessions

