



CITY OF ANACORTES

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PRESS RELEASE

FIBER DEPLOYMENT UNDERWAY IN OLD TOWN PILOT AREA FOLLOWED BY M AVE PILOT AREA

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Old Town and M Ave fiber deployment is underway with Access – Anacortes Fiber Internet and Robinson Brothers Construction (RBC). RBC is extending the backbone of the fiber optic cables from the Library to the Multiport Service Terminals (MST), which are placed near utility poles in each neighborhood. City staff will then follow up with the installation from MST to the customer premise.

Anacortes residents and businesses can sign up now for up to 1 Gbps through Access – Anacortes Fiber Internet. “Businesses in the Commercial Business District are pleased with the speed, reliability, and customer service of the City’s fiber internet service,” Anacortes Mayor Laurie Gere said. “Access – Anacortes Fiber Internet opens opportunities for our businesses and residents. I look forward to seeing this infrastructure deployed throughout the entire City.”

By the end of 2020, around 2,300 premises will have the City’s fiber optic network available to connect to. Not only does Access offer business services, but it provides residential connections as well. Currently around 50 customers are connected to the network in the Commercial Business District. The City of Anacortes also will soon rely on the Access network to run the City’s day-to-day tasks and keep the City running smoothly.

Access – Anacortes Fiber Internet is accepting and encouraging orders city-wide to help with the planning process. Each order for Access – Anacortes Fiber Internet is a vote for low cost, high speed Internet that is community owned and locally run. As of now, more than 950 orders have been received. **To place an order, visit www.fiber.cityofanacortes.org.**