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CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO:	Mayor & City Council
FROM:	Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8 & Councilman Ray Lopez, District 6
COPIES TO:	Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; John Petereck, Chief of Staff; Christopher Callanen, Assistant to the City Council; Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney
SUBJECT:	Policy Recommendations for Use of Conduit on Development Projects
DATE:	March 3, 2016

Issue Proposed for Consideration

We ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Directing City staff to convene a committee of stakeholders and explore and develop policy recommendations on digital infrastructure including, but not limited to, the installation of fiber conduit on all street cuts and new development projects

Background

San Antonio possesses unique assets, including a CPS-owned fiber network, a cybersecurity workforce, and a profound commitment to technology and innovation. These assets position the city to become a national leader in adopting best practices necessary to expand its digital infrastructure. The telecommunications community has recommended several model municipal policies, specifically incentivizing development to include conduit for future fiber and technology connections.

Such policies would require critical trade-offs and should be vetted thoroughly by a committee of stakeholders to include, among others, representatives from CPS Energy, City of San Antonio ITSD and TCI staff, incumbent and prospective broadband providers and Bexar County.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

Councilman Ray Lopez, District 6

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