Dear Council Members,

In the State of Louisiana and in probably all 50 states, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has invested in Intelligent Traffic System (ITS) through the state's Department of Transportation (DOT). As part of this investment into ITS, fiber optic infrastructure was installed in a 80/20 funding split with the state. I request the council approve requests from DOT and other state agencies to obtain free and clear use of any excess capacity in that fiber infrastructure to deliver broadband services to community anchor institutions regardless of their organization classification and whether or not they are rural or urban.

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